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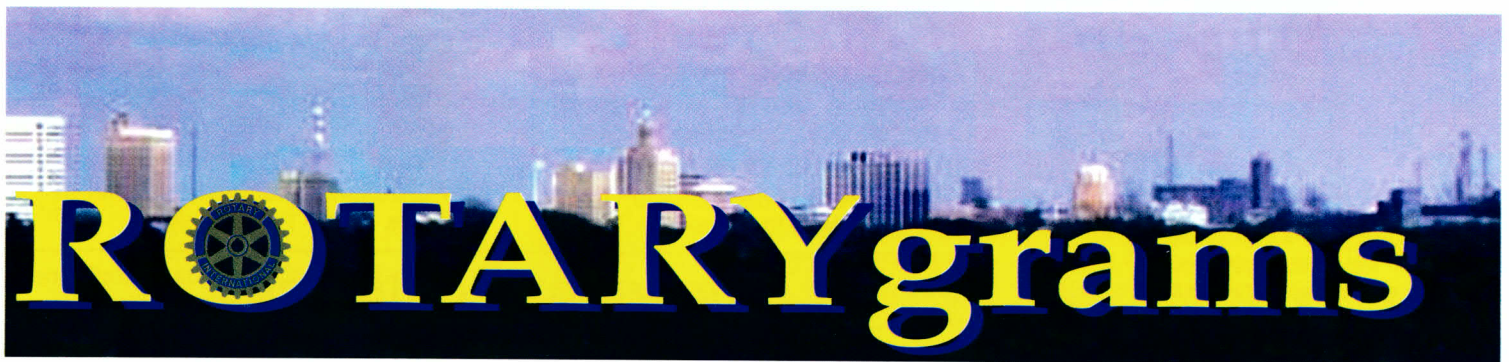
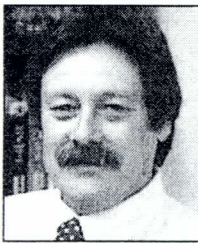


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David Dunivant - BISD



David M. Dunivant is a local product, graduating from Bridge City High School and continuing his education and receiving his B.S. and M.Ed. degrees from Lamar University.

David began his administrative career in 1989 as an assistant principal at Central 9th grade center. From there he moved to Central Senior High as an assistant principal, West Brook 9th grade as a Principal, and on to Ozen High School as one of the original Co-principals for that campus.

In 1999, David took the position of Director of Enterprise 2002, a systemic reform effort for BISD in conjunction with a grant from the National Science Foundation that had a focus on science, mathematics, and technology. The efforts of the grant involved moving all BISD students to higher levels of enrollment and success in upper level mathematics and sciences while integrating technology into the curriculum. Just recently, David has assumed the position of Director of Research, Evaluation and Planning for BISD.

Through his work with the National Science Foundation, David has been

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Head Table



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LARRY WALKER



PLEDGE
CHAD BLANCHARD



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DANNY BABINEAUX

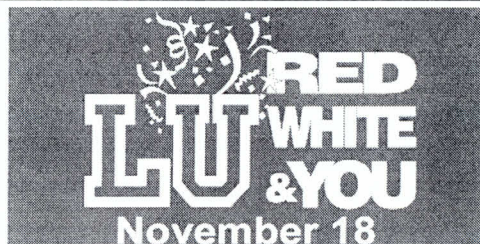


GUEST INTRODUCTION
RICK BARRILLEAUX

From the chef: Meatloaf



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Program Review

Former Rotary Club of Beaumont member Joe Deshotel, who represents the 22nd Legislative District, presented an overview of the legislative sessions. His district includes part of Jefferson and Orange counties.

As a former Rotarian, he was acutely aware that he was addressing an audience primarily composed of business professionals and wanted to clarify his position on that issue. One survey, which he cited as being flawed, scored him an 8 out of 100 on business issues. He said that was incorrect. As a successful attorney and businessman himself, he feels he can represent all interests fairly.

A State Representative's legislative district usually consists of approximately 150,000 constituents. It's becoming a serious problem with many legislators who make campaign promises to represent that majority, but of-

ten are coerced into pandering to the power people who control the money. Extreme partisanship is not good for either party.

He spoke of important programs which will be addressed in upcoming special sessions: school finances, the need for proper pay for teachers, getting commitments of parents to monitor and mentor their children, businesses moving jobs overseas and using foreign labor. Other issues in the future - prison reform and, of course, taxes.

A short question and answer period followed with **Jerry White** as chief inquisitor, who asked about people being able to come into your business offices and inspect your books without subpoena. Representative Deshotel said that is not allowed, and they cannot come into J K Chevrolet, for example, without proper authorization. That did not bother Jerry - he owns White Tire Supply!

