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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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Carolyn Johnson - The Jefferson Theatre Grand Opening

**ATTENTION: Meeting will be held at the
 Beaumont Civic Center instead of the Hilton!**



The Jefferson Theatre, designed by Emile Weil and costing \$1 million, opened as a vaudeville and movie theatre in 1927. Until 1972 it was Beaumont's premier entertainment showcase.

In 1995 JTPS formed a partnership with Beaumont Main Street to restore the Jefferson to its former glory. Construction began in 2002 and on Friday, November 7th, the Jefferson will hold its Grand Opening Celebration.

Carolyn Johnson will present this week's program about the Jefferson Theatre and its celebration.

Editor's note: One of my Mom's fondest childhood memories was getting ten cents every Saturday for the street-car fare, movie admission and refreshments at the Jefferson.

Since it was deeded by the LBJ Foundation to the Jefferson Theatre Preservation Society in 1976, it has been maintained and operated by the JTPS and the Jefferson Theatre Alliance. During that time it was home to the Beaumont Community Players.

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Rotary Goes to Work Review

J. Earl Brickhouse reported that American Valve & Hydrant shares an important date with Rotary International – both were founded in 1905. The Beaumont firm is a wholly owned affiliate of American Cast Iron Pipe Co. and has 190 employees working around-the-clock. They produce 150 hydrants daily and ship throughout the US, Mexico and overseas. After a hosted lunch, engineer Tim Sudella conducted the group on an interesting tour of the plant.

Fred Kristiansen had a great turnout for his tour of Eastham Forge. Everyone seemed awed by the massive equipment and products they saw. He proudly pointed out that he was *early* for a Rotary meeting!



Marvin Dunnam and his Rotary guests had a great meeting at Kitchen Concepts. The whipped cream sort of "melted" as the group awaited latecomers, but **S. L. Greenberg** was delighted there was more dessert for **Milt Prewitt** and him. Each person left with homemade goodies to go. Is that why his list always fills up first?

Mayor Evelyn Lord hosted a sizable group at City Hall who heard presentations by Fire Chief Bertrand and Kwa_heri Heard of the Health Department. **Sam Lord** was on hand to take photographs.

Vesta Brandt regaled her Rotarians with a brief history of Clear Channel Radio which owns stations throughout Texas and Oklahoma. The group then toured the production facilities, the pro-

gramming studios and the business offices. They had some great questions and were even able to stump her a couple of times.

Eight Rotarians attended Time Warner Advertising Sales. **Gary Underwood** discussed Video on Demand & Digital Cable. Mike Dolce discussed Road Runner. **Bruce Walker** discussed Ad Sales. **Mary Randall** arrived after everyone had gone (she went to the wrong TW Office). However, she received a private tour and Production Manager Robert Fong had her read a voice-over for a 30-second Commercial Demo.

Becky Ames reported, "We had a 'small' group but a 'big' time! Collier Park featured our signature cake-chocolate, coconut, pecans and some secret ingredients...everyone loved it! We were really able to visit and to get to know each other. **Dr. William Brown** and his wife took an extensive tour with **Becky**; they think the community is just great. **Kathryn Walker**, **Steve Buser** and **Joe Fisher** took a tour too. Steve wanted to know how old you have to be to move in...he's not quite there yet! Everyone left knowing much more about each other...it was true fellowship."

Rotarians were warmly received by Community Bank hosts for the Rotary Goes to work event. Mike Hatton and Nancy Neild presented a brief overview of the marketing efforts conducted by the bank and their new "Hispanic marketing program". **Shiv Bagri** and **Gary Rothenberger** were awarded "Community Bank" umbrellas for the best scores on a quiz concerning the Hispanic market.

Gene Arnold treated his Rotarians to a picnic lunch beside the fish/duck/-turtle pond next to his Small Business Development Center office on a beautiful autumn day. He followed up with a tour of Lamar University's John

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Future Programs

October

29th Rep. Joe Deshotel

Gray Center. Last year the SBDC helped set up more than 100 new companies accounting for more than 400 news jobs for Southeast Texans.



Michelle Harris hosted Rotarians to a sunny day on the playground at Buckners Children's Village.

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Wine Tasting

Fellowship Committee co-chairs **Danny Babineaux** and **Allison Nathan Golias** hosted a wine tasting at **Nelson Alter's** beautiful Gem Jewelry on Thursday, October 2nd. More than 100 Rotarians and their guests signed up for the event.



Allison served the appetizers and cookies she had made (from scratch!) and Giglio Distributors generously provided the wine. **Danny's** lovely wife Charlene helped by keeping the wine glasses filled.



Arriving Rotarians purchased raffle tickets and the winner at the end of the evening was **Mary Ellen Robertson's** husband who graciously donated his winnings back to the club.

Birthdays

22nd Barbara Knight (94)

Owner, Creativity Unlimited



Born in San Diego, California, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Gary are the parents of Brent and Nicole. She enjoys scuba diving, computer graphics, water gardening and calligraphy. Barbara is a Paul Harris Fellow.

22nd Rodney Martin (02)

President/CEO

Beaumont YMCA



Born in Jonesboro, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Centenary College. He and his wife Tonya are the parents of Ambria and Jaslynn. He enjoys reading, playing golf and spending time with his family.

24th Roy Huckaby (79)

Retired

Lone Star Air Compressor



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Glenda are the parents of Amy, Lisa and Brent. They are members of North End Baptist Church. Roy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Norman Lee (70)

Retired Vice Chairman

Gulf States Utilities



Born in Grayson, Louisiana, he is a graduate of California Institute of Technology. He and his wife Nell Ray are the parents of Norman Jr. and Rebecca Nell. They are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, stained glass and etching. Norman is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Bill Matthews (73)

Retired Pharmacist

Walgreens



Born in Atkins, Arkansas, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife Mary are the parents of Whit and Ross. He enjoys flying, fishing and hunting. Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Terry Bourdier (97)

Executive Director

United Way of Beaumont



Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Karen are the parents of James, Jeffrey, Jacqueline and Joel. He enjoys music and fishing.

Board Social



Sharen Kirksey hosted a Board Social on Tuesday, October 14th, at the Ethan Allen showroom. The social is an opportunity for new members and their spouses to meet and get to know Board members and their spouses. The location was beautiful, the food and wine delicious and the fellowship convivial. Another Social will be held next spring.

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