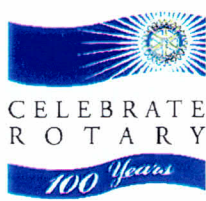


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### T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics

Committee Chair **Charlie Weinbaum, Jr.** announced at last week's meeting that nominations will be accepted for this year's T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics. Nomination forms were available at the meeting or by request from the Rotary office.

An annual tradition since 1996, the Award is named in honor of the late T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. who served as 1942-43 President of our club and as 1951-52 District Governor. It is presented to a Beaumont Rotarian who consistently exhibits the highest ethical standards represented by the Rotary Four-Way Test in his or her chosen profession.

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### Cindy Fertitta, Family Services

Cindy Fertitta, training specialist with Family Services of Southeast Texas, will speak on the programs her organization implements in the schools as well as training and outreach efforts in the six-county region it serves.

Cindy is a graduate of Forest Park High School and attended Lamar University. She is the chairman of Port Arthur Family Pathfinders Advisory Council and co-chair of the Jefferson County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. She also serves on several boards throughout the region. She has one daughter.

### Head Table



INVOCATION  
**FRANK ALLEGRIA**



PLEDGE  
**Marlene Crawley**

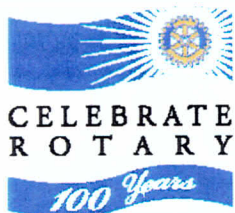


4-WAY TEST  
**LUTHER DOBBINS**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**STEVE MCGRADE**

*Spaghetti with meat sauce & Chicken Parmesan*



The 10 Rotary Clubs of Jefferson and Orange County are hosting the  
 Rotary International Centennial Celebration  
 Beaumont Civic Center  
 Wednesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Tickets (\$25 each) will be available at all Rotary meetings

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**Future Programs**

**February**

9<sup>th</sup> Roger McCabe - The Rotary  
 International Foundation  
 16<sup>th</sup> T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award

**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**

**Marvin Dunnam**, whose daughter, Lori, was murdered by her ex-husband about five years ago, brought us an emotional program on domestic violence Wednesday.

He spoke first and then introduced Cindy Porter, program director of the Jefferson County Victims' Assistance Center.

"I'm not the only member of this club who has had to pick out a casket and headstone for the burial of his child," Marvin told us, "but it was the hardest thing I've ever had to do." He said that many people think domestic violence does not affect people like those of us who are members of this Rotary Club – "but it happens in every economic segment, every race and every religion."

Lori, 24 at the time of her death, had left her husband after repeated beatings. But, Cindy Porter said, that time of leaving is sometimes the most dangerous. Threatened with a loss of control over the victim, the perpetrator will sometimes escalate the violence beyond previous levels.

Marvin's brother actually discovered Lori's body after she had been missing for 10 days. Marvin said his brother still has nightmares about that day.

"Why am I sharing these personal things with you," he asked, "because we all, judges, lawyers and others, must see to it that these violators are punished, not paroled or given deferred adjudication." Lori's killer had been convicted of a previous attack on her but the judge allowed him to be free except on weekends. During his free time, he bought a gun and committed other crimes, eventually including murder.

Cindy said that the Victim's Assistance Office was formed in 1991 in order to solve a problem that then existed, a lack of cooperation among the various agencies, including the police and district attorney's office.

With the strong support of District Attorney Tom Maness, a task force made up of representatives from all relevant agencies was formed to recommend a solution and Cindy's organization is the result. Not that the problem is solved.

She told us that there were 4,189 domestic violence calls made last year and three homicides. Her office provided assistance last year to more than 1,100 people. About 95% of the victims are women, but children are often hurt as well, both directly and indirectly. Cindy told us that one local man broke the necks of his children's pet rabbits – in front of them – to show them what could happen to them if they did not do what he wanted.

Part of her job is education, teaching women and children how best to respond to abuse. Children must be taught that it is usually better to call 911 than to try to interfere physically in an adult dispute, she said, adding that women are taught to avoid certain rooms in the house – a kitchen because of knives and stoves – a bathroom because of a lack of exits.

