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Paula O'Neal and Lee Freeland with some of the toys we collected at last year's holiday party.

ROTARYgrams

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Holiday Party!
Beaumont Country Club
Wednesday, December 14th at noon

Bring an unwrapped toy to put under the tree for Some Other Place

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

There will be no Rotary meetings
on December 21st or December 28th
The next meeting will be on January 4th

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REVIEW

Dean Conwell and Javier Rodriguez of the Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau presented an enlightening look on the many ways tourism works to bring new dollars into Beaumont's economy.

Last year, the economic impact from conventions alone was more than \$28 million. The city hosted over 144 conventions and tracked more than 78,000 visitors and convention delegates. Conwell noted that the 2006 CVB convention calendar is packed with major events every month and anticipates another record year for tourism, despite major setbacks from the hurricane.

Conwell and Rodriguez also touched on the importance of visitors leaving with a positive lasting impression of Beaumont. To help, the CVB is rolling out a new Destination Training Program to train and certify front line employees in

all sorts of businesses to speak knowledgeably about Beaumont and improving customer service. This will benefit the employee, the business and the city. The first Destination Training Program is scheduled for Jan. 28th at the MCM Elegante and is free of charge. To sign up, contact Javier Rodriguez at the CVB at 409-880-3749.

The presentation concluded with a reminder to contact the Convention & Visitors Bureau for help planning or coordinating meetings of all sizes. Many times we find ourselves in the position of planning a club or association meeting and need help organizing, the CVB is a great place to turn to for guidance and advise every step of the way. Best of all, it's free when you use Beaumont hotels. To contact the CVB call, 409-880-3749 or visit them online at www.beaumontcvb.com.

Future Programs

December - No meeting Christmas or New Years week

January
 4th Jim Westgate - dinosaurs

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday 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)

RI WCS

A Rotary International World Community Service (WCS) project is born when Rotary clubs from two or more countries join together to accomplish a community service project. The WCS program links Rotary clubs needing extra help with clubs in other countries that are willing to provide funds, materials, and technical and professional assistance.

The World Community Service program was officially launched in 1967. Since then, thousands of WCS projects involving Rotarians around the world have been completed. Each year, Rotary clubs

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BOOKS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

At last week's meeting, Past President **Roger McCabe** reported that the ten Rotary Clubs in our two-county area have collected more than 60,000 books to send to South Africa by the end of this month.

The Rotary Club of Bedfordview in South Africa will distribute the books to schools and libraries throughout the countries of Southern and Eastern Africa to support RI's literacy efforts. By saving books from shredders and land fills in our area, we are increasing literacy and combating poverty in these countries. Well done!

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BIRTHDAYS

15th Gary Marks (03)
Twin City Motors



Born in Orange, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Jinx are the parents of Dameon. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing.

17th Richard Bothel (03)
Executive Director,
Continuing & Distance Education,
Lamar University



Born in Canton, Ohio, he is a graduate of Butler University and Ball State University. He and his wife Lillian are the parents of Jamie, Jennifer and Jonathon. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, nature watching and paddling. Richard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Robert Peavey (00)
President,
Pumptex



Born in Beaumont, he and his wife Dana are the parents of Kaitlin and Marlie. He enjoys scuba diving, paintball, fishing and spending time with his family.

18th John Quigley (83)
Partner,
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Loyola University, Roosevelt University, and the University of Houston Law School. He and his wife Andy are the parents of Ann Marie, Kate and Mandy. He enjoys playing tennis and chess, fantasy football and play-

ing with his grandchildren. John is a Paul Harris Fellow.

20th Marlene Crawley (05)
Assistant Director,
Institute for Entrepreneurial
Studies,
Lamar University



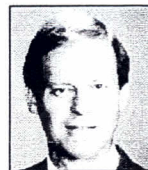
Born in Jamaica, West Indies, she is a graduate of Clarkson University. She and her Husband Brent are the members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys hiking, reading and journaling.

20th Chuck Ege III (99)
President,
JP Morgan Chase Bank



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Colorado. He and his wife Leslie are the parents of Chris and Kendle. He enjoys the beach, snow skiing and travel.

24th Jerry Duty (88)
Retired



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Kathie are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys jogging.

29th Frank Eastman (81)
President,
Royalty Corp. of Beaumont

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the University of Colorado. He and his wife Kay are the parents of Ross, and are mem-



bers of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and travel. Frank is a Paul Harris Fellow.

29th Peg Towers (87)
Retired



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She is the mother of Jim Jr. and Mary Jane, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys volunteering in the non-profit sector.

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provide an estimated US\$26 million in funds and supplies.

World Community Service projects have three criteria.

- The project must be humanitarian in nature.
- Rotarians in two or more Rotary countries must be involved.
- One of the participating countries must contain the site of the project.

Our District 5910 is providing funds to drill water wells in rural Nicaragua as its WCS Project. Some Clubs have already committed to fund one or two wells. The cost for hand pumped wells is estimated to be between \$1,500 and \$2,000 depending on the depth. Deeper wells that will require an electric pump will be more expensive.

For more information, contact our District Task Force Coordinator for Water, Health & Hunger Concerns, David Standlee (Huntsville Rotary Club), 936-437-6391 or email him at david.standlee@tdcj.state.tx.us.

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