

Published by the
 Rotary Club of Beaumont USPS 471-700
 Subscription price \$5.00 per year
 Periodicals postage paid at Beaumont, Texas
 Published weekly, except for Christmas week,
 New Years week & two unspecified
 non-meeting weeks.
 POSTMASTER: send address changes to
 Beaumont Hilton, Suite 213
 2355 IH-10 South
 Beaumont, TX 77705



Periodical
 POSTAGE
 Paid at
 Beaumont, TX

HOMECOMING 2005

LAMAR UNIVERSITY
**JIMMY
 SIMMONS
 & FRIENDS**

Concert • Feb. 25
 Tickets • 880-7733
 www.lamar.edu



Photo by Steve Buser

A Publication of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas - Club 72

Vol. 94 No. 31, February 23, 2005



The ten Rotary Clubs of Jefferson and Orange Counties proudly host our Rotary Centennial Celebration at the Beaumont Civic Center this week.

The following is excerpted from the Rotary website (www.rotary.org).

The Rotary Timeline

1905 Attorney Paul P. Harris of Chicago, Illinois, envisions a new kind of group for professionals to cultivate business ties and develop friendships. On the evening of Wednesday, February 23rd, he invites three friends to a meeting and plants the seeds of the world's oldest and most prestigious service club organization.

As the club continues to meet and add to its ranks, meetings rotate among members' offices and the group begins to call itself the Rotary Club of Chicago.

1907 A simple donation of a horse for a local doctor was Rotary's first act of community service. Shortly after, Rotary began its commitment to humanitarian service by coordinating efforts to construct a public lavatory. As the club continues to grow, it widens its scope beyond the professional and social interests of its members; civic service

takes a more prominent role in club activities. "In common with my fellow members, I had learned to place emphasis on the giving rather than the getting," Paul Harris would later write. The ideals of Rotary begin to resonate outside Chicago, and by 1908 a second Rotary club in San Francisco, California, is chartered.

1910 At 16 clubs and 1,800 members, Rotary is rapidly expanding throughout the United States. The "National Association of Rotary Clubs of America" holds its first convention in Chicago, where it elects Paul Harris president. But this association does not remain "national" for long; in November, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, forms and within two years becomes the first Rotary club officially chartered outside of the U.S., transforming Rotary into an international organization of clubs.

1911 At the 1911 convention in Portland, Oregon, Chesley R. Perry, Rotary's first general secretary, reads a speech containing the phrase "he profits

(Continued on page 2)

Our speaker will be Dr. Mouzon Biggs, Jr., a former member and director of the Rotary Club of Beaumont while he served as minister of Trinity United Methodist Church during the 1970s. He has been Senior Minister at Boston Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, since September, 1980.



Thanks to all the officers and members of the Rotary Clubs of Vidor, Port Neches, Port Arthur, Orange, North Port Arthur, Nederland, Groves, Bridge City, Beaumont Spindletop and Beaumont for their efforts on behalf of and support for this historic celebration!

ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT OFFICERS

Maurine Gray President
 Terry Bourdier President-Elect
 Allison Golias Vice President, Programs
 Carol Flatten Secretary
 Bobbie Applegate Treasurer
 Lee Freeland Sergeant at Arms
 Lois Ann Stanton Past President, Advisor

DIRECTORS

Bobbie Applegate Budget & Finance
 Danny Babineaux Family of Rotary
 Paula Bothe Community Service
 Travis Brewer Centennial Project
 Jim Broussard, Jr. Inter-Club Relationships
 Marvin Dunnam Fellowship
 Carol Flatten Membership
 Roy Huckaby International Service
 Becky Mason Youth Service
 Carole Reeves Camp Enterprise
 Jim Rich Membership
 Robert Turner Fellowship

BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION, INC.

