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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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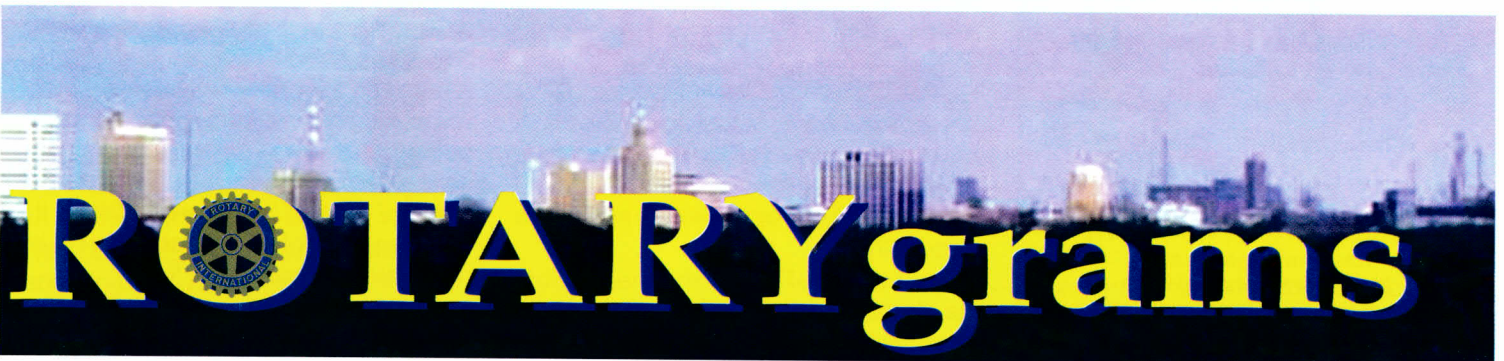


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Dr. Jimmy Simmons-Lamar University



Honorary Rotarian **Dr. Jimmy Simmons** will address this week's meeting. He wants to see Red on November 18th. He states: "We're taking the Red and White beyond campus, and you can help.

Whether you're a proud alumnus of Lamar University, a parent of one or attended a college or university elsewhere - if you live in Southeast Texas, we hope you'll wear red and white November 18th.

"Lamar University is YOUR UNIVERSITY- bringing opportunities for growth

and development to your community.

"We're proud of LU's momentum - record-breaking enrollment, terrific academics, a vibrant campus and winning sports teams. Help us celebrate!"

Wherever you work, whatever you're doing, get your red on!

Get a Yard Sign

Pick up a free yard sign at Munro's Cleaners or Debb's Liquor store locations throughout Beaumont or at Wednesday's Rotary meeting. Display it in your yard on November 18th and on all home game days.

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Head Table



INVOCATION
JEFF NOBLE



PLEDGE
ANDREW JAY JOHNSON III



4-WAY TEST
SAM FAZIO

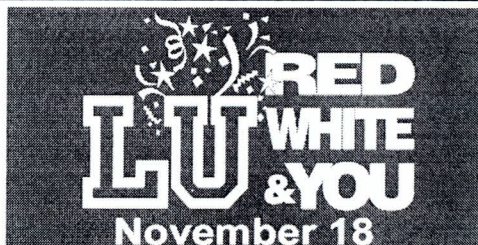


GUEST INTRODUCTION
CAMILLE MOUTON

From the chef: **Roast Beef**



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Future Programs

November

19th Paul Practer
26th Elton Gish - Motiva

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 Garden Tea Room

Program Review

David Dunivant, Director of Research, Evaluation and Planning for the Beaumont Independent School District, was our speaker last week.

He addressed the state of public education in general and the restructuring of math and science curricula specifically.

He said there are as many as seven different ways students learn and educators have had to develop teaching methods to reach all students in a way each one can learn. In particular, students today are more creative than we were at that age and that creativity can be harnessed in the classroom as a learning tool.

He then discussed the difference between the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) exam and the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) exam which replaced it recently.

He also discussed the federal guidelines for the "No Child Left Behind" act which will require that 100% of the students throughout the country are proficient in English/language arts and

math. He said the current lowest level high school math course in BISD is Algebra 1.

He stated that we can all be proud that BISD has consistently met AYP (Accountable Yearly Progress) performance standards. He also praised the availability of enrichment programs such as the Jason Project. Many of us remember Dr. Robert Ballard (founder of the Jason Project and discoverer of the Titanic's location) who presented a very interesting Rotary program in March 2002.

Mr. Dunivant closed his program by mentioning that being an educator these days is a very stressful profession and educators need hobbies to help them relax. His avocations include being a volunteer fireman (and running into burning buildings), refereeing high school football games (and incurring the wrath of 50% of the crowd 100% of the time) and duck hunting (and having his naps interrupted by gun fire).

