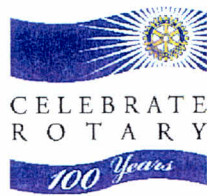
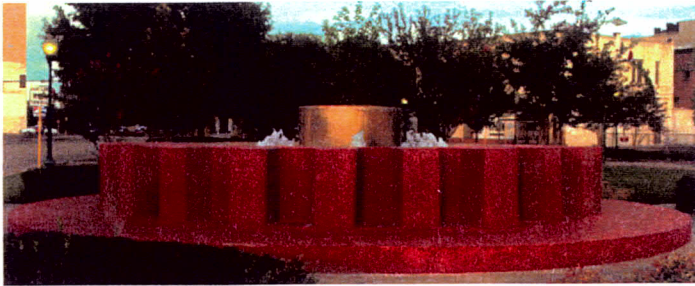


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The Wheelchair Foundation



Our club has designated April as Mobility Month and this week's program will spotlight The Wheelchair Foundation's efforts to provide all-terrain wheelchairs to those who need them around the world.

Randy Fluke designed the logo above for our campaign. Members will have the logo placed on their badges in recognition of their donations. With matching grants, a \$75 donation will purchase two wheelchairs valued at \$150 each. Our club has already provided funds for nearly 400 wheelchairs during the past

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Pictured above are Wheelchair Project Committee members **Laurie Ritchel**, **David Holstead** and Chair **David Teuscher** (in the wheelchair) at the project kick off last week.

Head Table



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April
20th Vocational Excellence Awards
27th Rotary Goes to School

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday 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.....Sanderson's

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Program Review

What a wonderful day for Rotary! We heard from Honorary Rotarian and former-former mayor, former Council-woman and "Soon to be former Mayor" **Evelyn Lord**. She was introduced by her husband of 57 years, **Sam Lord**. Even with his introduction, it appears that they will continue to be married for many years to come. A Rotary thank you to both Evelyn and Sam for their service to the Beaumont Rotary Club and to our community.

Mayor Lord has spoken to our club on several occasions, usually at the last minute when a speaker failed to show up. She was once pulled out of another meeting in the same hotel in order to cover for a speaker who at the last minute did not show. Evelyn first spoke to Beaumont Rotary thirty years ago about her experiences living in Northern Ireland. She claims that today's speech is her "Swan Song" but I doubt that that will be the case.

Mayor Lord shared with us her view and vision of how the city works and of the state of the city. She emphasized the importance of teamwork in the progress of our city. She pointed out that she and the City Council and the City Manager are a team and that they are in constant communication with each other so that no one is surprised with information that they should have known. (She did point out that meetings are, in fact, not held in elevators).

Our City Manager **Kyle Hayes** keeps everyone informed and if there are problems, they share them and solve them together. Mayor, City Council and City Manager have a great regard for the importance for letting the public know what is happening in the city and why.

The city works best when all follow the chain of command. The City Attorney, Magistrates and City Manager work for the Mayor and the City Council. Everyone else works for the City Manager.

The city officials also work as a team with the Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Council and private organizations like the Symphony and Lamar University which help make our community a better place to live.

Recognizing that regionalism is "the name of the game", our leaders work with the city of Port Arthur, other cities in our region and with the Congress in Washington D.C. and our state leaders in Austin. In today's world, regions that cooperate have a greater opportunity for success.

So, what have we accomplished in the past three years? Our Fund Balance has grown from \$9.6 million to over \$11 million because of the common sense and uncommon courage of our leaders. Mayor, Council and City Manager have had the courage to reduce the city labor force where needed and to raise taxes when necessary. In 2002 the city had 1,407 employees. Today we have 1,275, a reduction of 9.4%. We now have a balanced budget and can look forward to only a small tax decrease this year.

What would Mayor Lord recommend for the future? Cooperation between Fire, Police and EMT services, better markings on our highways, enforcement of code violations and a renovation of the Harvest Club into a multiuse facility.

She also recommends lobbying for more money from Homeland Security for our community whose Port is the fourth largest in the nation which ships more military equipment than any other port in the country and whose petrochemical industry produces 25% of the jet fuel in the nation.

Thank you Mayor Lord, for your love and service which you have given to our community!

We look forward to continuing to serve with you through Rotary and other com-

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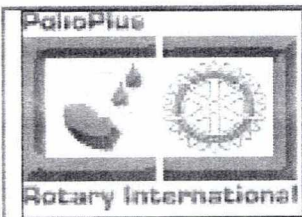


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From your Rotary Office

Badge Boxes

We wish to thank **Andrew Jay Johnson III** for his semi-annual resequencing of the badge boxes with help from Sharon. All of our badges are now in alphabetic order again. Jay chairs the Badge Box Committee and comes to the office early every Wednesday to take everything downstairs and set up for the meeting. Committee members **J.D. Landes, Norman Lee and John (Tiger) Polk** and other volunteers return the badges to the badge boxes after Sharon takes attendance. We couldn't do it without them!

Please refer to the numbered lists at the top of the badge boxes to find your new badge location. With sixteen new members since last October, you may find your badge in the next box. Please remember that the color of the numbered tag matches the badge box in which it belongs.

Leaves of Absence

If you know you will be unable to attend Rotary meetings for more than four weeks, please request a leave of absence from the Board of Directors. One of the changes adopted by the 2004 Rotary International Council on Legislation allows clubs to exclude members on approved leaves of absence from the club's active membership figure used to compute the club's monthly and annual attendance percentage.

Make Up Credit

Make up credit can count for a missed meeting if it occurs within fourteen days before or after the missed meeting. Please remember that if you notify our Rotary Office in March of a make up from January, it will not help our club's attendance percentage for either month.

Birthdays

14th Chuck Heare (96)
Vice President, Financial Advisor,
Morgan Stanley



Born in Stephenville, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janie are the parents of Emily and Ross, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys spending time with his family playing tennis and hunting.

15th S.L. Greenberg (68)
Partner,
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg, & Hunt



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Natalie are the parents of Gary, Lisa and Phyllis, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing. S.L. is a Paul Harris Fellow.

16th Bo Weinbaum III (78)
Partner,
Burriss Transfer & Storage



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Parker and Payton. He enjoys playing golf, cooking and hunting. Bo is a Paul Harris Fellow and a fourth generation Beaumont Rotarian.

19th Nancy Beaulieu (90)



Born in Lubbock, she is a graduate of Texas Tech. She and her husband **Larry** are the parents of Brad and Lara, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. She enjoys reading, Texas history and scuba diving. Nancy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

19th Luther Dobbins (04)
Executive Director,
Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club



Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he is a graduate of the University of Missouri and Yankton College. He and his wife Josette are the parents of Brad, Austin, Devin and

Aron.

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few years. All have been distributed in Mexico.

Christina Baum and Chester Jourdan will speak about their recent trips to Mexico to distribute the wheelchairs our club purchased last year. Both have photos to share with us showing the profound effect our support of this project has had on the recipients, their families and their communities.

Rotary Goes to School

We will not have a regular Rotary meeting on April 27th. Instead, we will visit kindergarten classes at every public and private school throughout Beaumont. Sign-up continues for the next two Wednesdays for members to choose their destinations (first come, first served) for Rotary Goes To School that Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:30.

Try a new school as we present a book personally printed for every kindergarten student. We need everyone to participate so that every student has a Rotarian to read to them. This is a favorite activity for all Rotarians who have participated in years past.

Please plan to join us!

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