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Rick Adams - Texas Wildcatters



Richard W. Adams was President/CEO of the East Coast Hockey League for eight seasons. Adams also previously served as Vice President of Business Operations for the ECHL during the 1994-95 season.

In 1999, Adams was named to Street & Smith's Sports Business Journal Forty Under 40 list. The 40 sports executives under the age of 40 were chosen from more than 300 nominees based upon their current achievements and what the selection panel felt they could achieve in the future.

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Musical Program



We are privileged to welcome two young area musicians who will entertain us before the meeting is called to order this week.

Donna Alvarez, 16, began the study of violin when she was in the seventh grade at Austin Middle School.

She attended the Philadelphia Orchestra String Camp in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania in the summer of 2004 on scholarship.

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Head Table



INVOCATION
BESSIE CHISUM



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DAN WARD



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
MARY RANDALL

Chef's Choice



Tax laws for vehicle donations change on January 1, 2005. Donate your vehicle now for maximum tax advantage.

Special thanks to our Rotarians who helped with the Veterans Day Flag Project!

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December

8th Jimmy Simmons and Friends
 15th Holiday Party
 22nd & 29th NO MEETINGS

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
 (except 11/30/04 and 2/22/05)

Wednesday:

Groves Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland Sanderson's

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

Program Review

State Senator Tommy Williams, who had been scheduled to speak before the club, was forced to cancel when his father was scheduled for major surgery. The club extends its best wishes to the Senator and his family.

With recent television and newspaper coverage about financial woes at Boy's Haven, it was a timely program delivered by the executive director of that facility, Donna Turchi. Her presentation gave the membership a clear idea of the services Boy's Haven offers its clients, and the financial situation that has garnered them recent publicity.

Since its establishment in 1945, more than 1,500 boys have come through the doors at Boy's Haven. Coming from troubled family situations the minimum stay at the facility is one year with the average being eighteen to twenty-four months. Boy's haven provides basic care and, when needed, intervention services, weekly counseling sessions, and twelve step programs all designed with the intent of bringing a sense of normalcy to the boy's lives.

Seen as a preventive measure, keeping the boys out of the criminal justice system, the cost to house each boy averages \$25,000

per year. Ms. Turchi pointed out that this compares very favorably with the \$42,000 per year it costs to house a boy within the Texas Youth Commission system. Families do contribute financially based on their ability to pay, but no boy is turned away because his family cannot contribute.

The troubled financial picture for Boy's Haven is a result of shrinking income sources and rising costs. Ms. Turchi gave a detailed explanation of some of the steps they are taking to address the situation with their immediate goal being to raise \$600,000 by December 2005 to cover two years of operating expenses.

With support from the Boy's Haven Foundation dwindling, the organization is actively seeking way to enhance income. Some of the measures they have been discussing including leasing part of the 100 acre tract on which the facility sits. Proposed usage might include cell phone towers or a baseball park designed for athletes with disabilities.

Ms. Turchi concluded by asking the members to involve themselves in the dialogue about Boy's Haven and pass along any ideas they might have that would aid the organization.

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Adams is managing partner of RBC Sports which has ownership of five minor league teams - Cincinnati, Johnstown and Southeast Texas in the ECHL and Long Beach and Ontario in the West Coast Hockey League.

During his nine seasons with the ECHL, the ECHL has grown from 18 to 31 members and in 2002-03 will celebrate its 15th Anniversary Season with 27 teams in 14 states taking the ice. Under his leadership, the league established ECHL Properties LLC, which has developed relationships with more than 180 corporate partners. ECHL Properties has also developed a national licensing program resulting in retail sales in excess of \$19 million.

In 2003-04, the ECHL will welcome new members in Anchorage, Alaska; Bakersfield, California; Boise, Idaho; Fresno, California; Gwinnett County, Georgia; Las Vegas, Nevada; Long Beach, California; San Diego, California and Beaumont, Texas. The ECHL also has teams in Jacksonville,

Florida; New Orleans, Louisiana; Ontario, California; and Reno, Nevada giving it a national presence with 40 teams in 19 states.

