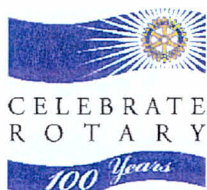
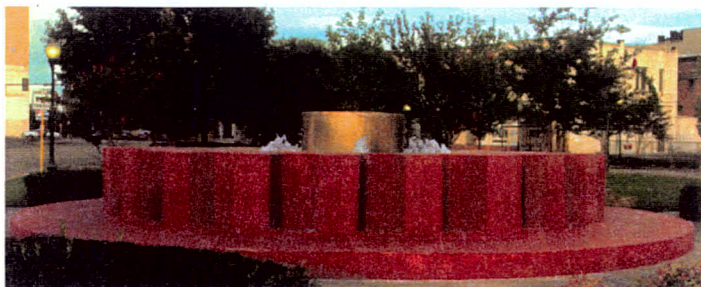


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## Mayor Evelyn Lord



Mayor Evelyn Lord will speak about our city's accomplishments over her years in office and report the latest news of our City Council.

Her fourth term in office will end next month and she is not seeking reelection.

First elected in 1990, she served 2 two-year terms. She was reelected in 2002 for another two-year term and reelected again in 2004 to an

additional one-year term.

The Mayor is looking forward to private life, although she has enjoyed serving our city for so many years.

She has been an Honorary member of our club since 1990. She and her husband **Sam** are both Paul Harris Fellows. She is a graduate of Boston University, the University of Delaware and the University of Louisville School of Law. They have five children, seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

## Head Table



INVOCATION  
**PAULA ONEAL**



PLEDGE  
**STEVE DOBLIN**



4-WAY TEST  
**SCOTT HALL**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**MELINDA MCNEELY**

*Pork Chops and Tarragon Chicken*

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**Future Programs**

April  
 13<sup>th</sup> Wheelchair Project  
 20<sup>th</sup> Vocational Excellence Awards  
 27<sup>th</sup> Rotary Goes to School

**Make-ups**

**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.....Sanderson's

**On-line:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)  
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

**Program Review**

Our speaker last week was Lamar State College - Orange sophomore Stephanie Lancaster, the Campus Coordinator for Jay Spencer's Go Centers project, who was able to step in at the last minute when Jay had an out of town emergency. Stephanie proved to be a very accomplished and informed speaker on such short notice.

She began by saying that Go Centers is an effort between Texas universities, community colleges, technical colleges and school districts to help motivate, encourage and educate high school students about the benefits of continuing their formal education after graduating high school.

She quoted current statistics that 5% of the population of Texas is enrolled in colleges and universities but, given population current growth trends and college enrollment statistics, in ten years that percentage will drop to about 4.6% unless more students continue their educations. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board wants to make sure that 300,000 more students will be enrolled in some type of higher education by the year 2015.

To accomplish this goal, the Go Centers are the foundation of the College for Texans Campaign, serving as virtual career centers and providing peer education on high school campuses throughout the state. The centers are physical work areas where high school students can go to get online information about colleges and the application process through computers with internet access. The centers

are manned by college and high school students called the G-Force. The G-Force is a network of students, concerned citizens and organizations committed to achieving the Campaign's goals by supporting Go Center efforts by displaying banners at the school, joining the Go Center network and establishing internet home pages.

The G-Force high school student teams are comprised of students with proven leadership skills who can be positive role models for their peers. They have a faculty sponsor and elect representatives.

The G-Force college students partner with each high school and are available to the high school whenever help is needed. They have lunch visits with interested students and participate in activities to encourage post-secondary education goals as well as provide information on how to apply to colleges and universities, advanced placement tests, SAT/ACT examinations and what to expect from the college experience.

Local business people are urged to host outreach lunch visits with students to discuss the importance of education in their own lives.

Currently, all of the high schools in Jefferson and Orange counties as well as Lumberton and Jasper have a Go Center on campus. Students from Lamar University, Lamar Institute of Technology, Lamar State College – Orange, Lamar State College – Port Arthur and Angelina College in Lufkin are supporting the efforts.

For more information, Stephanie directed us to visit:

[www.collegefortexans.com](http://www.collegefortexans.com).

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## Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> and approved the following action:

Resignations Accepted with Regret:

Bret Davis - business transfer  
Jay Spencer - business travel

## Rotaract



Robbie Waters, Deepthi Lingam and Beth Tindall were among the Rotaract members who volunteered to help at our recent Centennial Celebration.

Robbie and Beth are both Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. Robbie returned last year from a year studying in Spain and Beth returned this year from a year studying in Chile.



Rotaract Faculty Adviser **Donna Birdwell** hosted Rotaract members Erica Williams and Deepthi Lingam at a recent Rotary meeting.

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Our People Make the Difference

**7<sup>th</sup> Jack Crawford (01)**  
Scout Executive,  
Boy Scouts of America



Born in Gainesville, Georgia, he is a graduate of the University of Georgia. He and his wife Carleen are members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He enjoys historic preservation.

## Good News!

Congratulations to **Guy Goodson** for being named 2005 Leadership Beaumont Distinguished Alumnus honoree. Other Rotarians who have previously received the award are **Kyle Hayes, Maurine Gray, Bessie Chisum, Evelyn Lord** and the late **Mike Bradford**.

Congratulations to **Danny Babineaux** for receiving the Distinguished Alumnus award from Lamar Institute of Technology.

Congratulations to **Walt Snider** for earning his fifth degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do last month.

## District Conference

This year's District Conference will be held Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in Texas City.

All Rotarians are invited to attend all three days or just Saturday.

Contact Alexine in the Rotary office for details.

## Birthdays

**9<sup>th</sup> Lois Ann Stanton (87)**  
Executive Vice President - Trust,  
Texas State Bank

Born in Charleston, West Virginia, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Robert are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing, her dogs and being pampered at the spa. Lois Ann is a Paul Harris Fellow.



**10<sup>th</sup> Sam Lord, Jr. (89)**  
Retired



Born in Rockland, Maine, he is a graduate of Tufts University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He and his wife **Evelyn** are the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Victoria and William, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys gardening, Goodwill and volunteer activities. Sam is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**11<sup>th</sup> Emelie Irving (98)**  
Executive Director,  
Southeast Texas Food Bank



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Robert are the parents of Jessie and Jade, and are members of First Baptist Church. She enjoys running.

## Condolences

**Kathleen Jackson's** husband Tom passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.



**CHISUM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT** Congratulates  
**District Governor-Elect Nominee**  
**Chuck Mason**