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Centennial Celebration

We hope you joined the more than 700 Rotarians and their guests expected to attend our ten-club celebration of Rotary's Centennial on February 23rd!

Pictured above is the Civic Center as Rotarians and their guests began to arrive.

Past President **Larry Beaulieu** served as Master of Ceremonies, Past President **Tom Lamb, Jr.** gave the invocation, Winston Lewis of Orange led the pledge, Sonny Sherman of Spindletop led the 4 Way Test, Past President/PDG **Alex Broussard** presented the History of Rotary and Past President **Charles Locke** introduced our speaker.

We also welcomed DG Emken Linton and PDGs Marcus Junemann and John Germany and their wives as special guests.

25th Annual Camp Enterprise



Pictured above are Rotarians and participants who attended last year's Camp Enterprise.

Co-Chairs **Carole Reeves** and **Robert Peavey** have been working all year with their Executive Committee **Becky Mason**, **Chuck Mason**, **Russ Schultz** and **Henry**

Venta to plan an outstanding Camp Enterprise experience for our campers this year.

CE Subcommittee Chairs have also been hard at work: **Jamie Hogge**, **Chad Blanchard**, **Ann Scoggin**, **Jim Rich** and **Scot Quintel**. We will acknowledge all of our volunteers in next week's issue!

***We will not meet at the Elegante' Hotel this week
Join us at noon on Friday, March 5th for our Rotary meeting at
Camp Enterprise with our students at
Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 North Major Drive***

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Future Programs

March

9th John Barton - DPS
 16th Rabbi Segal

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)

Program Reviews



This year's T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics was presented to Past Presidents and Past District Governor **Alex Broussard** and **James Broussard**, pictured above with their wives Marie (left) and Barbara (right).

Ramon Rodriguez
 February 16th

If there is one place in America where the Four Way Test of Rotary ethics runs into rough reality, it is in the criminal courtroom. That was part of the message brought to us Wednesday by Ramon L. Rodriguez, Jr., Jefferson County's Assistant Criminal District Attorney, as part of our annual Business Ethics program.

Rodriguez pointed out how complicated it can be to define proper ethical behavior, complimenting Rotary for the succinctness of our ethical standards, compared to the lengthy rules which govern lawyers.

However, he managed to impress on us how difficult it can be to find out "the truth", even in the courtroom environment. To make his point, Rodriguez told us three true stories. In one, the criminal defendant paid an acquaintance to supply a false alibi; in the second, two children falsely accused a substitute teacher of sexual crimes; and in the third, a lawyer accuses a prosecutor of suppressing evidence which might have helped a man who is now on death row.

Rodriguez's first story made us laugh and the second one made us think – and perhaps cringe a little. The last story presented the most difficult ethical dilemma.

In the death row case, the trial was 18 years ago. Rodriguez said that the appeal lawyer stated that the fatal bullet was actually meant to be a warning shot but ricocheted before hitting the victim, a fact which might have led the jury to conclude that a prison term rather than the death penalty was the appropriate punishment.

The lawyer also argued that the prosecutor knew about the ricochet but kept it from the jury.

The prosecutor, who is now a judge, denied any knowledge of the ricochet and argued that she should be allowed to appear in court and tell her side of the story. However, Rodriguez told us, she was denied the right to appear, apparently because she is now a sitting judge. He said the Houston Chronicle even editorialized against this judge for, as she saw it, trying to tell "the truth."

The appeals court has ruled that the defendant will get a new punishment hearing so that the jury can consider the ricochet evidence. "Is that fair?" Rodriguez asked. "It seems real fair to the man sitting on death row but may not seem like it to the family of the victim."

Thanks to **Allison Nathan Goliias** for hitting the "trifecta": arranging this very timely program, introducing the speaker, and chairing the meeting in the absence of **President Maurine**.



Dr. Mouzon Biggs
 February 23rd

The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Celebration was outstanding! There were some pretty exciting moments when the electricity failed and we enjoyed the "Sounds of Silence", but Rotarians took this opportunity to visit until our program could start again.

Former Beaumont Rotarian Dr. Mouzon Biggs shared that his day had not started out well with his plane being delayed in take off due to weather and the threat of having to be rerouted to San Antonio, so the storm here and the delay was just one more part of his day. He has been a Rotarian for one third of the 100 years of Rotary and was impressed with the number of Rotarians in our area with many more years of service.