Under Adams' direction, the ECHL has prospered with over four million fans passing through the turnstiles last season. During the past nine seasons, attendance in the ECHL has increased by more than 110 percent.

On the ice, 23 of 30 National Hockey League teams will develop players with ECHL affiliates in 2002-03. Last season, 83 ECHL alumni played in the NHL and there have been 192 ECHL players that have advanced to the NHL in the past 14 seasons.

Adams earned a bachelor's degree from UCLA and a juris doctorate from Rutgers University School of Law. Prior to joining the ECHL, Adams worked with the Philadelphia Flyers of the NHL and the Spokane Chiefs of the WHL.

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Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, November 16th, and approved the following:

New Member:

Jim Bass
Senior Pastor
Wesley United Methodist Church
"Religion - Methodist"
Proposed by **Steve Lucas**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, December 3rd, the candidate listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Paul Harris Fellow



Ryan Harkey was introduced as our newest Paul Harris Fellow at last week's meeting. A member since July 2002, he is a Partner at Pollans & Cohen.

Ryan is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Ronda live in Silsbee.

Congratulations on reaching this Rotary milestone, Ryan!

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Currently a member of the Southeast Texas Youth Symphony and a junior at West Brook High School where she is concertmistress of the school orchestra, she studies with Rodica Weber in Houston. Donna is the daughter of Mrs. Connie Matte of Beaumont.

Samuel Gaskin, 13, a student of the Seton Home Study School, studies organ and piano with Hugh Thompson at Thompson Studio of Music in Beaumont and performs as featured pianist with the Beaumont Ballet Theatre.

He has received numerous awards and recognition in young artist piano competitions in the Houston and Dallas area.

He has received organ scholarships from First United Methodist Church and St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Beaumont and has participated in the summer organ institute at Baylor University. He was the second place Division winner of the MTNA Junior Piano Competition in 2004.

Samuel is the son of Barton and Masako Gaskin of Beaumont.

Birthdays

3rd Louis Beard (63)

Partner,
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt



Born in Beaumont, he is a 1943 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Carrie Marie are the parents of Rebecca, Robert and Bonnie, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf. Louis is a Paul Harris Fellow.

4th Lauren Brooks (01)

Partner,
Brooks, Applegate & Wickland



Born in Fort Worth, She is a graduate of Lamar University. Lauren is married to Kevin, and enjoys gardening, cooking, canning and crochet. Lauren is a Paul Harris Fellow.

4th Jim Fuller (94)

Senior Pastor,
Calder Baptist Church



Born in Muncie, Indiana, he is a graduate of Illinois State University, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Jo Baker are the parents of Jennifer and Jessica, and are members of Calder Baptist Church.

5th Don DeMartino (03)

President,
DDM Marketing & Consulting



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he 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.

6th Chad Blanchard (02)

General Manager,
Munro's Uniform Services



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Chelle are the parents of Beau and Katie, and are members of St Mary's Catholic Church of Fannett. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

6th Fred Kristiansen (74)

Production Control Manager,
Eastham Forge



Born in Chicago, Illinois, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Kimberly and Kristin, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys softball, tennis and the beach. Fred is a Paul Harris Fellow.

6th Brenda Nichols (01)

Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Lamar University



Born in Henderson, Kentucky, she is a graduate of the University of Evansville and Indiana University. She and her husband Harry are the parents of David, Christopher and Andrew. She enjoys reading, riding horses and traveling.

6th Jolene Ortego (95)

P.R. Director/Communications,
Beaumont Independent School District



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Southwest Louisiana and Lamar University. She and her husband Dale are the parents of Dale Jr., Leah and Bobby, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. She enjoys playing tennis, reading, theater and old movies.

6th Robert Turner (02)

President,
JK Chevrolet-Isuzu



Born in Marshall, he and his wife Michelle are the parents of Daylyn, Robert, Kyle and Mycah, and are members of Antioch Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and horseback riding.

Save the Date December 15, 2004

The Rotary Holiday Party will be held at noon Wednesday, December 15th at the Beaumont Country Club. Sign up sheets will be in the front hall before and after the next two meetings.

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