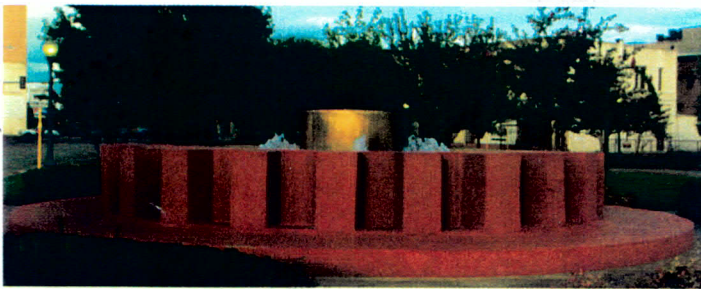


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President Maurine's Installation



President Maurine Gray, her Officers and Board of Directors will be inducted at this week's meeting.

Incoming Officers are Vice President **Allison Nathan Golias**, Secretary **Carol Flatten**, Treasurer **Bobbie Applegate** and Sergeant at Arms **Lee Freeland**.

Board Members (3rd year) **Paula Bothe**, **Carol Flatten**, **Roy Huckaby** and **Jim Rich**, (2nd year) **Danny Babineaux**, **Travis Brewer**, **Jim Broussard** and **Becky Mason** will be joined by 1st year Board Members **Bobbie Applegate**, **Marvin Dunnam**, **Carole Reeves** and **Robert Turner**.

Maurine has been member of our club since February 1995. She served on the Board from 1999 until 2002 and is a Paul Harris Fellow.

She is the Director of Libraries and Community Service for the City of Beaumont and holds a BA from Northeast Louisiana State University and an MLS from North Texas State University.

She is a graduate of Leadership Beaumont and Leadership Southeast Texas and is or has been active in the Beaumont Civic Opera, Jefferson Theatre Preservation Society, Crime Stoppers and the United Way. She is a Sustainer in the Junior League of Beaumont and a member of First United Methodist Church.

Head Table



INVOCATION
SHERI ARNOLD



PLEDGE
NANCY BEAULIEU



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BOBBIE APPLGATE

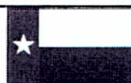


GUEST INTRODUCTION
JERRY WHITE

From the chef: Chicken Tarragon

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Bobbie Applegate..... Budget & Finance
Danny Babineaux..... Family of Rotary
Paula Bothe..... Community Service
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Future Programs

July
14th Kenn Kerns - The Hague
21st Al Caldwell - radio humorist

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:

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Thursday:

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Friday:

Nederland.....Sanderson's

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Program Review

President Azim's Swan Song was a celebration of a fabulous year for the Rotary Club of Beaumont. He began by recognizing his wife Marie and thanking her as his friend and helper and for their 24 years of marriage and for their three children. He praised her as the most unselfish person he has ever known.

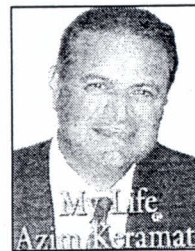


President Azim then presented plaques and framed certificates to his Officers (**Paula Bothe, Terry Bourdier, Ben Orgain and Lee Freeland**), Board (**Eddie Arnold, Danny Babineaux, Travis Brewer, Jim Broussard, Gerald Condon, Carol Flatten, Roy Huckaby, Becky Mason, Camille Mouton and Jim Rich**), the Foundation Board (**Eric Meadows, Peg Towers and Michael Wolf**) and his 35 Committee Chairs (**Pat Anderson, Bobbie Applegate, Neal Baker, Bill Benning, Alex Broussard, James Broussard, Steve Buser, Bessie Chisum, Phil Dunlap, Lori Falk, Joe Fisher, Jim Fuller, Kathleen Hardey, Michelle Harris, Lorrie Hayes, Tillie Hickman, Jamie Hogge, Sharen Kirksey, Chuck Mason, Ralph McBride, Roger McCabe, Mark McKinnon, Floyd McSpadden, Ted Moor III, Sina Nejad, Jeff Noble, Mary Parmer, Robert Peavey, John T. Polk, Russ Schultz, Ann Scoggin, Jack Scott, Bruce Walker, Charlie Weinbaum and Matt White**).

