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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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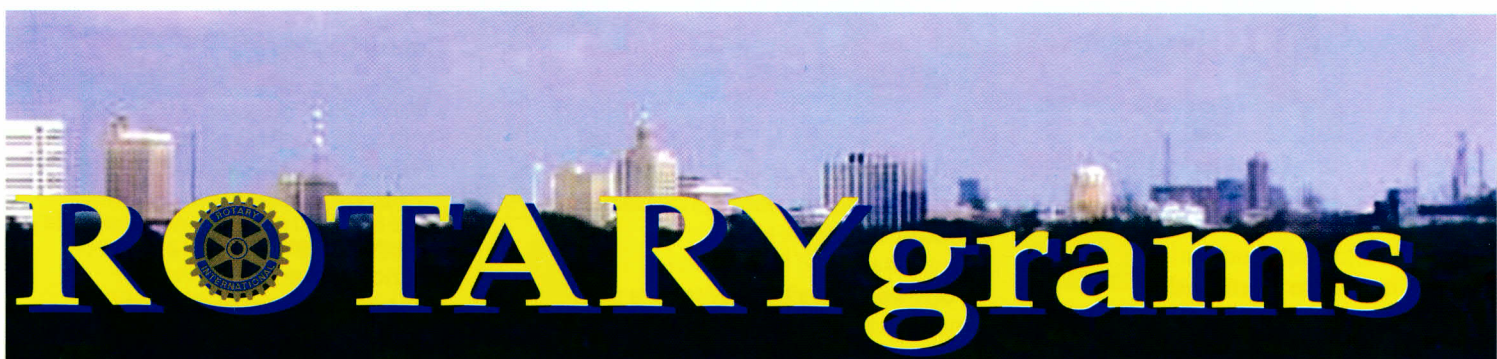


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## Kim Williams, GSE Team



Kimberly Williams graduated from Lamar University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. She has been with Court appointed Special A d v o c a t e s

(CASA) for five years as a case supervisor.

In this position, she provides training and case supervision for volunteers appointed by the court as *Guardian and*

*Litems* working directly with children who have been removed from their families due to abuse and neglect. Kim works in conjunction with Child Protective Service, the court system and various community service providers speaking in the best interest of the children. On average, Kim carries a case load of 60 foster children in which she actively pursues safe and permanent placements.

In her spare time, she coaches Little League baseball and ASA fast pitch softball. She enjoys cooking a baking for her friends and family.

## Head Table



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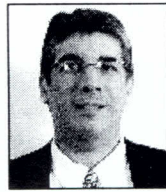
## New Members



**Jena Armondo**  
Vice President,  
Texas Wildcatters

Proposed by **Jim Rich**

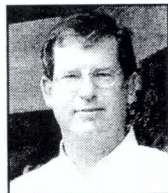
Born in Seoul, South Korea, Jena is a graduate of the University of Texas in San Antonio. She enjoys traveling, volunteerism and sports.



**Don DeMartino**  
President

DDM Marketing & Consulting  
Proposed by  
**Azim Keramati**

Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, Don is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Rebecca are the parents of Taylor and Devin, and are members of Infant Jesus Catholic Church.



**Ronnie Jones**  
Vice President  
Architectural Alliance

Proposed by

**Leonard Juncker**

Born in Port Arthur, Ronnie is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Tyler and Jennifer, and are members of Fellowship Baptist Church in Nederland. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, camping and woodworking.

## Program Review

Our guest speaker, home builder and patriotic activist, Tony Houseman, brought a unique and fascinating view of the sport of wing shooting to the club.

An expert shot and renowned hunter with hundreds of trophies from around the world, he shared his enthusiasm for bird hunting in Africa. You could have heard a pin drop during his presentation.

Wonderful Zulu music provided the background for shots of flowers, fields of grain, exotic animals, handsome retrievers at work, birds in flight, and even an African train steaming across an area Tony described as being somewhat like Nebraska.

