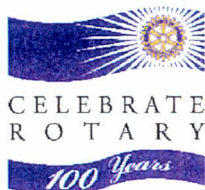


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President Maurine Gray with our
GSE Team from Mexico.



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A Message from President Maurine

White flag, white flag! I'm waving the white flag about the whistling at guests. I have heard from a number of people, particularly long time members, who feel that the whistling at guests is fun, funny, etc.

Many people feel that this is one of the few fun things that happens regularly at our meetings. I disagree but will of course abide by your wishes.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

President Maurine's Swan Song



We will salute President Maurine and her year at her Swan Song this week in a program filled with music and laughter.

Our outgoing District Governor Emken Linton from Texas City will be there to make a very special surprise presentation to a local community leader

Last Week's Meeting

I hope everyone remembered not to come to the June 22nd Rotary meeting. Our club was well-represented in Chicago at the Centennial Rotary International Convention. We'll publish photos and articles in an upcoming issue.

Former Beaumont Rotarian, Past President Danny Wheat left a note at the Rotary Office that he was in town last week and missed meeting with all his old friends. He hopes to see everyone on another visit later this fall.

*Chicken parmesan and
spaghetti & meatballs*

***Congratulations, President Maurine,
on your RI Centennial Presidential Year
Well done!***

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REVIEW

It was "We love Lamar" day at Rotary June 15th as the new Chancellor of the Texas State University System (TSUS), Charles R. Matthews, gave us facts to back up what we already knew: Lamar University is a huge success story.

Our own **Jimmy Simmons**, the President of Lamar, introduced Matthews, informing us that TSUS is one of the fastest growing systems in the country, with 70,000 students and 13,000 faculty and staff.

Chancellor Matthews, a former Rotarian with 10 years of perfect attendance, started by complimenting Rotary's "unparalleled" record in helping the disadvantaged people of the world, citing the fight against polio as an outstanding example.

In discussing higher education in Beaumont, he said the Lamar Institute of Technology was successful in getting jobs for its students and praised Lamar University on many fronts, calling it one of the most affordable schools in the state.

Of 35 state institutions of higher education, Lamar ranked 4th in affordability and recently won the "Star Award" for its successful retention policies, the Chancellor said.

He also mentioned the seven research centers operated by the Engineering Department at Lamar, the \$7 million in state and federal grants obtained for deaf education, the fact that 100% of the nursing school graduates are employed within 6 months of graduation and the fact that 73% of Lamar gradu-

ates who apply to medical or dental schools are admitted, compared to 39% for other universities.

On a less positive note, Chancellor Matthews noted that the rapid growth of the population of Texas means that a lot more money is going to have to be spent on education. If we fail to do that, he said, we will face a declining standard of living and a poor business climate.

He also told us that one of the big issues in the just-ended Legislative session was the law giving automatic state university admission to any Texas high school graduate in the top 10% of the class. Chancellor Matthews said the policy has been successful. The automatically admitted students have made better grades and stayed in school longer than those admitted on other criteria.

However, the policy still has powerful enemies and, even though the Legislature chose to retain the top-ten law this year, opponents will return to the fight in 2007, he predicted. Surprisingly, the Texas State University System is the oldest in Texas, getting its start in 1911, when both Texas A&M and the University of Texas were stand-alone institutions. Of the 6 systems in our state, TSUS is now the third largest.

The Chancellor cited the tremendous growth in enrollment enjoyed by Lamar since President Simmons took office and Jimmy made clear in his introduction that he believes the Chancellor is going to be "an outstanding spokesman for public education." Thanks, Jimmy, for sharing him with us.

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Birthdays

28th Joe Broussard IV (98)

Shareholder,
Mehaffy & Weber, P.C.



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Baylor University School of Law. He and his wife Johnnie are the parents of Kate, Beth and Joe, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and investments.

28th Andy Burns (94)

Vice President,
Burns Properties



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Mitzi are the parents of Drew and Ellie, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing.

28th Ken Dollinger (97)

Justice of the Peace,
Justice Court Precinct 1, Place 1



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Lamar University and South Texas College of Law. He is the father of Jaclyn, and is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys competitive shooting.

28th Marvin Dunnam (97)

Born in Angleton, he and his wife



Connie are the parents of Kelvin and Lori, and are raising their two wonderful grandchildren Priscilla and Andrew. He enjoys hunting, fishing and cooking.

30th Jennifer Frisbie (04)

Director, Criminal Justice Program,
Lamar University



Born in Fort Worth, she is a graduate of Austin College, the University of Texas at Arlington and Sam Houston State University. She is a member of New Light Christian Center Church.

30th Steve Lucas (01)

Vice President,
Wells Fargo Bank



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Robin are the parents of William and Andrew, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys fishing.

JULY

1st Charlie Gibbs (98)

Owner/President,
Cameo/Sabine Neches Travel



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Andrea and Morgan, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf.

4th Pat Anderson (02)

Sales,
Becker Printing



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University and Sam Houston State University. He and his wife Amy are the parents of Jenna,

Jessica, Jody, Pat Jr. and Jennifer, and are members of Northend Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, flying and boating.

4th Frank Maida (87)

Senior Attorney,
Maida Law Firm



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas Christian University. He and his wife Laure are the parents of Mary Frances, Jonathan and Caroline, and are members of St. Anthony Cathedral. He enjoys playing cards. Frank is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Congratulations!

Please join us in welcoming a new member of our Rotary family!

Olivia Rose was born on Monday, June 13th to **Carolyn Johnson** and her husband Ben.

In the Hospital

Marvin Dunnam is at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital for treatment of pneumonia. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Flag Project

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

To volunteer to install the flags, call Robert Peavey, 842-9301

To subscribe to the Flag Project, call the Rotary Office, 842-1913.

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