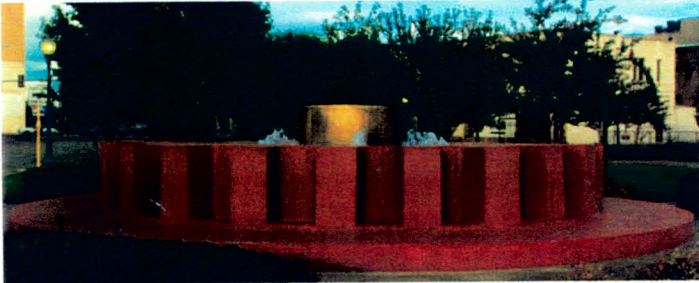


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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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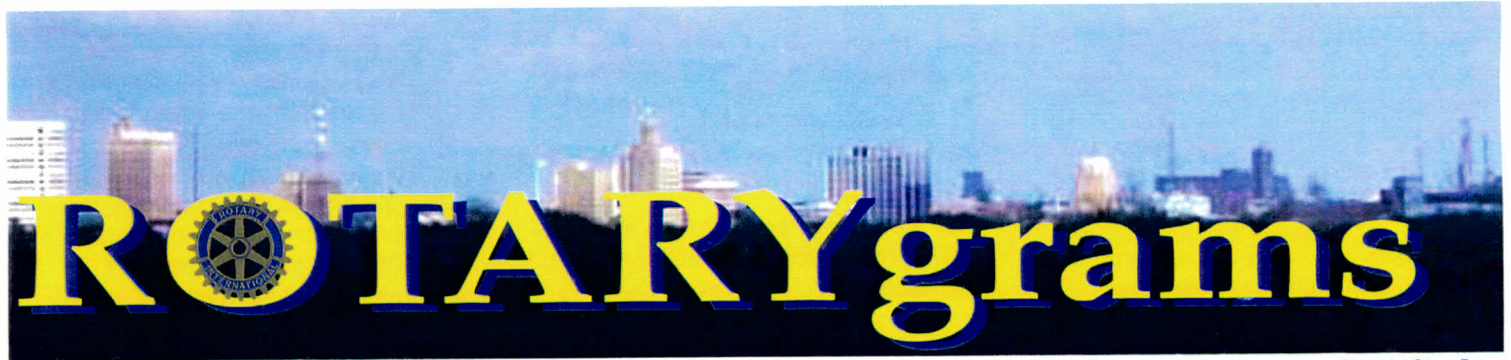


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Lori Preston - All Saints School



Lori Preston is a native of Kansas where she started her degree in Education at Kansas State University, graduating with honors in both her undergraduate and graduate programs at Lamar University in Beaumont.

Lori served as a public school elementary teacher for Beaumont Independent School District for eight years before she became the youngest principal in the state of Texas in 1994.

For three years she was principal of Bancroft Elementary School in Orange, Texas. She became the Director of Cur-

riculum for the district and also taught as an adjunct professor at Lamar University.

Lori served as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools for five years before becoming the Head of All Saints Episcopal School in Beaumont in May of 2003. She now proudly leads this Beaumont private school, celebrating its fiftieth year in 2004 with an enrollment of over 375 students from age three to grade eight.

The loves in her life include the students and families she serves, her adventurous husband John, fifteen year old stepson Paul and three year old son, Alexander.

Head Table



INVOCATION
EMILIE IRVING



PLEDGE
TOBY CASTRO



4-WAY TEST
RIX GAREY



GUEST INTRODUCTION
ROBERT THOMPSON

From the chef: Your Choice!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

**This week's meeting will be held at the
 Entergy Cafeteria on the first floor of Edison Plaza in downtown Beaumont
 No meal tickets!
 Each member pays for his/her own lunch in the cafeteria line
 See map on page 3 for parking instructions**



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The Edison Museum in downtown Beaumont will benefit from the sale of the Edison Commemorative Coin.

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 Orange.....Sunset Grove
 Port Neches.....Pompano Club
Wednesday:
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Thursday:
 Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69
Friday:
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 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

Program Review

District 5910 Governor Emken Linton began his remarks by acknowledging the Rotary Club of Beaumont's contributions to the community throughout its 91 year history. He also commented on our abundance of leadership, mentioning President **Maurine**, Assistant Governors **Roger McCabe** and **Chuck Mason** and District Administrator **Alexine Boutin**.

He encouraged us to reach and touch people by matching our talents with the needs of our community and the world.

He and RI President Glenn Estess are emphasizing four areas of concentration.

- * Health Concerns
- * Water Management
- * Literacy
- * Family of Rotary

They encourage each club to adopt a project in the local community and an international project in each area.

Rotary will continue to work toward the total elimination of Polio. Our club pledged \$21,000 of the \$272,000 total pledged for District 5910. This success is due to a worthy goal and dedicated individuals.

Texas immunization rates are among the lowest in the county. He asked us to work with local health agencies to improve immunization rates.

Although we are blessed to have potable water, approximately 6,000 children die every day throughout the world from impure water. We can help provide clean drinking water for a community and work to clean up local beaches, lakes, and streams.

One of three people worldwide can't read or write. Renee McCabe, Roger's daughter-in-law, will speak to us September 15th to discuss Books for Africa, an opportunity to spread the joy of reading.

