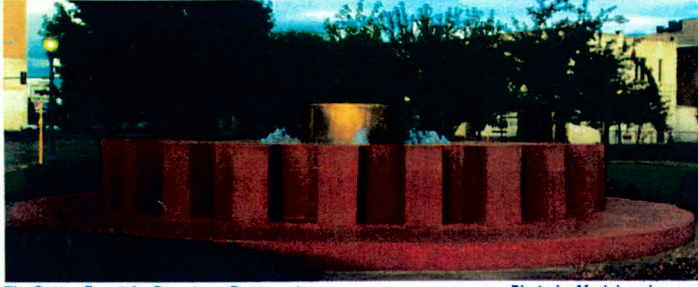


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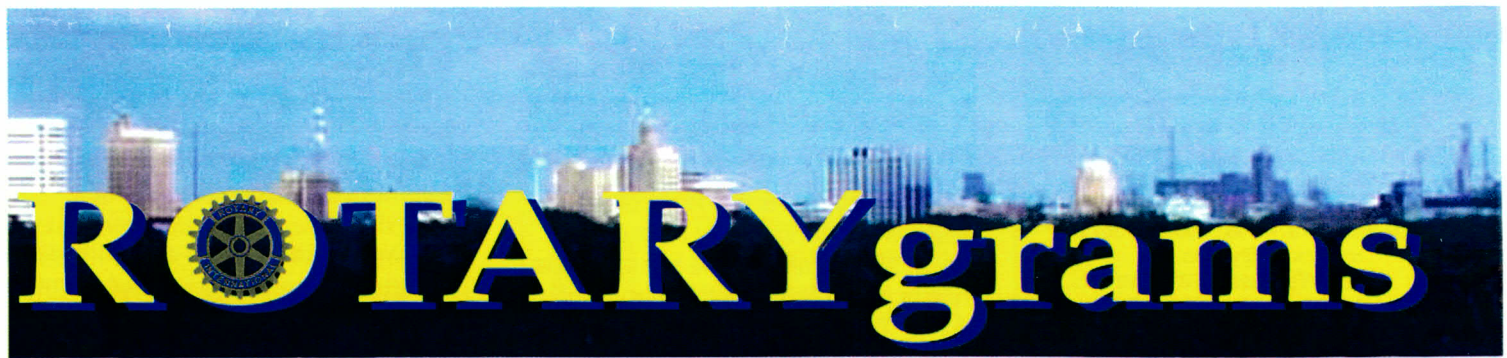


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Art Hutchinson-The Big Thicket



Art Hutchinson, a 13-year veteran of the National Park Service (NPS) was named Superintendent at Big Thicket National Preserve in August 2003.

He replaced former Superintendent Pete Peterson, who retired earlier in the year.

"The Big Thicket is one of the most unique ecosystems in the nation, and I feel honored to have been chosen for this position," said Hutchinson. "I am very aware of the Big Thicket's rich history and the extensive efforts by many citizens that ultimately led to the

designation of the Preserve and to the protection of its diverse resources. I look forward to working with the congressional delegation, community leaders, and the park's partners throughout southeastern Texas."

Hutchinson is the former program manager for the Denver-based, Washington Office Concessions Program Center of the NPS. The Concessions Program Center provides specific and technical business and asset management assistance to national park units throughout the Service nationwide.

Art's career with the NPS began in

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Head Table



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Program Review



Rainier Escalada, Margaret Uy, **Lee Freeland**, Marie Payumo, Belgium Tandoc, Adriano Ocava and **Azim Keramati**

The Group Study Exchange Team from District 3810 in the Philippines presented our program last week. We were treated to a taste of their country and culture through a video presentation which showed many beautiful landmarks of the country as well as candid shots of the team preparing for their trip.

The Philippines is made up of 7,107 islands covering a land area of 115,738 sq. miles. The capital of Manila is home to the first Rotary Club of Asia. This initial club, the Rotary club of Manila was formed in 1919.

Although the Philippines is the world's third-largest English-speaking country next to the United States and the United Kingdom, we were also entertained by the team to a song and dance presentation in their native Philippine language. "A Bond to Last a Lifetime" was the theme of this GSE team and they truly demonstrated that idea. It was apparent that the team is a very outgoing, friendly and fun loving group.

President Azim presented each team member with banners from our club and the Beaumont-Spindletop Rotary Club and they each presented him with banners from their sponsoring clubs.