Terry Bourdier
 Maurine Gray
 Azim Keramati
 David Gaultney
 Benny Hughes
 Floyd McSpadden

Bessie Chisum, RotaryGram Committee Chair

Alexine Boutin, Executive Director
 Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 409-842-1913 • Fax: 409-842-5613
 rotarybmt1@yahoo.com
 Meets Wednesdays at Noon
 Elegante' Hotel • International Ballroom

Future Programs

March

2nd No meeting
 4th Camp Enterprise at the Holy Family Retreat Center

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
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

(Continued from page 1)

most who serves best". Later, Rotarians also begin to use the phrase "Service, not Self". These slogans form the roots of both of the official Rotary mottoes: Service Above Self, and He Profits Most Who Serves Best. The National Rotarian magazine (later, The Rotarian) is launched, with Perry serving as editor. Rotary begins to cross the Atlantic, and within two years there are clubs in Great Britain and Ireland.

Editor's note:

1913 With encouragement from the Rotary Club of Houston, the Rotary Club of Beaumont holds its first meeting on February 25, 1913. It is chartered as the 72nd Rotary club on June 1, 1913. It helps form Rotary clubs in Port Arthur in 1915, Orange in 1919, Nacogdoches in 1921, Liberty in 1925, Woodville in 1938, West Beaumont and South Park Beaumont in 1951 (which combine in 2000 to become the Beaumont Spindletop club) and Port Neches in 1953. These clubs in turn help form Rotary clubs in Center in 1925, Dayton in 1926, Bridge City in 1944, Groves in 1955, Nederland and North Port Arthur in 1961, Vidor in 1974 and Fredonia in 1978.

1916 With World War I raging in Europe, Rotarians from Britain, Canada and the U.S. donate money to aid relief efforts and care for refugees. Elsewhere, Rotary continues to thrive. The Rotary Club of Havana, Cuba, is chartered, becoming the first non-English speaking club. Two years later, businessmen in Montevideo, Uruguay, set up the first Rotary club in South America.

1919 The Rotary Club of Manila, Philippines, is chartered, launching the dissemination of Rotary throughout Asia. Within two years there are Rotary clubs in Calcutta, India, Shanghai, China, and Tokyo, Japan. As World War I comes to a close, continental Europe opens its doors to Rotary, and soon clubs in France, Germany, Spain

and Switzerland join the association of clubs. Within two years, Rotary extends to Africa and Australia, and there are 1,000 Rotary clubs worldwide.

1924 Beginning with the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905, Rotary clubs had used a wheel symbol as an emblem, yet each club had its own variation. Then, in December 1918, the gearwheel was adopted as the official corporate seal. After "re-engineering" the emblem with a keyway to give it the appearance of a realistic gearwheel, the final design was approved by the Board in a January 1924 meeting. The emblem remains unchanged and continues to identify Rotary clubs and their members in every corner of the world.

1925 As Rotary clubs spring up in all parts of the world, Rotary International opens its first international office in Zurich, Switzerland. At Rotary's 20th anniversary, clubs are present on six continents and membership has swelled to 100,000.

1928 The Rotary Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational and cultural exchange programs, is formally established. Back in 1917, RI President Arch Klumph first proposed the idea of establishing an endowment fund to "accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." Its initial contribution was \$26.50. To date, Rotarians and friends of The Rotary Foundation, who share its vision of a better world, have contributed more than \$1.3 billion.

1943 Since the earliest days of the first clubs, Rotarians have been concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. In 1943, Rotary International officially adopts The 4-Way Test, one of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics. Chicago Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor, who served RI as president in

(Continued on page 3)

**Wathen,
 DeShong
 & Juncker,
 L.L.P.**

Certified Public Accountants

4140 Gladys, Ste. 101 • Beaumont, TX 77706-3648
 Phone (409) 838-1605 • Fax (409) 838-3316
www.wdjcpa.com

**TIME WARNER
 CABLE**

Public Affairs/
 Government Relations
 Gary Underwood
 727-1515

Ad Sales Manager
 Bruce Walker
 924-9500

ROGER MCCABE - Rotary Past President
 Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law
 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 JOE E. BROUSSARD -
 Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law
 by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
 THOMAS MAYO

MEHAFFYWEBER Houston | Beaumont
 ATTORNEYS
 A Professional Corporation
 MehaffyWeber.com
 713.655.1200 | 409.835.5011

(Continued from page 2)

1954-55, wrote the initial 24-word test when he was asked to help save an aluminum company verging on bankruptcy in the aftermath of the Great Depression. Taylor's "ethical compass" has since been translated into 100 languages.

