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The Rotary Fountain, Downtown Beaumont

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Paula O'Neal and Lee Freeland  
 pictured above with many of the  
 toys generous Rotarians brought to  
 be distributed at  
 Some Other Place

On Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>,  
 Rotarians and their guests gathered  
 at the Beaumont Country Club to  
 celebrate the holidays at the tradi-  
 tional Holiday Party hosted by  
 Marie and Past President **Azim  
 Keramati**.

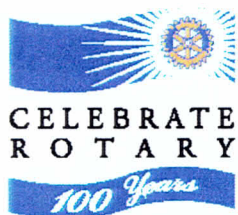
After President-Elect **Terry  
 Bourdier** introduced our 34 new  
 members who joined in 2004, Presi-  
 dent **Maurine Gray** recognized 5  
 new Honorary members: **Nell Phil-  
 ips, JoAnn Polk, Margaret  
 Turner, Betty Wells and Rosine  
 Wilson**.

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President **Maurine Gray**  
 Introduced 2006-07 President-Elect  
**Gerald Condon**

**From the chef:**  
**London Broil and Chicken Tarragon**



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

**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT  
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**Future Programs**

January  
12<sup>th</sup> SBC President  
19<sup>th</sup> Emy Pettersson

**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)

**Allan Vella -  
Ford Park**



Our speaker at this week's meeting will be Allan C. Vella, general manager of SMG/Ford Park. Allan is responsible for the management of Ford Arena, Ford Pavilion, Ford Exhibit Hall, Ford Fields and Ford Midway.

Allan's previous assignment with SMG was at the Saginaw County Event Center which, consists of three Facilities - the 7,200 seat Wendler Arena, 2,300 seat Heritage Theater and Unity Hall, a large Banquet and meeting space.

Prior to joining SMG, Allan worked for North American Sports, LLC, as Vice President of Business Development. Allan was responsible for the development and acquisition of new sports team franchises.

Prior to North American Sports, Allan worked for 13 years and held numerous positions with Olympia Entertainment including; Senior Director and General Manager of the Fox Theatre, Director of Merchandising for the Detroit Tigers, Detroit Red Wings and the Detroit Zoo, Executive Director of the Glens Falls Civic Center in Glens Falls, NY as well as concert production and event booking positions at Joe Louis and Cobo arenas.

Allan is a graduate of the University of Iowa with a BA in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Arts Management. While at Iowa, Allan served as the Director of the Student Commission on Programming and Entertainment.

**Gerald Condon  
2006-07  
President-Elect**



Congratulations to **Gerald Condon**, our 2006-07 President-Elect!

A Rotarian since 1998, Gerald was a member of the Board of Directors from July 2001 until June 2004, serving as Leader of the Fellowship Team (2001-02 and 2002-03) and as Leader of the Club Administration Team (2003-04). He is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Gerald is the President and CEO of Collision and Classics and is this year's United Way of Beaumont Campaign Chair. He serves on the Executive Board of the United Way and of the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. He also is serving as Chair of the Jefferson and Orange County Rotary International Centennial Celebration Committee.

Gerald is a Beaumont native and a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Jennifer are the parents of Molly, and he has another daughter, Michelle. They are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

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We were delightfully entertained by talented vocalist Ashna Long who was accompanied by Jill Hayes, **Terry Bourdier** and **Toby Castro**. Ms. Long brought down the house with her rendition of "Santa Baby" with **Gerald Flatten** standing in for Santa.

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# Birthdays

## 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Carter (84)

President,  
Carter & Company



Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are members of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Ron Clark (04)

Federal Judge,  
U.S. District Court



Born in Caripito, Venezuela, he is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Joanna are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hiking and camping.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Dave White (86)

President & Managing Shareholder,  
Funchess, Mills, White & Co.



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Kyle, Kimberly and Kolby, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and tennis, hunting and fishing.

## ROSTER

Just a reminder that we will be printing the new club roster this month. If you don't like the photo we've used in your birthday announcement, please bring us one we can scan or have Sharon take a new one at a January meeting.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Williams (02)

Partner,  
Pollans & Cohen, P.C.



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara, Tiffany and Brooke, and are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. She enjoys boating and fishing.

## 6<sup>th</sup> George Crawford (94)

Vice President/General Manager,  
Lamar Advertising of Beaumont



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is the father of Brooke and Kristen, and is a member of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Ben Alford (04)

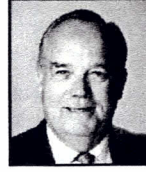
Rector/Pastor,  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Born in Albertville, Alabama, he is a graduate of the University of the South and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He and his wife Lynn are the parents of Seth, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys backpacking, playing golf, politics and reading.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Bill Lucas (89)

Chairman,  
The Lucas Company



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (BS and MS) in Chemical Engineering. He and his wife Mary are the parents of Steve, Jeff and Karen. He enjoys

sailing, gardening and racquetball.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Matt White (01)

Director,  
McFaddin-Ward House



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He enjoys classical music, especially opera.

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Alex Broussard, Brenda and Rix Garey and Robert Thompson



Christina Baum was among the 20 winners of handsome nutcracker centerpieces at the Holiday Party



Charles and Joy Regenbrecht, Kevin Roy and Rodney Martin



Chisum Resource Management  
Wishes everyone a very  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**