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# ROTARYgrams

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## PAULA O'NEAL - VOLUNTEERISM



If anyone in Beaumont knows the importance of community volunteerism, it's this week's speaker **Paula**

**O'Neal**, Director of Some Other Place and a member of our club since January 1988.

Some Other Place (SOP) was founded in 1968 by a group of local United Methodist Churches. Quickly, SOP became ecumenical and is now sponsored by 56

local religious congregations and supported by many more.

Founded to serve the emergency unmet needs of the less fortunate of the Beaumont community, Some Other Place and literally hundreds of its volunteers have touched the lives of thousands of local families by helping to address needs that cannot be met by personal or public resources.

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March  
3<sup>rd</sup> Camp Enterprise

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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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**REVIEW**

Dr. James Westgate, assisted by Ms. Brooke Hall, transported us back in time to when dinosaurs ruled the Earth and the Chihuahua desert was an ocean bottom. Much to our delight, he shared his adventures in "Stalking Dinosaurs." It was a sheer joy to live vicariously through Dr. Westgate and his team of scientists as the tale of discovery of a large duck-billed dinosaur was discovered in Chihuahua, Mexico. Similar dinosaur remains had not been found in Mexico prior to the team's discovery.

Dr. Westgate has been Professor of Earth Sciences at Lamar University since 1989. He is also the associate director of JSET, which is the Jason Project for Southeast Texas. The Project just concluded servicing 5,000 local middle school children.

Dr. Westgate grew up in Arlington, Virginia. He attended William & Mary College for his undergraduate degree. He received an M. S. In Geology from the University of Nebraska, an M.S. in Biology from Southwest Missouri State University and a PhD in Geology from the University of Texas-Austin. He has held research positions for many prestigious institutions including the Smithsonian. He has written more than sixty scientific publications in the field of vertebrate

paleontology with on-going research projects in Panama, Chihuahua, Mexico and Utah.

He has always been interested in paleontology. It must be in his blood, since Dr. Westgate's great grandfather was a paleontologist at the Smithsonian.

In 1996, the Mexican Government declared a National Park 90 miles south of Big Bend in Chihuahua, Mexico. The government sent in a team of scientists to do exploration of the site, including biologists, botanists and archeologists. When large bones were found unexpectedly, the team was expanded to include paleontologists to recover and identify them.

The team of paleontologists consisted of Dr. James Westgate (Lamar University), Dr. Jeff Pittman (Lamar University), Dr. Dana Cope (Charleston University) and National Institute of Anthropology and History.

The bones they initially discovered were of a duck-billed dinosaur which lived during the Cretaceous Period, found to be over 70 million years old. Later excavations yielded bones of a 40-foot long crocodile-like creature.

Dr. Westgate presented a three-part video (produced by KFDM) of his dig in Mexico. The first visit was to secure permits in order to dig for dinosaurs. The second

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visit was to survey the site. On the third visit, the team was able to begin collecting the bones.

Jim invited Rotarians to come up and examine one of the dinosaur's neck vertebrae that he brought for "show and tell." The fossil, still partially encased in its protective plaster, weighed more than thirty pounds.

Brooke grew up in Humble and married Mark Hall, a Beaumont native. Ms. Hall has been Dr. Westgate's assistant for four years. Currently, she serves as a counselor for the Pre Medical Professions such as pre-med or pre-dent. She is a Texas A&M undergrad; however, she received her masters degree at Lamar University.

Jim has been married for 24 years to his lovely wife, Karen. They have two children: Erin, a freshman at Reed University in Portland, Oregon and Jeffery, a sophomore at Westbrook High School.

Our thanks go to **Twila Baker** for arranging the program and introducing Dr. Westgate.

## ROTARY MYSTERY

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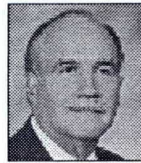
# BIRTHDAYS

**15th David Teuscher (03)**  
Shareholder,  
Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute



Born in Enid, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the University of Texas Medical School in San Antonio. He and his wife Connie are the parents of Brandon and Derek, and are members of Westgate Memorial Baptist. He enjoys Boy Scouts and outdoor sports.

**16th Bruce Walker (98)**  
General Sales Manager,  
Time Warner Cable Advertising



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife **Kathryn** are the parents of Jennifer and Tyler, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hiking, traveling, biking and playing tennis and golf.

**17th David Holstead (04)**  
Vice President,  
Wells Fargo Bank



Born in Port Arthur, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Reva are the parents of Theresa and Karen, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, travel and antiques. David is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**17th Ben Orgain, Jr. (93)**  
Vice President,  
Hibernia National Bank



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Southwestern University. He and his wife Katharine are the parents of Darby, Will and Meggie, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys fishing and playing golf. Ben is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**20th Rufus Mills (51)**  
Retired



Born in Woodville, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He is the father of Rufus, Jr., James Thomas, and Stacie, and is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, tennis and bowling. Rufus is a Paul Harris Fellow.


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The motto of Some Other Place is "putting our faith to work." Using this as a guide, staff, volunteers and donors support the work of Some Other Place by "putting their faith to work."

Often when someone is in need and asks for assistance, they are told, "...you must go to some other place for that for which you ask." For many families, Some Other Place, Beaumont's ecumenical mission in urban ministry, *is* that other place.




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