1945 World War II had tested Rotary's hope for peace. However, through the years of bloodshed, Rotarians continue to assert their commitment to mend the horrors of war. The establishment of the Rotary Relief Fund to help war victims and a resolution calling for the "respect for human rights" in 1940 set the stage for Rotary's increasingly active and prominent role in promoting world peace.

In a series of meetings between 1943 and 1945, a group of Rotarians participate in the early formation of the United Nations. At the 1945 UN Charter Conference, Rotary International is given adviser status and Rotarian observers provide a variety of services at this pivotal meeting, including translating and settling disputes among delegates.

1947 More than 300,000 Rotarians in 70 countries mourn the death of Rotary's founder Paul P. Harris. An outpouring of contributions made in his honor allows The Rotary Foundation of RI to launch its first program the following year. Under the auspices of what would become known as the Ambassadorial Scholarships program, 18 "Rotary Fellows" act as ambassadors of goodwill studying abroad. Since then, thousands of former Ambassadorial Scholars have gone on to pursue careers that promote peace and global understanding.

1955 Rotary celebrates its golden anniversary in Chicago. Fifty years after Paul P. Harris and his colleagues began Rotary's journey, there are 8,500 clubs in 89 countries.

1965 The Rotary Foundation creates the Group Study Exchange program, and the first 34 teams, from Australia,

Great Britain, Japan and the United States, go abroad. Now one of The Foundation's most popular and successful programs, Group Study Exchange promotes world understanding and peace. The Foundation also initiates the Matching Grants program, ushering in a new era of service in the international arena.

1985 With membership on the verge of one million in its 80th year, Rotary launches PolioPlus, a program to protect children worldwide from the cruel and fatal consequences of polio. By 1988, Rotarians help raise more than \$247 million for the effort. Inspired by this commitment, and with Rotary's encouragement, the World Health Assembly resolves to eradicate the disease with the goal of freeing the world of polio by 2005, the Rotary Centennial. PolioPlus becomes the first and largest internationally coordinated private-sector support of a public health initiative.

1989 Women begin to officially join Rotary's ranks worldwide (though the United States had seen the first women Rotarians in 1986). Rotary returns to Hungary and Poland, and, in 1990, the Rotary Club of Moscow is chartered as the first service club in the then-Soviet Union.

1999 Rotary establishes the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution to help prepare future leaders and diplomats.

2002 Europe is declared polio-free at the RI Convention in Barcelona, Spain. By the end of the year only seven countries remain polio endemic.

2005 More than 1.2 million Rotarians in 166 countries will celebrate Rotary's 100th anniversary, culminating in the organization's biggest party of the century, the Centennial Convention in Chicago.

A Century of Service A New Century of Success

Birthdays

24th Mark Ferris (04)
Personal Trust Manager,
Hibernia National Bank



Born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, he is a graduate of Arkansas A&M and the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at SMU. He and his wife Kathleen are the parents of Robin. He enjoys playing golf, hunting, fishing and traveling.

24th Camille Mouton (97)
Vice President for University
Advancement,
Lamar University



Born in Harlingen, she is a graduate of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She is the mother of Ann, Ashley, Kristi and Beth. She is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church. She enjoys travel.

25th Carole Reeves (99)
Officer,
Talon Insurance Agency



Born in Port Arthur, she attended Lamar University. She and her husband Marvin are the parents of Aimée, Amber and Spencer, and are members of First Baptist Church in Groves. She enjoys reading, spending time with family and friends and snow skiing.

28th Michael Lohr (85)
Retired



Born in Bad König, Germany, he is a graduate of the University of Frankfurt in Germany. He and his wife Carol Ann are the parents of Dion, Sheri and Michael. He enjoys stamp collecting, playing golf and reading.

jkchevrolet.com 409-722-0443

JK CHEVROLET
ISUZU
at the airport

Our People Make the Difference



CHISUM
RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT

*proudly
supports*

**Lamar Basketball
Go Cardinals!**