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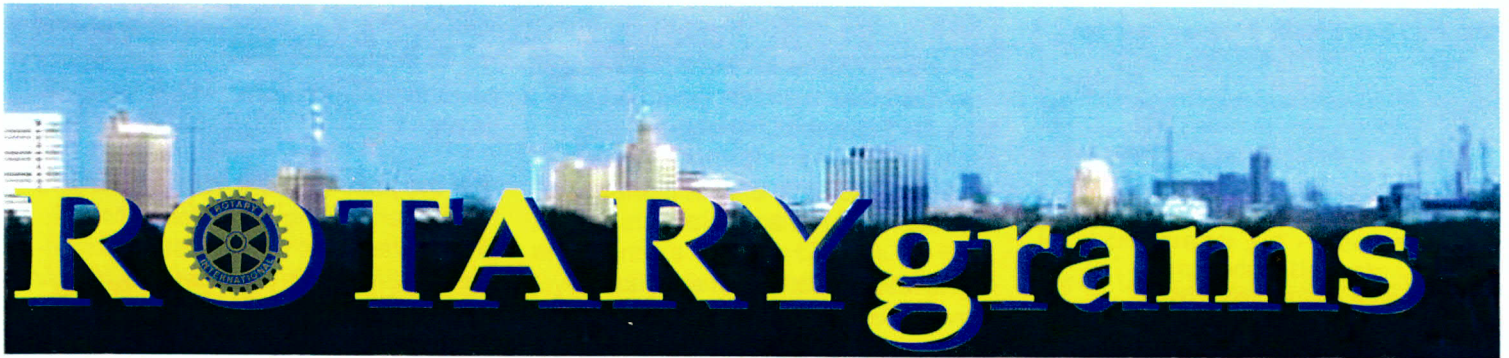


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Colonel Harland Merriam



The war in Iraq. The fight against terrorism. What Soldiers and their families are experiencing.

An Army Chaplain reflects on these and other current issues confronting America today.

Chaplain (Colonel) Harland Merriam will share personal experiences from his service since January 2003 as a United States Army Chaplain. Harland, past president of our club, and long time pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, was mobilized to active duty in the Army seventeen months ago to serve as Division Chaplain for the 75th Division (Training Support).

His service to our country and it's Soldiers and families kept him in the United States working with his unit as they mobilized more than 40,000 Reserve and National Guard Soldiers -- training, preparing and making them ready for their missions overseas. The 75th Division worked at Fort Polk, Fort Hood, Fort Riley, Fort Sill, Fort Bliss and other places west of the Mississippi River. In addition to providing religious support and counsel to thousands of Soldiers and their families, Harland had the responsibility of training all the Army chaplains and chaplain assistants that came though this region.

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Head Table



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
LORRIE HAYES

From the chef: Lasagna

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 30th President Azim's Swan Song

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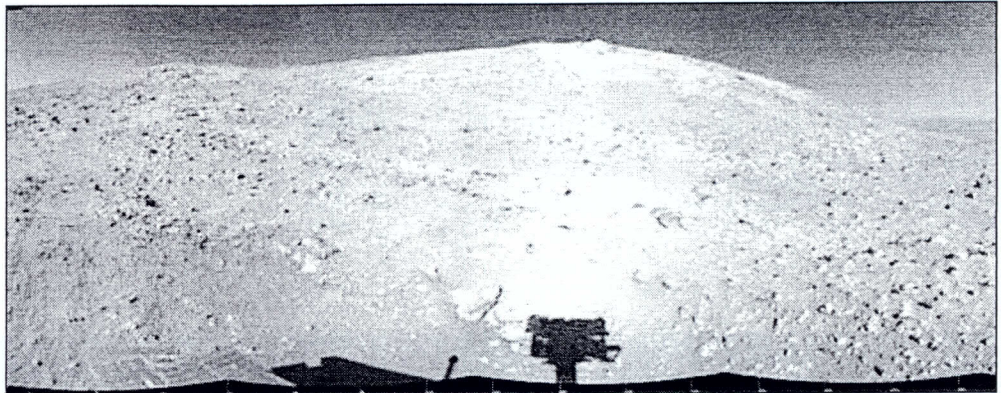
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Program Review

Due to a power outage and computer crash, our Review Contributor was unable to provide the review of last week's program. We will print it in its entirety in next week's issue.

The following was downloaded from the NASA website. Our speaker mentioned the wealth of information available at www.nasa.gov and www.jpl.nasa.gov.



