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Installation of 2003 - 2004 President Azim Keramati, Officers and Board



In his role as Past President, two-term Past District Governor and Leader of the Council of Past Presidents, **Alex Broussard** will preside over the installation of 2003-

2004 President **Azim Keramati**, his Officers and Board of Directors.

Azim has been a member of our Rotary Club since February, 1986. During that time he has served two three-year terms on the Board of Directors. He was Vice President (1998-1999), Treasurer (1999-2000) and Secretary (2001-2002).

A native of Iran, he is a graduate of Lee College and Texas Southern University with a BS in civil engineering. He is the president of Van Deventer Furniture Rentals, Boomtown Furniture and the Furniture Clearance Center.

He currently serves as president of the Beaumont Country Club and is a long-time member of the Apartment Association of Southeast Texas, the Better Business Bureau and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

He and his wife Marie have two daughters and a son. Layla will be a senior at Texas A&M, Kristina will be a

senior at Westbrook High School and Cameron will be in second grade at All Saints Episcopal School.

Please join us this week to welcome **Azim** and the 2003 - 04 Officers and Board.

**Gary Underwood
and
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Wednesday morning
from 11:00 till noon**

From the chef: London Broil

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Future Programs

July
 9th Beaumont Main Street
 16th Chuck Hunt - The Big Thicket
 23rd Bob West - Independence Trail
 30th Jim Ellis - Du Pont

Makeups

Monday:
 No. Port Arthur.....Holiday 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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Program Review



Everyone was delighted that President **Harland Merriam** (l) was able to join us for last week for his final meeting as President. He presented Interim President **Jim Rich** (r) with a Paul Harris Fellowship in appreciation for stepping up to the podium for him during his absence from the club since January while on active duty with the U.S. Army.

Past President **Lois Ann Stanton** was uniquely qualified to introduce last week's speaker, Mark Yudof, Chancellor of the University of Texas System: he was one of her professors at UT School of Law twenty-five years ago.

While she characterized him as the "professor you loved to dread", she noted that he certainly taught his students to think and plan, and that he had the uncanny ability to call on a student the one time he or she came to class unprepared. She said she definitely learned the difference between a cow and a pregnant cow in his Contract Law class.

She also reminisced about how his love for teaching and his interaction with students had enriched her years in law school.

After twenty-three years at UT School of Law (eleven years as dean) and three years as UT's executive vice president and provost, he accepted the position of president of the University of Minnesota in 1997. He returned to the UT System as chancellor in 2002.

Birthdays

2nd John Kuhlman, Sr. (77) Retired



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Lamar Jr. College and the University of Texas. He and his wife Jeannette are the parents of John Louis Jr. and Blake Allan, and are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys jogging. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.

4th Pat Anderson (02) Sales, Becker Printing



A Beaumont native, he attended Lamar and Sam Houston State. He and his wife Amy are the parents of Jenna, Jesseca, Jody, Pat Jr. and Jennifer, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, flying and boating.

4th Frank Maida (87) Senior Attorney, Maida Law Firm



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Texas Christian University and the University of Houston. He and his wife Laure are the parents of Mary Frances, Jonathan and Caroline, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing cards.

Chancellor Yudof related that during his years in Minnesota he put more miles on his snow blower than on his car. He also noted that then-Governor Jessie Ventura was a "hard man to pin down", and that he much preferred to deal with Governor Perry.

On a more serious note, Chancellor Yudof said that the recent legislative session could have been a lot worse for higher education in Texas. With budget cuts of 12½% originally proposed, the UT System's final cuts overall were about 3%. He noted that

6th Phil Dunlap (98) Partner,

Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Georgia are the parents of Max, Caroline, and Clay, and are members of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. He enjoys running and occasionally playing golf.

7th Tom Lamb, Jr. (53) Retired



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of The University of South (Sewanee). He is the father of Janey, **Tommy**, Linda, and Marshall, and is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing tennis. Tom is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Bob Burns (69) President, Burns Properties



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Rice University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Karen, Steve and **Andy** and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Lamar University's final cuts were about ½%.

However, two-thirds of the UT System are health care campuses which received 5 - 6% cuts in funding. That will significantly affect indigent care and community clinics provided by UT over the next few years.

He stressed that higher education runs the economic engine of our country and that his goals are to provide quality instructors, low student/faculty ratios and increased graduation rates to that end.

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