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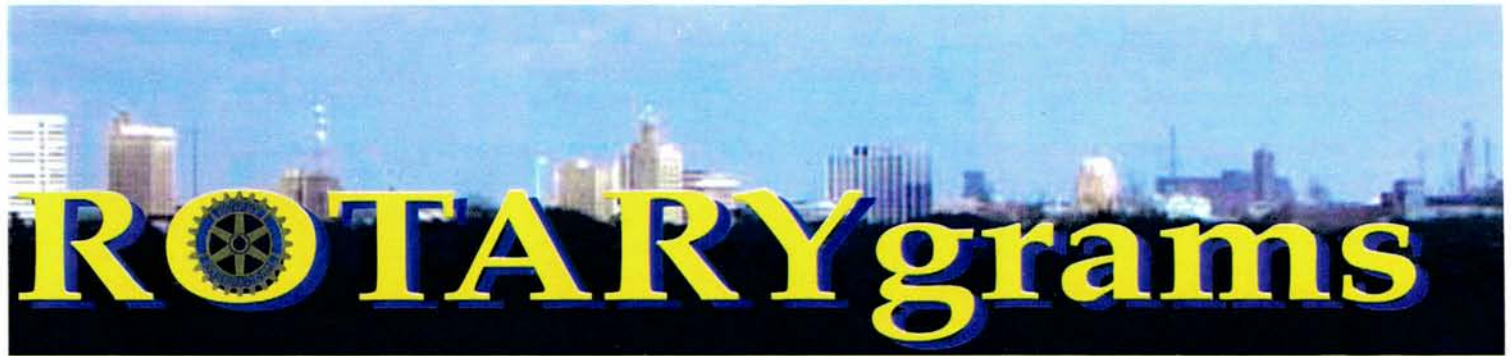


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## Group Study Exchange Team - The Philippines District 3810

Group Study Exchange, an educational activity of the Rotary Foundation, offers a person-to-person opportunity for the promotion of better understanding and friendly relations among the people of the world. It provides for the exchange of young business and professional people between paired Rotary Districts in different countries, enabling them to study the institutions and ways of life of their hosts and to develop personal acquaintances and exchange ideas. Each team is composed of four non-Rotarian men and/or women, accompanied by a Rotarian representative of the Governor of the sending District.

This year's GSE Team visits us from the Philippines.



Ady      Rainier      Marie



Bong      Meg

Team Leader Adriano E. "Ady" Ocava is currently the President of Rotary Club of Gen. Mariano Alvarez Cavite. Ady is an architect and owns a con-

struction and consulting business. He and his wife Beth, also a Rotarian, have four sons.

Rainier Escalada, M.D. is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tanza. Rainier is a doctor, educator, researcher and socio-civic leader in his community.

Marie Rosario Payumo is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Manila-Metro. Marie is a litigation attorney with an undergraduate degree in foreign service. She is the mother of Jeff, an aspiring attorney, and Alexee who hopes to become a doctor and/or international model.

Belgium "Bong" Tandoc is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bangumbayan - Ma-

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**Future Programs**

May  
 12<sup>th</sup> Art Hutchison - Big Thicket  
 19<sup>th</sup> Salvation Army  
 26<sup>th</sup> Barry Kaplan "Marketing Yourself"

**Make-ups**

**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.....Sanderson's

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**Program Review**



It is probably the case that the young people introduced during the Youth Day program are exemplary examples, but even so, it seems the future is indeed in good hands. The membership heard from several of the committees involved with programs geared toward young people all under the leadership of **Becky Mason**.

Becky introduced our Neches River Festival Princess, Lauren Beaver, the daughter of D'awn and **Jeff Beaver**.



The club's Scholarship Committee selected Shannon Eliasson (r) and Aerin Williams (l) as recipients of scholarships this year and the members were read selections from the written applications submitted by these remarkable young women. Shannon's essay spoke to her desire to continue a life enriched by service to others going so far as to state that she hoped to volunteer with Doctors Without Borders when she finishes medical school. Aerin spoke of the, "gift of service" and what Service Above Self meant to her.

**Bobbie Applegate** presented annual Youth Service Award to five students who had been nominated by non-profit organization for their outstanding volunteer services:

Aubrey Giblin, Jenny Raja, Whitney Breaux, Averya Allen and Dara Wilsker (l - r).



