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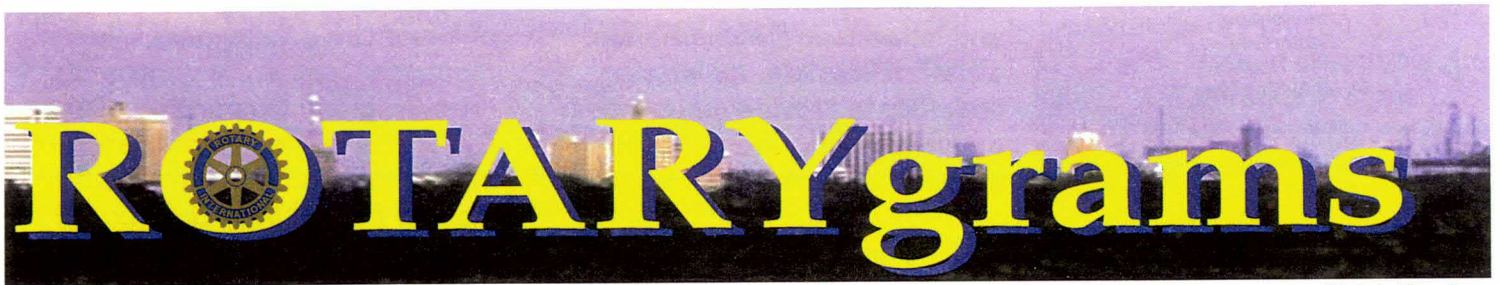


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**VOCATIONAL  
 EXCELLENCE  
 AWARD RECIPIENTS**



(L - R) Jim Broussard, Dr. William Williams, Lori Williams, Vernon Pierce, Debbie Bando, Ken Poston, Kathy Roche and Rusty Gates

**JUNIOR  
 ACHIEVEMENT**



Lorrie Alfred, Executive Director of Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle, will present next week's

program.

Junior Achievement has had a challenging year like each of the non-profits in the area. Time was lost in the classrooms, dollars have been redirected, and events

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**HEADTABLE**



INVOCATION  
**JERRY WHITE**



PLEDGE  
**JAY JOHNSON**



4-WAY TEST  
**DAVID GAULTNEY**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**PAULA O'NEAL**

*Meatloaf & Chicken Forstiere Mushroom*

**IT'S BACK! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BETTER THAN BEFORE!**

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**Future Programs**

April  
 19<sup>th</sup> Show Your Colors Flag Project  
 26<sup>th</sup> Shawn Williams - Eagle Academy

**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

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 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

**CONDOLENCES**

To **Brad Brown** and his family on the terrible loss of his daughter Ashley in the West Brook soccer team bus accident.

**REVIEW**

Last week's program was one of our Club's perennial favorites - the day we honor members of our community for vocational excellence.

The Rotarians who nominated the recipients presented awards to nine this year:

**Floyd McSpadden** nominated and introduced Debbie Bando, owner of Bando's, for working tirelessly to provide thousands of meals to energy workers during the weeks following the hurricane.

**Twila Baker** nominated and introduced Ken Poston, a social studies teacher at West Brook High School, for mentoring so many students and positively influencing their lives during his many years of teaching.

**Paula Bothe** nominated and introduced **Jim Broussard** and his cousin Tom Broussard of Broussard's Mortuary. Having seen first-hand the horrific conditions in New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, they stayed in Beaumont during and after Hurricane Rita and made certain that no family would be without proper attention necessary when a death occurred and that all who needed attending were cared for in a dignified manner.

**Alexine Boutin** nominated the Employees of Entergy and introduced **Vernon Pierce** to accept the award on their behalf. Their efforts enabled us to return to our homes and begin to put our lives back together much sooner than anyone could have predicted.

**Jay Johnson** nominated and introduced Lori and Dr. William Williams of Major Drive Veterinary Clinic most poetically in his version of "The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat". The Williams remained during the storm and cared for more than 40 pets at their clinic until their owners could return and take them home.

**Brad Tutunjian** nominated and introduced Kathy Roche of Center-Point Entergy for her volunteer efforts on behalf of the United Way, March of Dimes and American Cancer Society. She has worked tirelessly with Rebuilding Together, a new organization formed after the hurricane to help repair damaged homes.

**Carolyn Howard** nominated and **Charles Cox** introduced Rusty Gates, Director of Maintenance and Engineering at Hotel Beaumont, for remaining at his post during and after the hurricane. He and his wife Sheri protected the facility by pumping water out of the lobby,

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## ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL

One of our most popular programs, Rotary Goes to School, is another partial "casualty" of Hurricane Rita this year.

Instead of presenting the "I Like Me" books to all kindergarten students in Beaumont's public and private schools, we will present the books to the same students as first graders next fall.

We will also present books to next year's kindergartners next spring so no one will be skipped.

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were cancelled, yet JA will have a record year improving the quality of lives for young people. Thanks to a new partnership with Lamar University's College of Education over 9,000 students K-12 will learn the lessons of free enterprise, business and economics.

Additionally, our area was selected to send a young student to Washington DC to shadow on Capitol Hill. This student, Justin Shaw will be joining us at lunch to share his adventure with you.

Another 160 students from 9 area high schools visited 46 businesses to learn about careers including drafting, engineering, police investigations, medical, travel agents, teaching and cosmetology, etc.

The board of directors which includes Rotarians **John Johnson** and **Jolene Ortego** are helping the

## BISD

"All of us in BISD sincerely thank you for your support following the recent West Brook girls' soccer team tragedy.

"Every expression of sympathy and encouragement has provided the families comfort during this very difficult time.

"The phone calls, notes, flowers, food and outpouring of love have helped sustain everyone affected.

"We especially appreciate your thoughts and prayers."

**Jolene Ortego**

**Bruce Hoffer's** daughter Sarah was also on the bus and is recovering from her injuries. She was able to call Bruce on her cell phone right after the accident occurred to assure him she was okay.

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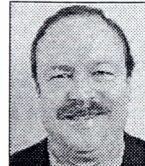
moving furniture and residents' personal belongings to safety, boarding up broken windows and keeping the building as dry as possible to prevent mold. In his "spare" time, he found ways to check on the homes of other Hotel Beaumont employees.

Thank you, everyone, for your service to our community and for embodying Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self".

organization grow in many directions. Make sure you attend this Rotary meeting to hear what our local youth are experiencing through the JA programs.

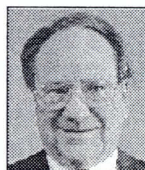
## BIRTHDAYS

**14th Chuck Heare (96)**  
Vice President, Investments,  
UBS



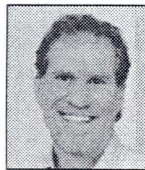
Born in Stephenville, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janie are the parents of Emily and Ross, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys spending time with his family playing tennis and hunting.

**15th S.L Greenberg (68)**  
Partner, Wells, Peyton,  
Greenberg, & Hunt



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Natalie are the parents of Gary, Lisa and Phyllis, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing. S.L is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**16th Bo Weinbaum III (78)**  
Partner,  
Burriss Transfer & Storage



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Parker and Payton. He enjoys playing golf, cooking and hunting. Bo is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Michele Snider** and her family welcomed Vaughn Edwin born March 7<sup>th</sup>, weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces. She reports that she and her new son are doing great.

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