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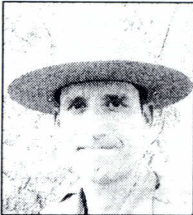


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Chuck Hunt - The Big Thicket



In his position with the Big Thicket National Preserve, Chuck Hunt keeps up with any and all issues that could affect the Preserve. He is currently involved with

trying to respond to the very significant changes in land ownership patterns in the Big Thicket region.

A native of Houston, Chuck's family can trace its roots in Southeast Texas to the 1830's. He received his undergraduate degree from Lamar University and earned a Masters degree from Texas A&M University. While at A&M he developed a passion for conservation from working for the Texas A&M Sea Grant.

After graduation in 1989, he accepted a position with the Department of the Interior in Washington, DC. During his fourteen-year career with the Department he has lived and worked in New Mexico, Texas, Virginia, Maryland and Washington, DC.

He has worked extensively in regulation development and Congressional issues, including a year on the Hill staffing natural resource issues for Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico.

He and his wife, a native of Fannett, returned home to Southeast Texas in 2000 so his children could live near their grandparents.

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30th Jim Ellis - DuPont
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6th Gesela Houseman - Mountain Climber

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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

Program Review

Our very own **Carolyn Howard** updated the club on the progress of Beaumont Main Street's projects in the downtown area.

Beaumont Main Street's mission is the revitalization of our historic central business district through economic development, historic preservation and enhanced visual quality of the environment including signage, storefronts, adaptive reuse of interior space, public improvements and landscaping.

She presented a very interesting and well-organized slide show of the "do's and don'ts" of urban planning as well as before and after images of completed projects such as Crockett Street, the former Stedman Fruit Company headquarters and the old train depot. She also showed us behind the scenes progress of the Jefferson Theatre and Hotel Beaumont renovations.

Congratulations to **Carolyn** and Beaumont Main Street's Board of Directors for their impressive efforts!

Birthdays

16th Emily Compton (00)
President/CEO,
Goodwill Industries of Southeast Texas & Southwest Louisiana



Born in Olathe, Kansas, she is a graduate of Kansas State University and Wichita State University. She is a member of the Evangelical Free Church of America. She enjoys reading and competing in agility trials with her dogs.

19th Vel Martin (95)
President,
Martin Home Builders



Born in San Augustine, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Bill are the parents of Shelia and Brett, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys walking and traveling.

17th Dale Dowell (63)
Partner, Rienstra, Dowell & Flatten
Born in Goose Creek, he is a graduate of Texas A&M and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Pat are the parents of Terry, and are members of Trinity Methodist Church. He enjoys reading. Dale is a Paul Harris Fellow.



20th Eric Lawrence (95)
President,
Cellular Max



Born in New York City, he is a graduate of Pace University. He and his wife Phyllis are the parents of Sandy and Russell, and are members of Temple Emmanuel. He enjoys playing with his grandchildren, working out, reading and playing tennis.

19th Bob DuBois, Jr. (56)
Retired



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Carolyn are the parents of Robert III, and are members of First Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and photography. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.

22nd Dorothy Henges (96)
Licensed Professional Counselor



Born in Brooklyn, New York, she is a graduate of Lamar University. Dorothy has two sons, James and Robert, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. She enjoys reading, wellness, gardening, bridge and traveling.

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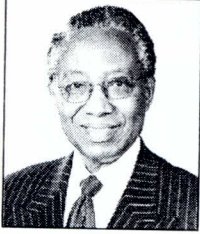
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JONATHAN B. MAJIYAGBE, Rotary International President 2003-04



Lend a Hand

RI President Jonathan B. Majiyagbe took office on 1 July with a call to Rotarians to place the family at the center of their quest for "Service Above Self," and consider it a touchstone of efforts to increase and retain membership.

"I am asking every club to form a Family of Rotary Committee to find more ways to create and nurture an atmosphere of warmth and caring," he said. "This greater sense of a family atmosphere within our clubs is so important to the overall health of Rotary. It will not only make our Rotary membership more meaningful, it will support the work we do outside of our clubs."

To translate the 2003-04 Rotary theme, "Lend a Hand," into action, Rotarians will devote their professional and business skills to serve in their own communities and internationally through emphases on activities that help in alleviating poverty, addressing health concerns, and promoting literacy and education.

Majiyagbe is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and principal counsel in J.B. Majiyagbe & Co. Born in Lagos, he is a graduate of the University of London. A member of the Honourable Body of Benchers, Majiyagbe is a former member of the interim judicial service committee, Kano State, a past vice president of the Nigerian Bar Association, and a member of the International Bar Association.

He has served as a trustee of the Kano Lebanon Club and the Kano Club. He was a long-time chancellor of the Angli-

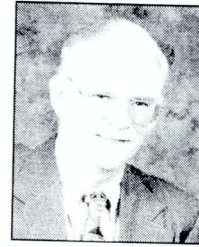
can Diocese of Kano and served as chairman of the Kano branch of the Nigerian Red Cross Society for many years. Majiyagbe is also a member of the Kano Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines, and Agriculture.

A Rotarian since 1967, Majiyagbe is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Kano. He has served Rotary International as district governor, International Assembly instructor, committee member, director and trustee of the Rotary Foundation. He is a recipient of the Rotary Foundation Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Awards. Majiyagbe is a past chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee and a former member of the International PolioPlus Committee.

As Chairman of the African Regional PolioPlus Committee and member of the International PolioPlus Committee, Mr. Majiyagbe is dedicated to the global effort to eradicate polio. Rotary's PolioPlus program, launched in 1985, is an aggressive public/private partnership to assist international health agencies and governments to certify the world as polio-free by the year 2005, Rotary's centennial anniversary. By that year, Rotary will have committed nearly a half billion US dollars to the eradication effort. To date, more than two billion children have been immunized against the deadly poliovirus.

Also assuming office on 1 July were the 2003-04 chairman of The Rotary Foundation Trustees, Past RI President James Lacy of the Rotary Club of Cookeville, Tennessee, USA; RI vice-president Frank C. Collins of the Rotary Club of East Hartford, Connecticut, USA; and treasurer Gennaro M. Cardinale of the Rotary Club of Firenze Brunelleschi, Italy.

HUGH SUMMERS District Governor



Hugh was born in Palestine, Texas and moved to Houston in the second grade. He graduated from Lamar High School in Houston and went to Austin College in Sherman where he earned his a degree in physics .

Two years after entering the University of Houston College of Law, Uncle Sam "encouraged" him to join the service. While in the U.S. Air Force he served as a Communications Officer and Radar Maintenance Officer, primarily in South Carolina. Getting an early out after three years he finished his law degree at the University of Houston receiving his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1973.

In 1973 Hugh went into the private practice of law in Palestine where he has been ever since. He joined the Palestine Rotary Club in January of 1974 and has served on most of the committees in all four avenues of service and was President in 1999-2000. His varied activities at the district level include working with the Friendship Exchange, Group Study Exchange, Hunger Plus, Ambassadorial Exchange, Membership Development and Youth Exchange.

Hugh and his wife Ahnise are Major Donors, Benefactors and Paul Harris Fellows in the Rotary International Foundation. They have two grown boys, both of whom are Paul Harris Fellows, and a dog and a ferret.

Hugh's hobbies include working on his rental properties, working with the local Boy Scouts, flying and serving as an elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Palestine. In addition he enjoys canoeing, camping, hunting and photography.

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