Each of these young people had participated in volunteer programs or projects in which they had distinguished themselves by providing selfless service to others. Their efforts were as varied as organizing a landscaping project for a local charity to helping with a teen suicide/crisis intervention organization.

**Ted Moor** spoke briefly on the Youth Exchange program and introduced



Malory Havet from France who has been experiencing life in Beaumont during the past ten months. Malory spoke, thanking the club for the opportunity she was

given to experience a culture different from her own and for the teamwork and leadership skills she acquired here.

Leadership was also on **Chuck Mason's** mind as he discussed the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program. Chuck spoke of the RYLA program in January and one team of young people who counted on an innovative approach to solving an aquatic problem they were given. He also spoke on the valuable leadership skills learned by young men and women participating in the program.

Camp Enterprise was well represented by **Jamie Hogge** who reminded the members of the club's 22 year commitment to the project and all of the young folks who have benefited from it. She invited two recent participants, Emily Richardson from Lumberton High

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# Fellowship Events

## Golf, Tennis & Washer Toss Tournament

Our thanks go to **Danny Babineaux**, **Allison Nathan Golias** and **Chuck Heare** for a job well done in organizing the Golf, Tennis and Washer Toss Tournament held on Monday, April 26th at Brentwood Country Club.



**Neal Baker's** Thermocon team won first place in the golf tournament. Pictured above are team members **Ken Moncla**, **Andy Ternes**, **Neal** and **Brian Lacour**.



**Chuck Heare** and **Jim Tarbett** hosted six other tennis players for an afternoon of fast-paced tennis. Guests **Sheila Gentry** and **Mike Getz** prevailed and won the day.

**Larry Beaulieu** (2nd place) and **Chad Blanchard** (1st place) preferred to play in the shade and won the washer toss.



**Rhoda Perkins**, **Carolyn Howard** and **Angela Baker** cheered the golfers along at the 10th hole and **Carole Reeves** and **Ben Alford** drove the refreshment cart.

Special thanks go to **Chad Blanchard** and **Munro's** for the endless supply of links and boudain from the smoker and to all the Rotarians and their guests who played and/or sponsored the event.

## Disney on Ice

Thank you, **Paula Bothe**, for organizing Family of Rotary night at Ford Arena on Friday, April 23rd. Our members bought more than 150 tickets for their families and friends, and everyone enjoyed a fantastic evening of entertainment and fellowship.

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**Bong** is a management consultant involved in treasury, corporate finance, investment banking and business development.

**Margaret "Meg" Uy** is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Intramoros. She is a tax attorney and writer who hopes to write a movie script one day.

Those of us who attended the District Conference were very impressed by the team's liveliness and talent. They entertained us with a delightful musical presentation complete with choreography. Their program at this week's meeting promises to be unforgettable.

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**School** and **Robert Dees** from Kelly High School who both spoke enthusiastically about their experiences at Camp Enterprise and expressed the hope that they would be able to participate as senior counselors for the program next year.

President **Azim** thanked all of the committees for their work in supporting these programs and asked all of the young people who were able to attend the meeting and their families to stand for a well deserved round of applause.

Last week's program spotlighted the results of our Rotarians' annual Service Above Self contributions. Both our scholarship program and Camp Enterprise are funded entirely by your support.

# Birthdays

7<sup>th</sup> **Lori Falk** (94)

Mortgage Officer, Texas State Bank



Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband **John Johnson** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude's Catholic Church. She enjoys playing racquetball and traveling. Lori is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8<sup>th</sup> **Joe Fisher** (81)

Trust Officer, Texas State Bank



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and enjoys playing tennis and golf.

Joe is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8<sup>th</sup> **Jerry White** (91)

President,

White Tire Supply



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Rice University and Lamar University. He and his wife **Norma** are the parents of **Joe** and **David**, and are members of First

Christian Church. He enjoys traveling and reading.

9<sup>th</sup> **Debbie Frazier** (99)

President,

Advanced Staffing



Born in Florida, she is a graduate of the University of Houston. She and her husband **Stephen** are the parents of **Crystal** and **Amber**.



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