He expressed his love of Beaumont and Trinity United Methodist Church and the time he spent in service to both.

He had four points he wanted to touch on about Rotary:

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First, if our Classification Committee is doing their job, then each week we will sit at a table with persons of unusual ability. He told the story of his Rotary sponsor Don Strickland of the Liberty Rotary Club, a Past District Governor of our District, who served as the Chairman of Rotary's 75th Anniversary Celebration Convention and is a shining example of the unusually talented people you can meet in Rotary.

Second, with these unusually talented people we should be able to do good and great things. As examples he told about Houston Rotary's Vince Lombardi Award to honor athletes and to raise funds for patients at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, especially for children, and Tulsa Rotary's award for athletes who displayed outstanding citizenship and to raise funds their efforts drilling water wells to provide safe drinking water for communities throughout Nicaragua.

Third, during his year as President of the Tulsa Rotary Club, Dr. Biggs attended the Rotary International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri in 1985 at which Rotarians were challenged to raise funds to help defeat polio globally. At that time, there were still 85,000 new cases of polio every year. Now over a half billion dollars has been raised and last year there were fewer than 500 new cases of polio anywhere in the world ... something Rotarians everywhere can be very proud of!

Fourth, Dr. Biggs talked about why he likes to be on the front row so that he can really see and hear the full impact of whatever he is attending. He talked about the way many Rotary Clubs urge the members to move about each meeting. He feels that you really get to know people who you spend not only quality time with, but a good quantity of time with.

He finished with a story about Jess Laird, how he became acquainted with Laird's books and the story behind the writing of those books. "I Ain't Much Baby, But I'm all I've Got" ... How he came to write the books after having a heart attack at 38 while in the Public Relations Business and how he had to have a change in life style. Quit smoking, drinking and learn to relax.

Jess Laird wrote another book, "Ain't I a Wonder". Yes indeed, but so is Rotary.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Birthdays

2nd H.F. Weatherly (83)

Retired



Born in Garrison, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Jana, and are members of First Baptist Church of Beaumont. He enjoys wood-working, leathercraft and photography.

5th Keith Giblin (05)

Magistrate Judge,
U.S. District Court - Eastern District Texas



Born in Beaumont, he graduate of Lamar University and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Joyce are the parents of Aubrey, Alex, Andy and Anthony, and are members of All Saints Episcopal

Church. He enjoys serving as an assistant scout master for the Boy Scouts, fishing and hunting.

6th Scott Hall (03)

Manager of Engineering & Development,
Lower Neches Valley Authority



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Caroline, Abby, Jack and Sam, and are members of Trinity United Methodist

Church. He enjoys, playing golf, camping, hiking, fishing and hunting, and presently.... children, children, children, children.

7th Kyle Hayes (01)

City Manager, City of Beaumont



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Trinity University. He enjoys playing sports and traveling.

7th Tillie Hickman (01)

Principal, Beaumont ISD



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, she is a graduate of McNeese University and Lamar University. She and her husband Bennie are the parents of Robert and Robin, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys reading, gardening and cooking.

7th Paul Traylor (01)

Owner, On Stage Hair Design



Born in Beaumont, He and his wife Shann are the parents of Hank and Owen, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf and photography.

Board Action

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, February 22nd and approved the following:

New Members:

Marcia Crone
U.S. District Judge
Eastern District of Texas
"Law - Judiciary - U.S. District Judge"
Proposed by Roger McCabe

Jeani Henges
Owner
Jefferson County Mortgage
"Real Estate - Mortgage"
Proposed by Dorothy Henges

Allan Vella
General Manager
SMG - Ford Park
"Real Estate - Facility Management"
Proposed by Dean Conwell

Leenette Wilke
Real Property Manager
U.S. General Services Administration
"Real Estate - Government Property Management"
Proposed by Carolyn Howard

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, March 11th, the candidate listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Leaves of Absence:

Ralph Martin
2/1 - 6/30/05
Business travel

Elaine Shellenberger
1/26 - 4/30/05
Co-chair of state conference

Resignations Accepted with Regret:

Don Coleman - illness
Cliff Cummings - business transfer
Dennis Moncla - business pressure
Bob Shield - unable to attend

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