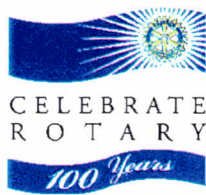


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Veterans Day

Marvin D. Brailsford, Lieutenant General, U.S. Army (retired) is a native of Burkeville and a graduate of Prairie View A&M (BS) and Iowa State University (MS). He is also a graduate of the Graduate School of Business Administration Executive Program at UC Berkeley, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the U.S. Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

General Brailsford retired in 1992 after serving in the army for nearly 33 years. He culminated his military career as the Deputy Commanding General of the Materiel Command. During Desert Shield/Storm, he coordinated and provided logistics support for all Army

forces in the Persian Gulf. He is a recipient of the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Army Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Commendation Medal, the Army General Staff Badge and the Parachutist Badge.

He had a successful and illustrious career in the corporate arena as well, retiring in 2002 as Vice President of Kaiser-Hill nuclear remediation company near Denver, Colorado.

He and his wife June (a Beaumont native) have three children and three grandchildren.

Head Table



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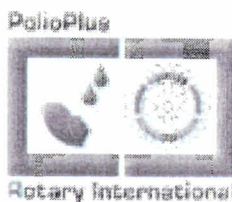


GUEST INTRODUCTION
STEVE MCGRADE

Baked Pork Loin



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November

17th State Senator Tommy Williams

24th No meeting - Happy Thanksgiving

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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Rotary Goes to Work

Rotarians traveled far and wide around Beaumont last week as we observed Rotary Goes to Work.

President Maurine at the Beaumont Public Library related the history of the library system in Beaumont and discussed the services that are provided. Our members were given gift bags including information on the library, a calculator, pen and calendar.

Travis Brewer at Blue Bell Creameries showed a video of the firm's history and talked about how the flavors are developed and how the ice cream is made and distributed. He then took our members on a tour of the facility including the cold storage room, kept at a constant and chilly -18°.



Vesta Brandt hosted members at the ClearChannel Radio studio. **Michael Wolf, Beverly Hatcher** and **Brenda Nichols** (pictured above) and **Ted Moor** (pictured below) enjoyed meeting staff members. All Rotarians learned about local radio broadcasting and received gift bags.



Gerald Condon hosted a lively group at Collision and Classics with a demonstration of paintless dent technology. He gave **Paula Bothe** a hammer and had her dent the hood of a car, then had a technician remove the dent in minutes with no repainting required. The group also toured the metal and frame shops where a computerized laser measuring system was in use. Proceeding to the refinishing department, they watched a pickup truck bed being painted admired the "velvet-smooth" fenders from **Danny Babineaux's** 1938 Plymouth. Gerald treated his visitors with Blue Bell ice cream, "because when you can't beat them, why not join them!".

When RGTW Committee member **Frank Maida** delivered the lunch bags to Cornerstone Media in a Crown Royal box, **Bill Demore's** son Jarred thought it was his lucky day. Since Bill is still recovering from surgery, Jarred stepped in to show Rotarians around the office and certainly enjoyed meeting everyone.

Camille Mouton shared news about all the good things that are happening at Lamar University with her visitors. She reported that everyone seemed very interested and asked good questions.

Carolyn Johnson took our members on a walk back in time during their tour of the Jefferson Theatre which played a large part in the lives of those of us who grew up in Beaumont. After relating the history of the theatre and its impressive renovation (they celebrate the first anniversary of its reopening this month), we went up the stairs and down the stairs, peeked into nooks and crannies, saw the organ rise and heard it play, went behind the

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curtain to see what only the performers get to see, went back-stage to tour dressing rooms and the "green room". We heard about how all the beautiful paint detailing was applied by hand, how the original chandelier survived and was restored, how they change lights in it (someone climbs down onto it from the attic and leans over the edge to reach them!) and how the statuary was ordered from the same studio in Boston that provided the original statues that had been vandalized in the '80's.



Larry Beaulieu and Rix Garey welcomed Wayne Holland, Steve Doblin, Leonard Juncker, Jim Tarbett, Jack Scott, Norman Lee, Sharen Kirksey, Ken Dollinger and Paula Nichols (pictured above) to KFDM-TV. After lunch and an introduction to television broadcastin, everyone enjoyed a tour of the studios.

Hockey fan Robert Thompson arranged to have Doug Price lead an interesting and informative tour of the Texas Wildcatters facility at Ford Arena. Members enjoyed sitting on the players' bench at ice level while eating their sandwiches. Doug was pelted with many questions from our fellow Rotarians, from how thick was the ice to how many of the 'Catter team are fighters...as in fist fights. All in all, everyone had a good time at the Texas Wildcatters.

We wish to thank all of them and the rest of our Rotary Goes to Work hosts who made this program possible:

Birthdays

15th Elias Sarkis (03)
President,
Tri-Con



Born in Lebanon, he is a graduate of Lamar University and a member of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church. He enjoys running, fishing and photography.

17th Ralph McBride (95)
President/General Manager,
Voice Broadcasting



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Cynthia are the parents of Carissa and Kyle, and are members of Christ Community Church. He enjoys playing tennis.

19th Jeff Beaver (94)
Vice President,
Schaumburg & Polk



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife D'awn are the parents of Robert, Jeffrey, Lauren, John and Joseph, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys camping, snow and water skiing and spending time with his family.

20th Jim Broussard, Jr. (88)
Co-CEO,
Broussard's Mortuary



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science. He and his wife Paula are the parents of James and Jayme. He enjoys raising cattle.

20th Richard Funchess (98)
Portfolio Manager,
Texas State Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Becky are the parents of Allison, Jennifer and Ric, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting and playing golf.

20th Tim Gaddis (02)
Vice President,
Wells Fargo Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Sherrie are the parents of Katie and Tyler, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys running and reading.

Make Up Opportunities

Terry Bourdier reports that the 30 Somethings will meet next Tuesday, November 9th, 7:30 AM at Collision & Classics. Even though it's a 30 Somethings meeting, all members are invited to attend (and get make up credit). We'll finish up by 8:30.

Lorrie Hayes needs Flag Project volunteers to distribute flags Veterans Day morning, Thursday, November 11th. Call her at 833-3860.

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