There were shots of spacious accommodations, wineries, the train club car, shopping places, and food, food, food!

Tony kept his comments to a minimum and let the video speak for itself. Occasionally he helped the club with points of reference and comparisons to hunting in the United States and Mexico.

Following the video, he fielded questions from the group including an inquiry about dart shooting of a rhinoceros. He responded to a question about what happens to game killed in Africa telling the group that everything is consumed by the local people and he stated that the rules and regulations for hunting in Africa are "the best in the world."

Tony also brought his lovely wife Gisela who presented our program on August 6<sup>th</sup> about her climb of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Thanks to Tony Houseman for making such a bright spot in our week and to **Paula Bothe** for arranging it.

## Apologia

Want attention? Nothing beats a big mistake (sic). Fingers flying to get the Rotarygrams out on time last week gave the wrong call letters for Mark McKinnon's TV station. It's KBMT-TV Channel 12! They give us such great coverage for all our meetings and we are extra, extra sorry for the mistake. We promise not to do it again.

## Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, and approved the following:

### NEW MEMBERS:

Donna Birdwell,  
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Proposed by **Steve Doblin**  
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Proposed by **Jim Rich**  
"Natural Gas Distribution"

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Proposed by **Ken Ruddy**  
"Auto – Retail"

Edward Turner,  
Market Manager,  
Cumulus Broadcasting,  
Proposed by **Rodney Martin**  
"Broadcasting - Radio"

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

**Robert Swerdlow**  
9/10/03 - 3/10/04

### RESIGNATION:

**Galen Wixson**  
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**Future Programs**

**October**

1 District Governor  
 8 Dr. Nick Pomonis, M.D.

**Makeups**

**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

**Birthdays**

**24<sup>th</sup> Robert Hickman (03)**  
 Vice President & Principal, Leap Engineering



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Shawn are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys fishing and boating

**24<sup>th</sup> Dohn LaBiche (87)**  
 Architect, The LaBiche Architectural Group



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife Angie are the parents of Drew and Angie, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

**24<sup>th</sup> Thomas Mayo (02)**  
 Attorney, Mehaffy & Weber



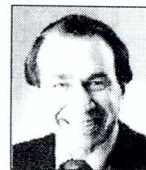
Born in Baytown, he is a graduate of Southwestern and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Amy are the parents of Caroline Elizabeth, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting and traveling

**24<sup>th</sup> Russ Waddill (01)**  
 Director - Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies Lamar University



Born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Texas Christian University and Rice University. He and his wife Elizabeth are the parents of Thomas and Sarah, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys golf, playing the guitar, and mountain sports.

**25<sup>th</sup> Jerry Nathan III (68)**  
 Of counsel, Benckenstein, Norvell & Nathan  
 A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and the Uni-



versity of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Iris are the parents of Allison and Irl, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf and tennis. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**25<sup>th</sup> Hubert Oxford III (88)**  
 Partner, Benckenstein & Oxford.



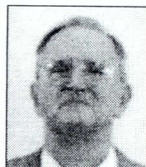
A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of Texas A&M and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Franny, Hubert, Mary, and Ginny, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys traveling and learning new languages.

**25<sup>th</sup> Joy Reagan (88)**



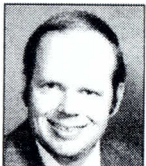
Born in St. Louis Missouri, she is a graduate of Lamar University and Sam Houston State University. She has one daughter, Cyndy, and is a member of Calder Baptist Church. She enjoys speaking, writing, and participating in life enrichment workshops.

**27<sup>th</sup> Jay Johnson III (68)**



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of the University of Texas, the University of Chicago and Indiana University. He and his wife Betty are the parents of Laura and Letitia, and are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. He enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

**30<sup>th</sup> Chuck Wall, Jr. (78)**  
 Partner, R.O. Williams & Company



Born in Baton Rouge Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Lamar University. He and his wife Lois are the parents of Jennifer, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing tennis.

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