Program Continued

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fortunate enough to work side-by-side with education experts from across the nation and with school personnel from most of the largest urban areas in the US. He has also worked closely with nationally known technical assistance firms the McKenzie Group of Washington, D.C. and Systemic Initiatives Inc. research and evaluation firm of Norwood, MA.

His extensive work with NSF has lead not only to his participation in national level workshops, but has also afforded him the opportunity to relate experiences and successes in BISD with other states. He has served as a facilitator and presenter at:

- NSF Systemic Initiative meeting in Washington, D.C.
- NSF New Jersey State Systemic Initiative meeting at Princeton University

- NSF Project Director and Principal Investigator meeting in Washington, D.C.
- Numerous site reports to NSF upon their request

Also, he has authored *Annual Reports of Progress* of the BISD systemic reform effort to the National Science Foundation. In addition he has conducted workshops in Inquiry, Standards Based Curriculum and Assessment Approaches, Systemic Reform, Data collection and desegregation, data presentation, and curriculum evaluation.

David believes in all children and this belief is reflected in his philosophy that "Children can learn... if given the time, the patience, and the caring that we all demand for ourselves."

Future Programs

November

12th Dr. Jimmy Simmons
 19th Paul Practer

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Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
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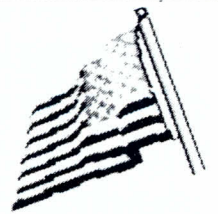
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Ramblings

Flag Committee chair **Roger McCabe** presented the new public service announcement produced by **Mark McKinnon** and his staff at KBMT Channel 12 at last week's meeting. Unfortunately, in trying to connect the video equipment, the sound system blew a fuse. Roger did a great job narrating the clip extemporaneously.

Thanks to all Rotarians at the head table for "raising their voices" above the mic crisis: **President Azim, Chuck Heare, Rodney Martin, Ben Orgain, Miriam Johnson, Larry Beaulieu and Paula Bothe.**

Danny Babineaux introduced two Texas Wildcatters hockey players to spotlight the opening night hockey game. He and **Allison Nathan Golias** have put in a lot of hours setting up our fellowship event on Saturday, November 8th. We will have more than 100 Rotarians and their guests seated in our section. You can pick up your pre-ordered tickets at the November 5th meeting.

Welcome back to **Donna Ferchak** at last week's meeting. She has been on medical leave of absence recovering from a broken leg and two broken ankles she suffered earlier this year playing golf. What a competitor!

Thank you, **Gene Hughes**, for bringing copies of the *Beaumont Journal* for everyone at last week's meeting. The issue featured great coverage of the Jefferson Theatre's history and grand re-opening celebration this month.

Speaking of the Jefferson, Mayor **Evelyn Lord** insists the Jefferson Theater

Birthdays

6th Tom Neild (95)
Vice President, H.B. Neild & Sons



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University and Southern States College. Tom and his wife Karen are the parents of Thomas, Annie, Taylor, Allie and Ty, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys teaching Sunday school.

7th Lulu Smith (89)
Retired Physician



Born in Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch and is married to Dr. Wesley Washburn. She enjoys gardening and skiing. Lulu is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Randy Chatagnier (02)
Partner, Medical Data Systems



Born in Port Arthur, he attended Tyler Junior College, the American Institute of Baking and Lamar University. Randy and his son Tyler are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys golf, baking and carpentry.

trivia question, about the haunting of the theatre by a little girl in a yellow dress, is true. She commented..."You know the little girl changed from a red to a yellow dress during scenes."

There's no doubt of **Sheri and Eddie Arnold's** support of Texas A&M. Besides the fact that their daughter is an A&M graduate, Sheri proudly carries her Aggie koozie for proof!

8th Chuck Mason, Jr. (82)
President, Mason Construction



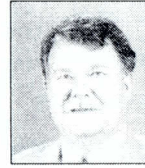
Born in Nacogdoches, he attended Southwestern University and is a Lamar graduate. He and his wife **Becky** are the parents of Chad and Kristin, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys basketball, diving, and choir singing. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Jeff Noble (00)
Advertising Director,
Beaumont Enterprise



Born in Lubbock, he is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He and his wife K'Lin are the parents of Parker and Tyson, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, golf, basketball, softball, and music.

9th Tom Barras (93)
Owner, Barras Insurance Agency



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janice are the parents of Jim, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church.

He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

9th Robert Thompson (84)
President,
Interior Development Concepts



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Joyce are the parents of Jeff, Kevin, and Greg. He enjoys sailing scuba diving and traveling. Robert is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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