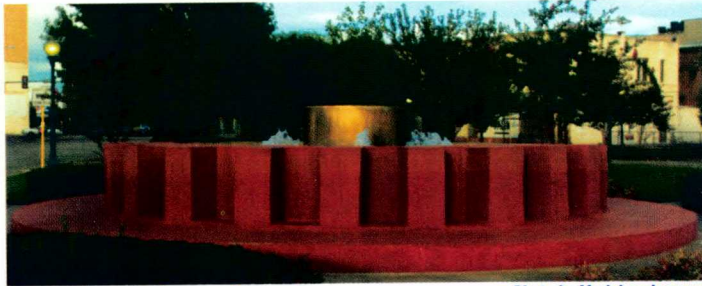


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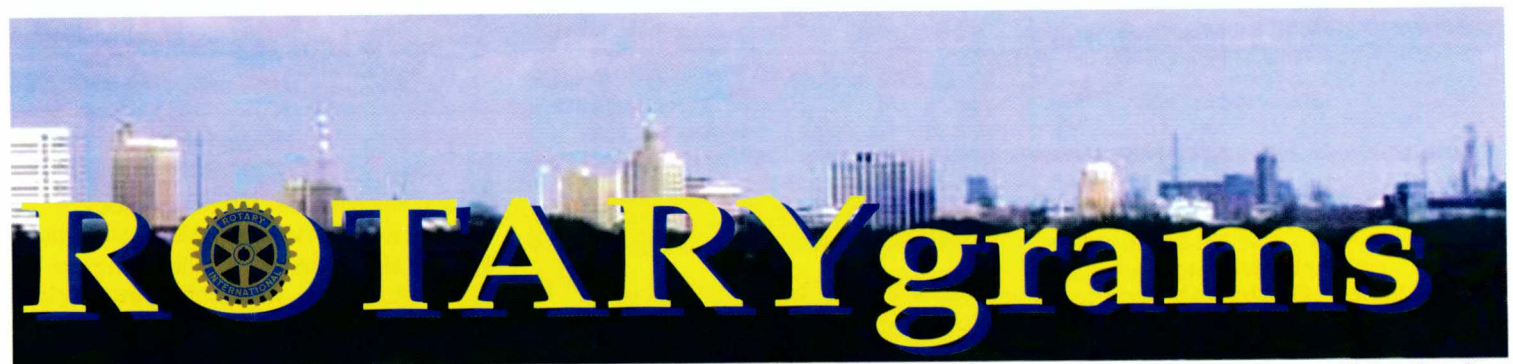
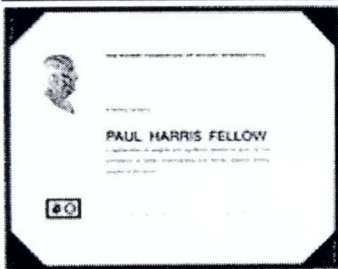


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Paul Harris Fellow Recognition



Paul Harris recognition provides a very important incentive for the continuing support needed to underwrite the many programs of The Rotary Foundation that build goodwill and understanding throughout the world.

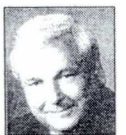
Anyone who contributes – or in whose name is contributed – a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund may become a Paul Harris Fellow. Each new Paul Harris Fellow receives a commemorative certificate, a Paul Harris Fellow pin, and a medallion. Donors are eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition when their cumulative giving reaches \$1,000.

Russ Schultz, our club's Rotary International Foundation Committee Chair, will present the program about Paul Harris Fellow recognition, established in 1957 and named for the founder of Rotary. Approximately one third of our club's members are Paul Harris Fellows and certificates will be presented to a dozen members joining their ranks.

Head Table



INVOCATION
GENE ARNOLD



PLEDGE
ARTHUR BERRY



4-WAY TEST
HENRY VENTA



GUEST INTRODUCTION
STEVE DOBLIN

From the chef: Baked chicken

IN MEMORIAM

Chester Weber
 December 21, 2003

*A memorial service will be held later
 this month.*



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Future Programs

January

14th Vocational Excellence Awards
 21st Cuba - A Visit
 28th Big Thicket

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday Inn Hwy 69
 Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
 Orange.....Sunset Grove
 Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland.....Garden Tea Room

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Holiday Party

Rotarians and their guests gathered on Tuesday evening, December 16th in the Plummer Room of the John and Mary Gray Library on the campus of Lamar University for our 2003 Holiday Party.

Membership Division Chair **Terry Bourdier** introduced the new Club members in attendance including **Twila Baker, Bonita Gibson, Lorrie Hayes, Richard Bothel** and **Robert Hickman**.

The room was decked with poinsettias, candles and hundreds of colorful Rotary banners from around the world to celebrate 90 years of the Rotary Club of Beaumont and 98 years of Rotary International.