After the meeting, they were escorted down the Neches River and Inter-coastal Canal to Port Arthur in grand

style on the Sabine Pilots jet-powered boat.

Lee Freeland and his hardworking GSE Committee members **Becky Ames, Max Duplant, Donna Ferchak, Carol Flatten, Bonita Gibson, Bob Harris, Barbara Knight, Becky Mason, Camille Mouton, Lulu Smith, Janice Trammel** and **Bruce Walker** did a fantastic job of entertaining our visitors during their five days in Beaumont.

They scheduled many interesting events to show the best our area has to offer including tours of: the McFaddin-Ward House, the Jefferson Theatre, Hotel Beaumont, Tyrrell Historical Library, the Stark Home and Museum in Orange, the SWAT training facility, Gladys City, Lamar University, Exxon Mobil, Edison Museum, Texas Energy Museum, Art Museum of Southeast Texas and a Beaumont City Council meeting.

They were treated to an authentic dinner prepared by our local Filipino community as well as a delightful reception and dinner party hosted by **Becky** and **Chuck Mason**.

After such busy days, our host families, Liz and **Bob Harris**, Donda and **John Thomasson** and **Kathryn** and **Bruce Walker** graciously opened their homes to our visitors.

We thank all of you for making their stay in Beaumont so pleasant and memorable!



Marie, Rainier, Ady, Bong and Meg respond to our standing ovation after their delightful musical presentation.

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1986 as a seasonal interpretive ranger at Mesa Verde National Park. While stationed at Mesa Verde, he acquired his first permanent position and worked as a park ranger and archeologist for a three year period. Hutchinson's other assignments with the National Park Service have included Big Hole National Battlefield in Montana; and Hovenweep, Yucca House, and Natural Bridges National Monuments in Colorado/Utah.

In 1998, Hutchinson was selected as the Intermountain Region's Donoghue Fellow – a regional office based park managerial training program. While enrolled in this program, he was assigned to the Office of Legislative and Congressional Affairs in Washington, D.C., and participated in public meetings and archeological surveys of the congressionally mandated study of the Sand Creek Massacre site in southeastern Colorado.


Hutchinson holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History with cultural resource/historic preservation emphasis and a Master's degree in Archaeology from Colorado State University. He grew up on a 140 year old beef cattle ranch in Salida, Colorado. Home-steaded in 1866 by his great, great grandfather, the ranch remains family owned and operated.

As Superintendent at the Big Thicket National Preserve, headquartered in Beaumont, Hutchinson manages 97,168 acres, a staff of 35, and an annual operating budget of more than \$2,251,000. The Big Thicket was the first Preserve established in 1974 in the NPS of the U. S. Department of Interior.



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13th Sam Fazio (84)

President,
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A Beaumont native, he attended the University of Houston and Lamar University. He and his wife Melody are the parents of Jessica, and are mem-

bers of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys photography.

15th Candace Broucher(93)

President,
J&R Recycling Facility, Inc.



Born in Michigan, she is a graduate of Purdue University. She enjoys boating and skiing.

15th Kal Kincaid (97)

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A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Lisa are the parents of Kara. He enjoys playing golf and hunting.

17th Jay Old (97)

Partner,
Germer & Gertz



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Texas A&M and Texas Tech. He and his wife Clary are the parents of Helen and James, and are members of Trin-

ity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf and tennis.

19th Eddie White (04)

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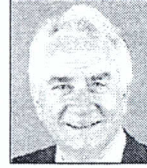


Born in Memphis Tennessee, he is a graduate of Lamar University and a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf and

basketball.

18th Earl Brickhouse (86)

Retired,
Lamar University



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Jean are the parents of Jamie, Jeffrey and Ron, and

are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys travel, Broadway Theatre, gourmet cooking and volunteerism. Earl is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Sid Cohen (93)

Partner,
Pollans & Cohen



Born in Chicago, Illinois, he is a graduate of Northwestern University. He and his wife Mary Ann are the parents of Beth, David, Doug and Debbie and are mem-

bers of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys basketball, walking and fishing.

18th Steve Grantham (94)

Senior Vice President,
South Trust Bank



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Lorri-lea are the parents of Raegan and Shannon, and are members of First United

Methodist Church Sour Lake. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing. Steve is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Tommy Lamb (82)

Vice President,
Corporate Express



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Kathryn are the parents of Patricia and Kelsey, and are members of St. Marks Epis-

copal Church. He enjoys archaeology, fishing and hunting. Tommy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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