The lives of Governor Emken and his wife Sherilyn have been enriched by the people and projects of Rotary. Knowing that Rotary takes time and commitment, we are encouraged to include our families in projects, socials and special events.

On February 23, 2005 all Rotarians will celebrate Rotary International's 100th Anniversary. Rotary's Centennial Year offers many celebration opportunities. Our District's Centennial Group Study Exchange team will travel to Mexico next April. The Centennial District Conference will be held May 20 - 22, 2005 in Texas City. The Centennial International Convention is in Chicago June 18 - 22, 2005 where it all began. It's an exciting year!

Governor Emken closed by stating, "The best days of Rotary lay ahead. The future lies in the hearts and hands of Rotary members. Celebrate Rotary!"



(Right to left) Governor Emken and his wife Sherilyn presented an inscribed copy of *A Century of Service*, Rotary International's centennial history book to be donated to the Beaumont Public Library with Becky and Chuck Mason looking on.

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RI Centennial Minute

"(Benjamin) Franklin was the consummate networker. He liked to mix his civic life with his social one, and he merrily leveraged both to further his business life. This approach was displayed when he formed a club of young workingmen in the fall of 1727, that was commonly called the Leather Apron Club and officially dubbed the Junto.

"Franklin's small club was composed of enterprising tradesmen and artisans, rather than the social elite who had their own fancier gentlemen's clubs. At first, the members went to a local tavern for their Friday evening meetings, but soon they were able to rent a house of their own. There they discussed issues of the day, debated philosophical topics, devised schemes for self-improvement, and formed a network for the furtherance of their own careers.

"The enterprise was typical of Franklin, who seemed ever eager to organize clubs and associations for mutual benefit, and it was also typically American. As the nation developed a shop-keeping middle class, its people balanced their individualist streaks with a propensity to form clubs, lodges, associations, and fraternal orders. Franklin epitomized this Rotarian urge and has remained, after more than two centuries, a symbol of it."

Walter Isaacson, Author,
"Benjamin Franklin, An American Life",
Pages 55-56

Benjamin Franklin (in July 1727) epitomized the Rotarian urge? I wonder if Paul Harris knew this when Paul first met with his three friends in 1905.

I recently read the biography *Benjamin Franklin, An American Life*, by Walter Isaacson (Simon & Schuster) and was amazed as I compared Franklin with Rotary's Founder Paul P. Harris.

Their lives were adventurous and heroic with each cramming dozens of lives into one. Both were world travelers, who were witty, interesting, intelligent and effective.

The tone Ben Franklin set for his Junto meetings (285 years ago) was truly earnest. Initiates were required to stand, lay their hand on their breast, and answer properly four questions:

1. Do you have disrespect for any current member?
2. Do you love mankind in general regardless of religion or profession?
3. Do you feel people should ever be punished because of their opinions or mode of worship?
4. Do you love and pursue truth for its own sake?

Wow! Was that an early four way test? Uncanny!

Aren't the similarities between the Junto and Rotary wonderful? Franklin and Harris led larger than life lives and were truly worldwide heroes.

Edward "Eddie" Blender
Director,
Rotary's Global History Fellowship
www.RotaryHistoryFellowship.org

Birthdays

5th Buzz Kiker (70)
General Manager,
Bill Clark Pest Control



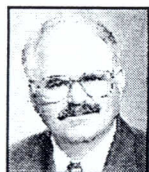
Born in Fannett, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Diane, Bill, Laura and Robert. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, raising beef cattle and his grandkids.

7th Shiv Bagri (92)
Associate Branch Manager,
Met Life

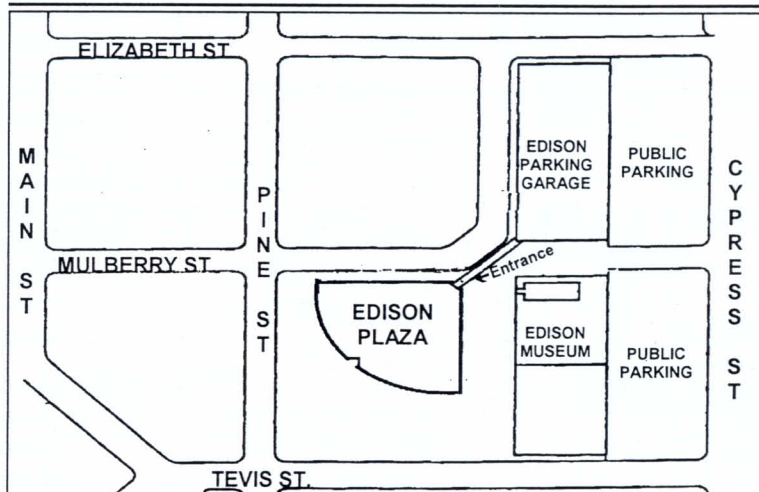


Born in India, he is a graduate of San Diego State University. He and his wife Kashi are the parents of Amola and Anita, both of whom are physicians. He enjoys playing bridge, tennis and ping-pong and travel.

7th Terry Whiddon (93)
Shareholder,
Funchess, Mills, White & Co.



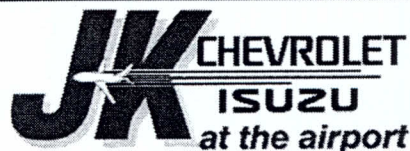
Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Ginger and Will, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing, playing golf and hunting.



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