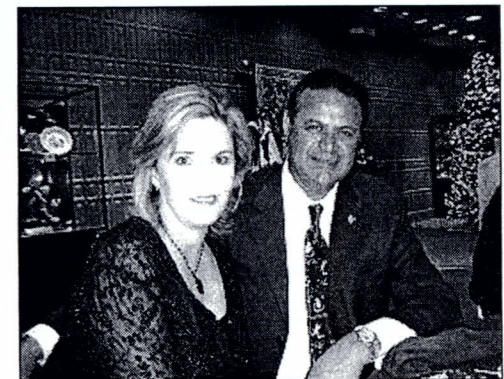
Everyone enjoyed delicious food from around the world, including Greek, Indian, Italian, Chinese, Mexican and French cuisines. **Angela Baker** and **Ray, Bessie** and **Stewart Chisum, Tillie Hickman** and **Bennie, Kathryn** and **Bruce Walker** and president-elect **Maurine Gray** were sampling one (and two) of all the dishes. **Tillie**, principal at Odom Academy, was smiling in anticipation of her upcoming role as "grandmother" thanks to son **Robert** and his wife **Shawn**. **Kathryn** reminisced about her experiences in Italy at a cordon bleu cooking school several years ago and gave a "thumbs-up" to the Lamar carterer.



Special thanks go to past president **Floyd McSpadden** and **Patti** (pictured above with President **Azim Keramati**) for planning, making the arrangements and the menu selection, and to Club Exec **Alexine**.



Many past presidents were in attendance including: **James Broussard** and **Barbara** (pictured above with **Robert Thompson's** guests), **Alex Broussard** and **Marie, Chuck Mason** and **Becky; John Quigley** and **Andy; Roger McCabe** and **Sharon, Benny Hughes** and **Allison, Tommy Lamb III** and **Kathryn** and **Charlie Weinbaum**.



President **Azim** and his wife **Marie** shared a quiet moment during the festivities. She arrived late, having attended their son **Cameron's** school Christmas program earlier in the evening.

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Board Action

Your Board of Directors has approved the following:

NEW MEMBERS:

Ben Alford,
Rector/Pastor,
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church,
Proposed by **Gerald Condon**
"Religion - Episcopal"

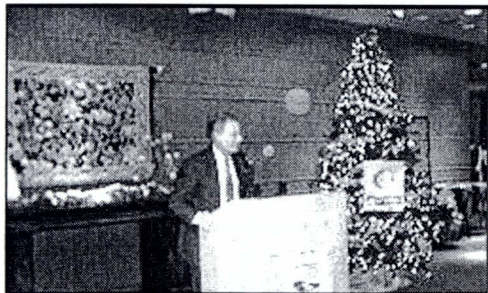
Mark Ferris,
Personal Trust Manager,
Hibernia National Bank,
Proposed by **Joe Fisher, Jr.**
"Trust Banking"

Eddie White,
Marketing Director,
Beaumont Title Company,
Proposed by **Eddie Arnold**
"Business Service - Title Insurance"

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, January 16th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

RETURNING MEMBER:

Jeff Dyson,
President,
M&D Supply,
Proposed by **Roy Huckaby**
"Retailing - Hardware"



The Holiday Party proved to be a Dickensian evening for **Terry Bourdier**: "It was the best of times" when **President Azim** introduced him as 2005-06 President Elect Designate. "It was the worst of times" when he learned he couldn't play bass with **Toby Castro's** band. **Terry's** first official words from the podium were, "Scary, ain't it?"

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Birthdays

9 Bill Lucas (89)
Chairman,
The Lucas Company



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife Mary Elizabeth are the parents of **Steve**, Jeff and Karen. He enjoys sailing, gardening and racquetball.

9 Matt White (01)
Director,
McFaddin-Ward House



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He enjoys classical music, especially opera.

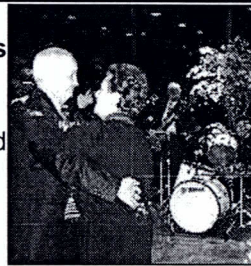
11 Kathleen Hardey (02)
Human Resource Director,
Mobiloil Federal Credit Union



Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh and Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She and her husband Pete are the parents of twins, Shalain and Jason. She enjoys riding their Harley with her husband and playing with her first grandchild.

Lamar President **Jimmy Simmons** accompanied **Toby's** band as **Gene Arnold** and Elizabeth danced the night away.

Jimmy later entertained Beaumont High classmates **Patti McSpadden**, **Macon Ware's** wife **Judy**, **Alexine** and others to a rendition of "Deep Purple". **Jimmy** was the Band, Orchestra and Drill Team Director during their senior year. All we needed was **Angela Baker's** husband **Ray** on his guitar for a flashback to the Red Carpet Inn and Holiday Inn Mid-town 25 years ago and **Ray's** band



12 Bobby Celli, Jr. (83)
President,
ISI Commercial Refrigeration.



Born in Galveston, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Sara are the parents of **Tiffany** and **Christy**. He enjoys playing tennis, traveling and participating in community projects.

13 Philip Long (01)
Owner,
Long Architects



Born in Birkenhead, England, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife **Patti** are the parents of **Ryan**, **Aaron**, **Daniel** and **Patrick**, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist Church. He enjoys camping, backpacking, soccer and sky diving.

13th Jay Spencer (03)
Owner,
Go 4 It Resources



Born in Jasper, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife **Suzy** are the parents of **Keenan** and **Karsen**, and are members of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

"Southern Comfort"! Meanwhile, **Angela** was still stunned by the huge turnout at **Marvin Dunnam's** Kitchen Concepts for **Tracy Byrd's** cookbook signing of *Eat Like a Byrd...* lines out the door and around the corner.

Becky and **Chuck Mason**, **Terry Bourdier** and **Alexine** agreed that everyone had a wonderful evening!



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