Our thanks go to **Jolene Ortego** for arranging the program and **Chuck Mason** for introducing the speaker.

Program Continued

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November 18th Schedule:

Red, White & You

11:30 am - 12:30 pm: Pep Rally
Join us in the Quadrangle to celebrate Red, White and You Day.

1:30 pm: City Council Meeting
The Beaumont City Council will proclaim Nov. 18th *Red, White & You Day* in Beaumont.

5 pm: LU Alumni Happy Hour
Texas Star Bar & Grill, Crockett Street

On November 22nd, **Dr. Simmons** encourages everyone to attend the first BillyBall game. The Cardinals will be playing LeTourneau University. This will be a **Pack the House Night**.....all tickets are \$6.00.

Since **Dr. Simmons** was named President of Lamar University, Lamar's enrollment has grown from 8,100 to 10,400!!!! Now that is impressive. Let's show how much we appreciate all his hard work and support Lamar University by wearing **Red** and **Packing the House**.

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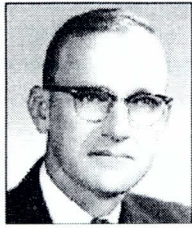
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Memorial Tribute



**Rotary Club of Beaumont
Marion J. Rienstra**

Whereas, Marion J. Rienstra was born in Nederland on January 1, 1915 to Dan J. and Johanna Rienstra, a pioneer family of Nederland, which included four brothers and two sisters; and

Whereas, Marion died at home in Beaumont on February 24, 2003 at the age of 88 years; and

Whereas, after graduating Nederland High School in 1932 as Salutatorian and working at Pure Oil to earn money to attend college, he attended South Park Junior College and the University of Texas Law School, receiving his law degree in 1939, thereafter entering the practice of law in Beaumont with Steve King and his brother, John, and also serving as United States Commissioner under United States District Judge Randolph Bryant; and

Whereas, after the Japanese attack upon Pearl Harbor, Marion enlisted in the United States Navy, serving four years in the Pacific Theatre, holding the rank of Lieutenant upon his discharge; and

Whereas, Marion returned to Beaumont to practice law with the firm of King, Sharfstein and Rienstra and on July 7, 1946, married Betty Hook; and

Whereas, Marion practiced law for fifty years and was a partner in the law firm of Rienstra, Dowell and Flatten at the time of his death; and

Whereas, Marion was a faithful member of Trinity United Methodist Church for forty-six years, teaching the John Land Sunday School class and being named "Father of the Year" by his church in 2001; and

Whereas, beside belonging to the American Bar Association, State Bar of Texas and Jefferson County Bar Association, he was a forty-three year member of The Rotary Club of Beaumont, and a Paul Harris Fellow; and

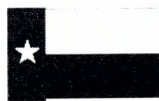
Whereas, Marion in 1994 donated the site of his boyhood home in Nederland to found the Rienstra Heritage Park, in honor of his Dutch heritage and his family; and

Whereas Marion is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Betty Hook Rienstra, five children, twelve grandchildren, a brother, Albert Rienstra, and sister, Marie Rienstra Fleming;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont express sorrow at the death of Marion J. Rienstra and extend sympathy to his family as an expression of sincere feeling at the loss of a dear friend and long-time member of this Rotary Club;

And, Be it Further Resolved that this resolution be spread across the minutes of this Rotary Club, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Passed by unanimous vote of the membership this twenty-second day of October, 2003.



TEXAS PLEDGE

Honor the Texas flag
I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas
One and indivisible.

Birthdays

15th Elias Sarkis (03)

President
Tri-Con.



Born in Lebanon, he is a graduate of Lamar University. Elias is a member of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church. He enjoys running, fishing, and photography.

17th Ralph McBride (95)

President
Fox News 1340 KOLE.



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Lamar University. Ralph and his wife, Cynthia, are the parents of Carissa and Kyle. They are members

of First Baptist Church of Orange. He enjoys playing tennis.

Belated wishes to:

October 30th: Dean Conwell (03)

Director
Convention and Visitors Bureau
City of Beaumont.



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He is a member of St. Jude Catholic Church and has

two children, Chris and Alex. He enjoys playing golf, traveling and fine dining.

Ramblings

Congratulations to first-time grandmother **Mary Parmer**. Her grandson Charles Jason Cramer, Jr. was born Thursday, October 23rd.

Did anyone other than **Karen Weller** and **Terry Bourdier** notice that the Texas flag was slipping down the flag pole during last week's meeting? Perhaps adding the Texas Pledge (printed on the left) to our meetings will keep it flying high!

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