Humans have been fascinated with Mars for thousands of years. To the ancient Greeks and Romans, Mars embodied their god of war, perhaps because of its red appearance.

In the late 1870s, Italian astronomer Giovanni Schiaparelli reported using a telescope to observe "canali," or channels, on Mars. Perhaps a mistranslation this word as "canals" fired the imagination of Percival Lowell, an American businessman with an interest in astronomy. Lowell founded an observatory in northern Arizona, where his observations of the Red Planet convinced him that the "canali" were dug by intelligent beings -- a view that

he energetically promoted for many years.

For the past 40 years, NASA spacecraft have been turning our vision of Mars from fantasy and remote astronomy toward science fact, sometimes at human scales. The Mariner 9 and Viking missions, for example, showed that Mars indeed has channels, perhaps cut by the waters of ancient martian rivers. Spirit and Opportunity, the Mars Exploration Rovers, will continue our exploration of Mars as it really is . . . which may turn out to be more fascinating and even bizarre, in its own way, as those tales of little green men.

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Harland moved to Beaumont with his wife, Barbara, and their two sons, Joshua (now age 26) and Aaron (now age 21) back in 1987. Barbara teaches in the Early Childhood Development Center at Lamar University. He is a graduate of Stetson University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Union Theological Seminary.

He has served churches in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas. Chaplain Merriam has served in the Army Reserve since 1971.

Congratulations!

To **Dr. David Teuscher** of the Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute.

He has been elected President of the Jefferson County Medical Society.

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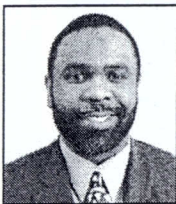
Please welcome these four new members who were inducted into the club on June 16th:



Nicondra Chargois is the Executive Director of IEA - Inspire, Encourage, Achieve and her classification is "Associations - Juvenile Rehabilitation". She is sponsored by

Roger McCabe.

A native of Liberty, Nikki is a graduate of Texas A&M University and St. Mary's University School of Law. She enjoys travel, rodeoing, playing tennis and basketball, running and genealogy.



Van Greer is Vice President and General Manager of KBTB - Channel 4 and his classification is "TV Broadcasting". He is sponsored by **Vesta Brandt.**

A native of Stillwater, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Mesa College. He and his wife Alea are the parents of Jordan. He enjoys playing golf, skiing, travel and spending time with his family.



Len Randall is an Agent with New York Life Insurance and his classification is "Insurance - Financial Planning". He is sponsored by **Alexine Boutin.**

A native of Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. His wife is the incoming President of the Port Neches Rotary Club. He a past member of the Rotary Clubs of North Port Arthur and Bridge City. He enjoys playing golf and fishing.

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Birthdays

25th C. W. Conn, Jr. (85)

Retired,
Conn Appliances



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Lamar University. He and his wife Dorothy Anne are the parents of Carolyn and

Susan, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing the guitar. C. W. is a Paul Harris Fellow.

28th Joe Broussard IV (98)

Shareholder,
Mehaffy & Weber



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Baylor University School of Law. He and his wife Johnnie are the parents of

Kate, Beth and Joe and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting fishing and investments.

28th Andy Burns (94)

Vice President,
Burns Properties



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Mitzi are the parents of Drew, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyter-

ian Church. He enjoys playing golf hunting and fishing.



Michele Snider is the Public Affairs Advisor at ExxonMobil and her classification is "Oil & Chemical - Public Affairs". She is sponsored by **Kathleen**

Jackson.

We did not have Michele's bio to include at press time but will publish her information in a later issue.

28th Ken Dollinger (97)

Justice of the Peace,
Justice Court Precinct 1, Place 1



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Lamar University and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Cathy are the parents of Jaclyn, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys competitive shooting.

28th Marvin Dunnam (97)

Co-Owner,
Kitchen Concepts



Born in Angleton, he and his wife Connie are the parents of Kelvin and Lori, and are raising their two wonderful grandchildren Priscilla and Andrew. He enjoys hunting fishing and cooking.

28th Bob Shield (01)

Pastor,
Trinity United Methodist Church



He is a graduate of Texas A&M and Perkins School of Theology. He and his wife Carla Badgett are the parents of Cecily, and are members of Trinity United

Methodist Church. He enjoys spiritual formation.

30th Steve Lucas (01)

Business Banker,
Wells Fargo Bank



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Robin are the parents of William and Andrew, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys fishing.

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