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Rotarians were dwarfed by the large welcome banner at the RI Convention in Chicago's McCormick Place.
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Micky Bertrand - Emergency Management



Beaumont Fire Chief Micky Bertrand, will discuss the Sabine Neches Chief's Association (SNCA) and a recent Weapons of Mass Destruction

events, it has expanded to include medical, law enforcement, Coast Guard, & volunteer agencies.

Chief Michel "Micky" Bertrand received an honorable discharge from the United States Army, August, 1971, having attained the rank of Specialist 4th Class. He is a Vietnam "era" veteran and was stationed at Carlisle Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Having been reared by his grandparents who were from Paris, France, he speaks French fluently.

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Drill that was conducted in our area. The SNCA is dedicated to make our area a safer place to live by supporting emergency response agencies with training and mutual aid equipment and personnel. While this association began primarily as a mutual aid group for fire

Head Table



INVOCATION
Jarren Garrett



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JIM COOK

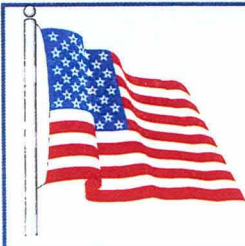


4-WAY TEST
Marlene Crawley



GUEST INTRODUCTION
MELODY PETITT

Barbecued Brisket & Sausage



**Congratulations to the
 Beaumont Rotary Foundation & the
 Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts beginning
 the third year of the Flag Project on September 11th!
 Thank you, everyone, for your support.**



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Spindletop.....Holiday Inn 11th St.
Orange.....Sunset Grove
Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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Nederland.....Sanderson's

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REVIEW

Reverend Jerry Fenter of Christ Covenant Church shared with us information about his church's ministry to orphans in Russia. Jerry has been a pastor for the past 25 years. The source of today's program was the first trip Jerry took to Russia four years ago.

In 2002, Jerry traveled with a group called Child's Hope Chest to tour some of Russia's orphanages. The organization was founded by George Steiner, a former employee of the International Bible Society. Steiner had been in Russia distributing Bibles when he encountered the plight of many of their orphanages and the tremendous increase in the number of orphans.

In the decade from 1994 to 2004, the number of orphans in Russia has increased from 640,000 to 1,200,000. Steiner returned home saying to himself that someone ought to do something about this problem. In prayer, he sensed God saying that he was that someone. Steiner then resigned from his job and formed Child's Hope Chest.

Child's Hope Chest now sponsors seven orphanages, two technical school, camps and centers in cities throughout Russia. Christ Covenant Church helps to sponsor the Sharia orphanage. Sharia has 50 orphaned children. Many members of Christ Covenant sponsor orphans by sending money, and writing letters on a monthly basis.

Fenter shared with us that the orphans are literally starving for love and affection.

Between the ages of 14 and 16 most Russian children complete secondary school and at that point they must leave the orphanage. If they are fortunate enough to live in a city where Child's Hope Chest has a center, then they can still assist them and their sponsors can continue to sponsor them. If they end up elsewhere, then CHC is no longer able to assist them. Many former orphans end up with HIV/AIDS, in Prostitution or crime or, unfortunately, commit suicide. The hope is that this ministry can make a big enough difference in the lives of these children that they will avoid many of the pitfalls that are out there.

Thanks again to Jerry Fenter for sharing with us the hope they are bringing to a very difficult situation. If you would like to contact Rev. Fenter, call 898-7900, ext. 12 or email him at jfenter@exp.net. And thank you, **Ryan Smith**, for arranging the program.

Good News!

From **Paula Bothe**: "Please spread the word. **Marvin Dunnam** is having a miraculous recovery! He is awake, able to talk, and may be moving to Health South rehab as early as next week. Tell everybody their prayers really helped. His wife Connie is ecstatic and thanks everyone for their prayers."

Andy and **John Quigley** welcomed their newest granddaughter to their family. Sophia Elizabeth was born in Houston on July 28th to their daughter and son-in-law, Kate and Mike Denham. Sophia arrived five weeks early but is going well.

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Rotary Centennial

Past District Governor Chester Burns of Galveston has compiled "The Story of District 5910 – A History of Rotary in Southeast Texas" published in honor of RI's 100th Anniversary. Please remember to pick up your free copy in the front hall before or after meetings.



Alex Broussard thought some of you would be interested in ordering this beautiful limited edition Centennial Ornament to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Rotary International created by Texas artist and designer of holiday ornaments Nelda Laney. Three Texas Rotary Clubs (Brownfield, Leveland and Levelland Breakfast) have joined together to proudly offer this special commemorative. All proceeds from this project will fund the clubs' youth camperships and scholarships.

Crafted in 14k gold plate and Rotary blue enamel, the ornament celebrates Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

Please contact our Rotary office (842-1913) for more information.

the United Way campaign coordinator for the City of Beaumont.

His wife, Regenia, is an R.N. with B.I.S.D. and they have two daughters, Germaine and Jessica, and two grandsons, James and Jack.

Birthdays

10th Charlie Jabbia (04)
Owner, N&T Construction



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Lauren Ashley

and Spencer Charles, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf, reading, history and the outdoors.

12th Danny Babineaux (98)
President, Air Comfort



Born in Orlando, Florida, he is a graduate of Lamar Institute of Technology. He and his wife Charlene are the parents of Bret and Slate, and are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting and playing tennis.

12th Azim Keramati (86)
President, Van Deventer Furniture Rentals/Boomtown Furniture



Born in Iran, he is a graduate of Texas Southern University and is studying for master's degree at the University of Houston. He and his wife

Marie are the parents of Layla, Kristina and Cameron, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys traveling with his family, playing golf and fishing. Azim is a Paul Harris Fellow.

CORRECTION

Chad Blanchard has been named President (not Vice President as previously reported) of the Textile Maintenance Association of Texas. Sorry for the error, Chad.

He began his career with Beaumont Fire/Rescue Service in 1975 and is certified as a "Master Firefighter". Chief Bertrand served three years as a line firefighter, six years as Driver/Operator, twelve years as Company Officer, and 9.5 years as Chief of the Department.

While a driver, Bertrand became a certified instructor for the fire department as well as becoming the instructor for the pumper operations class of the Lamar University firefighter academy for 15 years. He earned his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Fire Technology, graduating with "highest honors" from Lamar University in 1981.

Shortly after his appointment as Chief of Department, then Mayor David Moore appointed Chief Bertrand as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Beaumont. He was re-appointed in May 2002 by newly elected Mayor Evelyn Lord and again this year by our current Mayor, Guy Goodson.

Chief Bertrand graduated from the National Fire Academy's four year "Executive Fire Officer Program" in 2001. He is a member of the International Association of Fire Chiefs, Texas Fire Chief's Association, State Fireman's and Fire Marshal's Association and the Gulf Coast Emergency Management Association.

He serves on the boards of the Fire Museum of Texas, the Sabine Neches Chief's Association, and is Vice-Chair of the American Red Cross, Beaumont Chapter. Bertrand also serves as Chairman of the Disaster Committee of the Red Cross. In 2001, Chief Bertrand served as

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