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Jim Ellis, Site Manager for DuPont Beaumont Works



Jim is the Site Manager for DuPont Beaumont Works located in Beaumont, Texas and Vice President of Operations for First Chemical Corporation, a DuPont Company with operations in Baytown, Texas and Pascagoula, Mississippi. He holds a Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Jim's career with DuPont began in 1981, and he has held various leadership positions in business, manufacturing, engineering, and technology. He was Site Manager at Corpus Christi,

Texas from 1996 through 2000. In his career, Jim has played a major role in DuPont's business re-engineering and globalization of CFC alternatives, including leading major commercialization projects in the U.S., Japan, China and Europe. He also played a major role in the recent acquisition of First Chemical Corporation within DuPont and is currently managing integration.

Jim has been an active member in the community. He has served on several past United Way Board of Directors and was Campaign Chairman for Coastal Bend United Way. Jim previously served as President of Coastal Bend Plant Managers Association and

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Head Table



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JOHN AIKIN,
 MONTAGNE CENTER DIRECTOR,
 LAMAR UNIVERSITY



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Future Programs

August

6th Gisela Houseman - Mountain
 Climber
 13th Federal Prison Warden-
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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

Attendance

Please look at the address label of this *RotaryGram* to see your attendance percentage for July 2002 - June 2003.

The Rotary International attendance policy states that all members (except Honorary and Exempt) in good standing in the club on the day of the regular meeting must be counted as present or absent and attendance must be evi-

denced by the members being present for at least sixty (60) percent of the time devoted to the regular meeting attended either at the member's club or at any other Rotary Club.

Make up credit can be earned for club committee meetings and fellowship events as well as visiting other clubs. Call Alexine if you have any questions.

Program Review

The past week's speaker took the Club on an abbreviated tour of the 28 counties in the Texas Independence Trail Region (TITR).

Beginning with Fort Anahuac in Chambers County which was built in 1830 by a Mexican garrison as a customs inspection point, the momentum that resulted in Texas independence circled back to the Chambers County area in April 1836 with Sam Houston and the Battle of San Jacinto.

Bob Wheat's presentation kept our attention as he took us back in time.

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President of Aransas Pass Rotary. He was also a member of the Presidents Advisory Council for Texas A&M University Corpus Christi.

Jim is currently a member of the United Way Board of Directors in Jefferson County and serves on the Advisory Committee for the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Association and a board member of the Texas Association of Business. He is also serving on the Chambers Economic Development Council and is a member of the Presidents Advisory Council for Lamar University.

Jim and his family relocated to Texas in 1993. Linda, his wife of 27 years, is a Masters graduate of Texas A&M Corpus Christi in counseling. They have two sons, Jimmy and Bryan.

We were all probably surprised to learn that Anahuac is known as "the cradle of Texas Independence".

Hearing excerpts from the actual diaries and letters of epic figures like Travis, Jim Bowie, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston, Davy Crockett and Santa Ana and remembering the impact of events at the Austin Colony, Washington-on-the Brazos, Goliad and The Alamo were interesting and timely.

A new movie on The Alamo, starring Houstonian Dennis Quaid and Billy Bob Thornton will open in December 2003. Several Beaumonters were extras in the film.

Debate is already swirling about the historical accuracy of this production. Now, our Club has a resource expert who can set the record straight for us!

Bob Wheat is a retired crop duster, current Chambers County Director of the TITR and is a leader in the archeological dig of the Texas Historical Commission (www.thc.state.tx.us or www.TravelTex.com) of Fort Anahuac. He would probably welcome any Rotarian volunteers who want to help uncover the tunnels of the 1830 fort.

Tillie Hickman, principal at BISD's Odom Academy, earned an A+ on her report card. Her brief introduction set the stage for the program by reminding us that history is alive and that cultural and heritage tourism is a leading industry for the economy of Texas.

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Rotarians In the News



Norman Lee (pictured second from the left) visited his teammates and their alma mater, Caltech, in Pasadena, California earlier this month to be honored at a luncheon on campus.

Norman and his teammates were inducted into the Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame last month.

The 1944 Beavers, captained by **Norman**, were undefeated, untied and unscored-upon, beating their opponents by a combined score of 159 - 0!

Congratulations, **Norman!**

Kristi Young and her husband Rodney are the proud parents of Haden Connor Young born last month. **Kristi** will rejoin us in September after her maternity leave.

Rich Bennett is resting uncomfortably at home after an ankle injury. We hope you're back with us soon, **Rich!**

Lost and Found

Lulu Smith received some good news after last week's meeting...her missing earring was found by Hilton staff and returned to the Rotary Office. Thanks to **Ben Orgain, Lee Freeland** and all the other Rotarians who searched for it.

Also, is anyone missing an umbrella left at the meeting a couple of weeks ago after Hurricane Claudette almost visited the area? The Rotary Office has two that were left in the ballroom.

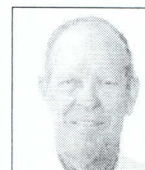
Birthdays

30th Macon Ware (94)
Family Dentist,
E. Macon Ware, D.D.S.



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of Southwestern University and Baylor School of Dentistry. He and his wife Judy are the parents of Christi, Becca and Patrick, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys sailing and fishing as well as giving talks on "The Hazards of Spit Tobacco".

5th Buzz Kiker (70)
General Manager,
Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Fannett, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Diane, Bill, Laura and Robert. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, raising beef cattle and his grandkids.

31st Scot Quintel (02)
Resource Development Director,
United Way of Beaumont



Born in Lansing, Michigan, he is a graduate of Michigan State University. He and his wife Judy are the parents of A.J. and Nelson, and are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys auto racing, hockey and reading.

31st Kathryn Walker (96)
District Manager,
Social Security Administration



Born in Logansport, Louisiana, she is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. She and her husband **Bruce** are the parents of Tyler and Jennifer, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys travel, reading and cooking.

31st Harvey Warren III (02)
Attorney at Law



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the SMU School of Law. He and his wife Brenda are the parents of John and James, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, July 17th, and approved the following:

NEW MEMBERS:

Jena Armondo,
Vice President,
Texas Wildcatters,
Proposed by Jim Rich
"Entertainment Management"

Scott Hall,
Manager of Engineering,
LNVA,
Proposed by Roger McCabe
"Civil Engineering"

Gary Linthicum,
Partner,
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt,
Proposed by John Quigley,
"Law - Litigation"

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, August 1st, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

Sheri Arnold - 6/1 - 6/30/03
Donna Ferchak - 7/9 - 8/31/03

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET:

Brent Christopher - business pressures
Phil Hurley - retired and moved

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