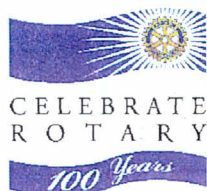


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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*There will be no Rotary meeting on
 Wednesday, June 22nd
 This is an excused meeting so no
 make up will be necessary.
 We'll see you on Wednesday,
 June 29th!*



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Charles Matthews - Texas State University Chancellor



Charles R. Matthews is chancellor of the Texas State University System. He was named to the post by the TSUS Board of Regents on February 1, 2005. During his short time as chancellor, Matthews has already become an outspoken voice for Higher Education at the Capitol, in his numerous testimonies before various Legislative Committees.

70,000 students, employs more than 13,125 people, and has an annual operating budget of approximately \$700 million. It consists of nine institutions: Angelo State University, Lamar University, Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Lamar State College-Orange, Lamar Institute of Technology, Sam Houston State University, Texas State University-San Marcos, Sul Ross State University-Alpine, and Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande.

As Chancellor, Matthews oversees one of the nation's fastest growing university systems. The TSUS serves almost

A native Texan, Matthews has had a distinguished career in government, business, and civic leadership. Before being named TSUS chancellor, he

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INVOCATION
Marvin Brailsford



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Uliana Trylowsky



GUEST INTRODUCTION
MARY RANDALL

Chicken Ponchatrain & Meatloaf

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29th President Maurine's Swan Song

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Thursday:

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Friday:

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REVIEW

Beaumont Rotarian Dr. **David Teuscher**, a partner with Beaumont Bone and Joint Institute, spoke with us today about the state of health care and cost of health care in this country.

David shared a well-prepared Power Point presentation outlining the changes in health care in costs and expenses in the past twenty years. Expenses have increased for many reasons: equipment and procedures which did not exist then are helpful to our health but very expensive; newly developed drugs cost more; the full cost of treatment to the providers; many people without health insurance use the emergency room as their primary care physician; Medicaid and Medicare do not reimburse. According to Teuscher, these costs have to be covered and are thus covered by those of us who have insurance (or the cash) to do so.

In Texas, 20% fewer families have health insurance today than had health insurance twenty-five years ago. Some families simply cannot afford the

insurance and others apparently choose not to purchase it because of the cost. Only 45% of employers provide health insurance to their employees, down from 66% a decade ago.

David also pointed out that obesity is a tremendous problem in this country not only for the health care system, but for business as well. Health problems related to obesity result in absenteeism in the workplace.

In summary: health care is not one of our country's inalienable rights, but it is obviously important; health insurance is not for day to day care, but primarily to cover catastrophic illnesses or accidents from pushing families into bankruptcy; we as a nation, the health care system, governments and individuals must work with our government to find answers to some very difficult questions.

As the Caterpillar Tractor Company states, "There are no simple solutions, just difficult decisions." Thank you Rotarian David, for bringing us the numbers to further this conversation.

Group Study Exchange Team

Our five-member GSE team from District 4110 in Mexico will be our special guests next week.

Committee Chair **Lee Freeland** and committee members **Becky Ames, Sue Denosowicz, Bob Harris, Barbara Knight, Becky Mason, Camille Mouton, Russ Schultz, Ann Scoggin, Lulu Smith** and **Henry Venta** have planned a busy and interesting five days for them.

The team leader is **Jilma Ysais** from Torreon, Coahuila. She has a degree in architecture and is the owner of a design and construction business. She enjoys traveling, rock climbing, working out at the gym, doing puzzles and painting.

Marina Estrada is also from Torreon. She is an attorney involved in community development and public relations. She enjoys traveling, her family and reading.

Paola Heana Gonzales is from Durango. She has degrees in Graphic Design and Teaching. She enjoys traveling, reading, music and drawing.

Zulma Guerrero is also from Torreon. She has an MBA and a Master's in education. She enjoys traveling, reading and her pets.

Ana G. Pedroza is from Chihuahua. She holds a Master's in education and is an educator at the Instituto LaSalle de Chihuahua.

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New Member

Please join us in welcoming our new member who was introduced at the June 8th meeting:



Jack Tenner
Purchasing Director,
Lamar University

Born in Port Neches, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Gina are the parents of Brian, Derek and Colleen, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf and fishing. Jack was sponsored by **Richard Bothel**.

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served as the 40th Commissioner of the Railroad Commission of Texas for ten years. First elected in 1994, he won reelection in 2000 to a second term, receiving the highest number of votes ever cast for a Railroad Commissioner.

Early in his tenure at the Commission, Matthews began efforts to modernize computer systems updating both equipment and software with the support of his colleagues. He also outlined the first reorganization of the commission since its creation in 1891, implementing his vision for a commission that better met the needs of its customers.

Matthews has been active in various associations on the state and federal levels. He was appointed to the Advisory Council of the Texas Hazardous Waste Research Center, the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and appointed by Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta to serve on the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee.

Birthdays

15th Jim Tarbett (80)

President, JAT Engineering, Inc. Born in Takoma Park, Maryland, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Frances are the parents of Patrice, Shannon and Terri, have five grandchildren, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting, playing tennis, golf and softball and all water sports. Jim is a Paul Harris Fellow.



Before taking office at the Railroad Commission in January 1995, Chancellor Matthews was a successful entrepreneur and a civic leader in the community of Garland. He served as Mayor where he led the city in reducing the tax rate and cutting the cost of government. In addition, he served as President of the Texas Municipal Power Agency and was Governor William P. Clements' appointee to the Texas Turnpike Authority.

Chancellor Matthews holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas and a master's degree in public administration from Texas State University. He is currently completing his doctoral studies in higher education administration at the University of Texas at Austin.

Matthews and his wife, Julia, have four grown children and five grandchildren.

18th Ralph Martin (99)

President, Grace Communications Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Charlotte are the parents of Shaun, Shane, Steve, Stacey, Selena and Sharla, and are members of Christian Fellowship. He enjoys playing golf.



19th Rick Barrilleaux (02)

Director of Economic Development, Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Upper Iowa University. He and his wife Vicki are the parents of Drue and Clayton, and are members of St. Charles Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf.

19th Alex Broussard (54)

Chairman of the Board, Broussard's Mortuary



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Marie are the parents of Dale, Tom, David and Marian, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys attending Rotary Club meetings all over the world. Alex is a Paul Harris Fellow.

20th Roger McCabe (81)

Shareholder, Mehaffy Weber



Born in Taylorville, Illinois, he is a graduate of Marquette University and the University of Iowa. He and his wife Sharon are the parents of Danny, Michael and Jonathan, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting, water sports and travel. Roger is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Flag Project

The next flag installation day will be the Fourth of July.

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