As Marvin and Cindy spoke, there was none of the chit chat or laughter which is often an undercurrent during our meetings. This was not a pleasant topic but it was one we need to be aware of and Marvin and Cindy have the credentials to make it very real and very disturbing.

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Past recipients of the Award are:

- Tom Lamb, Jr.**
- Benny Hughes, Jr.**
- Lum Edwards, Jr.**
- Doug Steinman, Jr.**
- Dan Hallmark**
- Bobbie Applegate**
- Floyd McSpadden**
- Charlie Weinbaum, Jr.**

For forms or more information, contact Alexine ([rotarybmt1@yahoo.com](mailto:rotarybmt1@yahoo.com) or 842-1913). Forms may be sent by email, fax (842-5613) or dropped off at the Rotary office by 11:00 this Wednesday morning.

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# Fellowship Opportunities

From time to time during the year, your Board of Directors designates events as fellowship opportunities for our members. Everyone is invited to two such events coming up soon.

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

**Mike McMullen** is hosting a Board Social to celebrate Ethan Allen Home Furnishings' 72 Years of Style from 5:00 until 9:00 in the evening.

There will be food and wine, live music, a chocolate fountain, featured artisans and drawings for gift certificates.

Many of you attended the Board Social hosted by **Sharen Kirksey** at Ethan Allen a year or so ago and remember what a pleasant evening that was. There will be a Rotary sign in sheet for make up credit. Please plan to attend.

Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

**Paula Bothe** has made arrangements for Rotarians to get group rate tickets for the world famous Harlem Globetrotters appearing at the Montagne Center at Lamar University.

Bring your camera because our group is invited to enter the doors early to attend a pre-game Photo Session at 12:00 noon, followed by a session of Globetrotter University. This is an exclusive opportunity to interact with some of these world-class athletes. The game begins at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$17 and \$11 (\$4 off regular ticket prices) and a block of seats has been reserved for Rotarians. Contact Paula at Four Alarm Productions for tickets, phone 839-4475, fax 833-6963 or [ruth@fouralarmproductions.com](mailto:ruth@fouralarmproductions.com).

# Birthdays

**1<sup>st</sup> Smythe Shepherd (39)**

Retired  
Shepherd's Uniform & Linen Supply



Born in Beaumont, he attended Texas A&M University and Industrial Engineering in Illinois. He and his wife Dolores are members of Trinity United

Methodist Church. He is the father of Anne and Bill. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing. Smythe is our club's most senior member in Rotary years, having joined on April 5, 1939, and he is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**4<sup>th</sup> Arthur Martin (98)**

Commercial Escrow Officer,  
Jefferson County Title Company



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Carolyn are the parents of Matthew and Christopher. He enjoys computers,

classic cars & physical fitness.

**5<sup>th</sup> Scott Cook (91)**

Owner,  
Scott C. Cook & Associates



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Genie are the parents of Carson and Lilly Kathryn, and are members of Trinity

United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling, playing racquetball and fishing.

**8<sup>th</sup> Steve Doblin (01)**

Provost and Vice President  
for Academic Affairs,  
Lamar University



Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama. He and his wife Suzye are the parents of Jeff, and are members of Temple

Emanuel. He enjoys running and playing bridge.

**8<sup>th</sup> Larry Walker (86)**

Vice President/General Manager,  
Automatic Pump & Equipment



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Beverly are the parents of Ronnie and Kim, and are members of First

Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and farming.

## Good News!

**Ed Edson** is a proud new grandfather!

His first grandchild, William Bradford Bryan, was born on January 8<sup>th</sup> in Boston, Massachusetts to Ashley and Tab Bryan.

Ashley attended several Rotary meetings with Ed when she worked at Lamar University. She has been an account executive with the Boston Celtics since moving there about a year ago.

Ed hopes to travel north after the snow melts to meet his grandson but until then he has lots of photos to show everyone. Congratulations, Ed!

## Thanks!

Thank you, **David Gaultney** and **Janet Walker**, for videotaping an interview with one of our Ambassadorial Scholar candidates who will be studying in Africa when the District interviews are conducted in April and **Russ Schultz** for making the facilities at the Lamar University television studio available to us.

### ROSTER

We are preparing the new Club Roster. If any of your contact information has changed recently or if you want us to use a new photo, please contact the Rotary Office.

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