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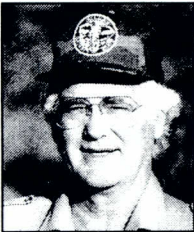
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Tony Houseman - Bird Hunting in Africa



Port Arthur native Tony Houseman left South-east Texas in 1966 and entered into a career in investment banking in Los Angeles. He later moved to New York, where he obtained New

York Stock Exchange licenses up to the level of Partner/Owner. He ultimately established his own firm, Houseman Securities, in Dallas, which he operated successfully until his return to South-east Texas.

Upon his return in 1987, he purchased ownership of his family land company

and formed the Houseman Companies. Although Tony's companies require much of his time, his main interest are economic development, serving 2 terms as chairman of SET, Inc. – the economic development corporation for Southeast Texas; serving on many boards and committees for wildlife and habitat conservation organizations, working on local projects supporting children in Southeast Texas,

He continues to work on expanding and enhancing the Tony Houseman State Park, and spending more time with his first love, fresh and saltwater fishing.

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Future Programs

September

24th - Kim Williams, GSE Team

In Memoriam



John Michael Bradford
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With auger and paint can in hand, **Larry Beaulieu, Roger McCabe, Alexine Boutin, Azim Keramati's wife Marie, Robert Hickman, Terry Bourdier and Carole Reeves** comprised the morning crew Saturday, September 6th installing flag holders at homes and places of business around Beaumont.

Program Review

Last week's program commemorated September 11th and focused how terrorism has changed our country and the entire world.

Chester Jourdan prefaced the program with a very moving five-minute photo montage of the effects of terrorism over the last fifty years. Unfortunately, too many of the images are too familiar to all of us.

His job description as Executive Director of the South East Texas Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) has been expanded to include heading the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. The division will focus its efforts on emergency preparedness planning for natural and man-made emergencies

The mission of the Homeland Security portion of the new division is: to encourage Southeast Texans to become participants in their own security; to forge a stronger partnership between

first responders (fire and law enforcement forces) and the community; and to discourage, detect and defeat terrorism in Southeast Texas.

Public involvement is the key to protecting our region. The community is invited to attend the SETRPC *Securing Hometown America – 2003 Summit* on November 10th at the Holiday Inn Atrium Plaza. For more information and registration, log on to: www.setrpc.org.

In conclusion, he quoted the National Strategy for Homeland Security of the Office of Home Security, "Information will be shared 'horizontally' across each level of government and 'vertically' among federal, state and local governments, private industry and citizens."

We were pleased Chester brought former Beaumont Rotarian Sue Smith Landry, who is now on his staff, as his guest.

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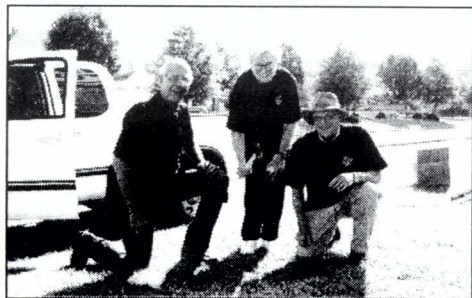
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Flag Project

Project Chair **Roger McCabe** and the flag holder teams kicked off the new Flag Project Saturday morning, September 6th.

In addition to those pictured at left, the afternoon crew included **Robert Peavey** and his lovely daughter **Marlie**, **Thomas Mayo** and **Roger's** wife **Sharon** and houseguest from South Africa **Rene' Sisson**.



On Thursday morning, September 11th, five crews each consisting of three Rotarians installed the flags at homes and places of business all over Beaumont around sunrise before the rain began.

Those who set their alarm clocks extra early that morning and met **Roger** before 6:00 a.m. included **Alex Broussard, Lorrie Hayes, Tom Neild, Paul Davidson, Kyle Hayes, Kal Kincaid, Chuck Mason, Tim Gaddis, Robert Thompson, Henry Strait, John Quigley, Andy Burns, Terry Whiddon, Phil Dunlap** and **Floyd McSpadden**.

The most impressive neighborhood was **President Azim's**...his wife **Marie** and son **Cameron** canvassed their block and signed up 9 of their neighbors. Great work, **Marie** and **Cameron**!

We hope to have more photos in next week's issue.

Our thanks to **Roger** and his committee, **John Quigley, Floyd McSpadden, Jack Crawford, Jeff Noble,** and **Mark McKinnon**

Birthdays

18th Becky Mason (00)
Safety/Human Resources Director
Mason Construction



music.

Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband **Chuck** are the parents of **Chad** and **Kristin**. She enjoys travel and

18th Mary Parmer (94)
Director of Adult Ministries
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

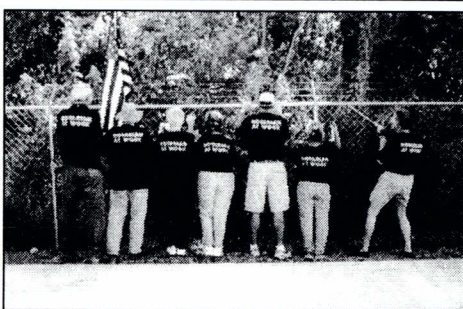


Born in Brookhaven, Mississippi, she attended Mississippi State University and Loyola. She is the mother of **Jason** and **Lauren**. She is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. She enjoys gardening and hiking.

19th Beverly Hatcher (90)
President
Golden Triangle Minority Business Council



Born in Wellington, Kansas, she is a graduate of Wichita State University. She and her husband **Stanley** are the parents of **Breck, LaTye** and **James**. They are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, travel and watching the news.



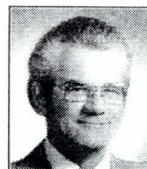
This is not the end! If you did not have a flag in your front yard that morning, sign up between now and Veterans Day to be included next time.

20th Donna Ferchak (02)
President/CEO
Fairway Management & Rentals



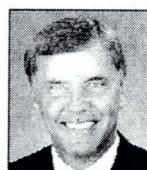
Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, she is attending Lamar Institute. She and her husband **Richard** are the parents of **Ashlyn, Ralph, Haylee, Dick** and **Amy**. She enjoys playing golf, cross stitching, reading and travel.

20th Jerry Johnson (55)
Retired Ophthalmologist



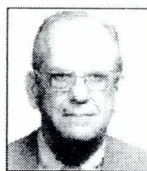
Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of University of Texas School of Medicine. He and his wife **Suzanne** are the parents of **Sydney, Ann, Amy** and **Jamie**. They are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow

22nd Wilton White (79)
President & CEO
SouthTrust Bank



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of Southwestern, Lamar, University of Indiana and Rutgers University. He and his wife **Barbara** are the parents of **Kristi**. They are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting and playing golf. Wilton is a Paul Harris Fellow

23rd Gator Dollinger (47)
Retired Engineer



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A & M. He is the father of **Ken** and **Patricia**. He enjoys growing roses and is a Consultant Rosarian and a Rose Judge. Gator is a Paul Harris Fellow

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