President Azim then presented the framed Rotaract Charter to the Lamar Rotaract member Beth Yelverton. He thanked office assistant Sharon Mistrot and Alexine for all their good work and

help over his years, not only as President, but when he was on the Board. Marie presented special gifts to them.

Filling in for **Larry Beaulieu** and the Newscast was Beaumont Bob (**Sina Nejad**), who began speaking in the Farsi and had to be reminded to switch to English.



The Rotary Chorus and Players (**Carole Reeves, Gerald Condon (as Monica), Billy Kinney, Maurine Gray, Terry Bourdier and Alexine Boutin**)

launched their production of President Azim's book "My Life" (written, produced and directed by **Paula Bothe**) now selling at "Books a Few" as he looked on from his recliner. There were many mentions of our Past President's accent (which was attributed to his being from Houston) and "what did he say". There was also a food chapter in the book, with President-Elect **Maurine** promising pizza in place of green beans every week. It was a fun presentation enjoyed by all.

Terry Bourdier presented the only true part of the "book review" in listing our club's awards and accomplishments during President Azim's term:

- * Received a Rotary International Presidential Citation
- * Received third place District Governor's Awards for best Vocational Project (Camp Enterprise) and best International Project (Wheelchairs)
- * Inducted 16 new Paul Harris Fellows
- * Sponsored a successful Ambassadorial Scholar candidate
- * Chartered the first Rotaract chapter at Lamar University
- * Enacted a "floating guarantee" meal plan resulting in substantial meal expense savings
- * Launched the successful Flag Project which currently has more than 175 subscribers

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SHARP

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- * Maintained positive net membership growth
- * Maintained above average annual attendance

President Azim will be missed for making the biggest mistake of his term, moving to Houston!



Maurine presented the Past President's pin to Azim along with a plaque in appreciation for his service and a beautiful bouquet of roses to his wife Marie for "putting up with the members of our club".



We wish to extend special thanks to Spindletop Rotarian Beverly Hickman for her make-up magic on Sina and Gerald.



Hail and farewell, Past President Azim Keramati and his First Lady Marie!

Birthdays

7th Tom Lamb, Jr. (53)

Retired
Lamb's Office Products



A Beaumont native, he is a graduate of The University of South (Sewanee). He is the father of Janey, Tommy, Linda, and Marshall, and is a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing tennis. Tom is a Paul Harris Fellow

8th Bob Burns (69)

President,
Burns Properties



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Rice University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Karen, Steve and Andy. They are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.

13th J.D. Landes (62)

Retired,
Lamar University



Born in Eustace, he is a graduate of North Texas State University, the University of Texas, Southern Methodist University and the University of North Carolina. He and his wife Mary Helen are members of the First Baptist Church. He enjoys going to men's Bible study class. J.D. is a Paul Harris Fellow.

13th Ronnie Platt (85)

Retired,
Jefferson County Drainage District



Born in Falls Church, Virginia, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is the father of Laurie Platt Henderson, and is a member of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and flower gardening.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Thursday, June 24th and approved the following which were announced at the June 30th meeting:

New Members

Christine Baum
Dean of Library Services
Lamar University
"University - Library Services"
Proposed by Russ Schultz

Kathryn Cothran
Broker Associate
Hibernia National Bank
"Security Brokerage"
Proposed by Lee Freeland

Bret Davis
Supervisor, Senior Resident Agent
FBI
"Federal Government - FBI"
Proposed by Travis Brewer

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, July 9th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Classification Change

Richard Bothel from "Education - University - University Development" to "Education - University - Continuing & Distance Education"

Resignations accepted with regret

Gretta Bowman - job change
Jim Ellis - transferred to China
Tommy Lamb III - working in Houston
Mark Low - business pressure
Doug Nelson - job change

13th Mary Randall (98)

Secretary/Treasurer,
Jemari Group



A Beaumont native, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Edward are the parents of Edward III, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. She enjoys singing, gardening, walking and most of all witnessing to others.

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