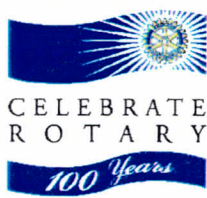


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## Jimmy Simmons and Friends



**Jimmy Simmons**, President of Lamar University, will present a "holiday musical milieu" at this week's meeting.

He will be joined by fellow Lamar musicians Dr. Raul Ornelas, Sarah Parmer and Betsy Hines (wife of **Earl Hines**), as well as fellow Rotarians from the audience.

## Roster

Your Rotary office staff is busy finalizing the new club roster which will be published and distributed in January.

We will use the photos published in this newsletter with the birthdays unless you have a new one for us to scan or want Sharon to take a new one for you.

Please let us know if you have had any recent changes in the following information: name, spouse's name, employer, job title, business contact (address, phone, fax, cell phone), home contact (address, phone, fax, cell phone) or email address.

Thanks!

## Head Table



INVOCATION  
**MIKE IRLAND**



PLEDGE  
**JEFF NOBLE**



4-WAY TEST  
**RODNEY MARTIN**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**STEVE MCGRADE**

*Chef's Choice*



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

## Holiday Party December 15, 2004

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

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**Future Programs**

December  
15<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)  
(limit 3 times in each quarter)

**Program Review**

Last week's speaker was Richard Adams, President of the Texas Wildcaters Hockey team and former president/CEO of the East Coast Hockey League which is now the East Coast/West Coast Hockey league.

He began by telling us some stories of some of the other arenas where his teams have played and their trials and tribulations with rats, raccoons and failing roofs and bricks. Makes problems at Ford Park seem easy to deal with.

Rick shared with us his excitement to be in Beaumont with the team and their long term commitment (an 18-year lease sounds pretty good to me).

He also reminded us of how important it is for the owners to have the team and management involved in the life of our community. Over the past year they have given thousands of dollars and merchandise to the support of the life of our community.

He talked about what the word "attendance" means both in real life and in professional sports. One would think it means the same, but. . .

Rick is committed to both a successful and honest business in our community.

Let's support our professional Hockey team!

**Ambassadorial Scholars**

We are pleased to announce that our 2005-06 Ambassadorial Scholar nominee has received official acceptance by Rotary International.

Jenny Achilles is a graduate of Lamar University with a degree in communications and is currently pursuing a graduate degree in journalism at the University of Texas - Austin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Achilles of Beaumont.

While at Lamar Jenny was active in the Lamar Honors Program, serving as president and chairing the events, campus awareness and community service committees.

She also served as a Lamar Ambassador, and a Peer Advisor and a Senior Peer Advisor with the Lamar Office of Student Affairs.

She was awarded the Otho Plummer Award for high female GPA, a Study Abroad scholarship to Spain, the McMasters Honors Scholarship and the Charles and Susan Gordon Scholarship.

Jenny will spend her year studying at the Universidad Centroamericana or the Universidad Catolica de Occidente in El Salvador.

Our 2003-04 Ambassadorial Scholar Beth Tindall returns this month from her year studying at the Universidad de Chile in Santiago, Chile. She is from Nome and is a graduate of Lamar University

Our 2004-05 Ambassadorial Scholar Brandon Still is currently studying at University College in Cork, Ireland. Brandon will return to Lamar University next fall to complete his degree in business management. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Still of Beaumont.

RI's Ambassadorial Scholarship provides up to \$25,000 to cover expenses for students to study internationally and serve as Rotary Ambassadors for one academic year. Applications will be available early next year on the [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) website and from your Rotary office.

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## Action of the 2004 Council on Legislation of Rotary International

The Council on Legislation, the legislative body of Rotary International, has the authority to amend the constitutional documents of RI and meets every three years to consider proposed amendments. Every RI district in the world is represented in the Council and our district was represented this year by PDG Vardaman Johnson of Lufkin.

Some of the approved amendments to the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Manual of Procedure (available for review in our Rotary office) include:

**Extended Absence on Outposted Assignment.** If a member will be working on an outposted assignment for an extended period of time, attendance at the meetings of a designated club at the site of the assignment will replace attendance at the meetings of the member's club, provided there is a mutual agreement between the two clubs.

**Attendance Records of Members with Excused Absences:** A member's absence shall be excused if the absence complies with the conditions and under the circumstances approved by the (club's) board. The board may excuse a member's absence for reasons which it considers to be good and sufficient. Any member whose absences are excused (by the board) shall not be included in the membership figure used to compute this club's attendance nor shall such absences or attendances be used for that purpose.

**Additional Qualification for President-Elect:** If the president-elect does not attend the presidents-elect training seminar and the district assembly, has not been excused by the governor-elect and, so excused, does not send a designated club representative in his place, he shall not be able to serve as club president.

**Membership:** An active member moving

**8<sup>th</sup> Evelyn Lord (90)**  
Mayor,  
City of Beaumont



Born in Melrose, Massachusetts, she is a graduate of Boston University, the University of Delaware and the University of Louisville School of Law. She and her husband **Sam** are the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Victoria and William, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Evelyn is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**10<sup>th</sup> Dan Ward (03)**  
Vice President,  
ICU Environmental, Health & Safety



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife Diane are the parents of Danielle and Holly, and are members of St. Therese, The Little Flower Catholic Church. He enjoys playing baseball and golf, coaching girls' softball and camping.

**13<sup>th</sup> Henry Strait (88)**  
President,  
Southeast Texas Water Conditioning



Born in Russellville, Kentucky, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Fran are the parents of Harvey, April and

from the locality of the club or the surrounding area may retain membership in the club where the member's board grants such permission and said active member continues to meet all conditions of club membership.

**Eligibility for Honorary Membership:** Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals, and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause, may be elected to honorary membership in this club.

## Birthdays

Matthew, and are members of St. Anthony Cathedral. He enjoys flying and baseball.

**15<sup>th</sup> Gary Marks (03)**  
General Manager,  
Twin City Motors



Born in Orange, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Jinx are the parents of Dameon. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing.

**17<sup>th</sup> Richard Bothel (03)**  
Executive Director,  
Continuing & Distance Education,  
Lamar University



Born in Canton, Ohio, he is a graduate of Butler University and Ball State University. He and his wife Lillian are the parents of Jamie, Jennifer and Jonathon. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, nature watching and paddling. Richard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**18<sup>th</sup> Robert Peavey (00)**  
President,  
Pumptex



Born in Beaumont, he and his wife Dana are the parents of Kaitlin and Marlie. He enjoys scuba diving, paintball, fishing and spending time with his

family.

**18<sup>th</sup> John Quigley (83)**  
Partner,  
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Loyola University, Roosevelt University, and the University of Houston Law School. He and his wife Andy are the parents of Ann Marie, Kate and Mandy. He enjoys playing tennis and chess, fantasy football and playing with his grandchildren. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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