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## DR. JIM WESTGATE - DINOSAURS

Dr. Jim Westgate will present this week's program, "Stalking dinosaurs in Chihuahua, Mexico".

Dr. Westgate has been Professor of Earth & Space Sciences at Lamar University since 1989.

He earned a B.S. in Geology from the College of William and Mary, an M.S. in Geology from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an M.S. in Biology from Southwest Missouri State Uni-

versity and a Ph.D in Geology from the University of Texas-Austin.

He has held paleontologic research positions at the Texas Memorial Museum, University of Texas-Austin (past 15 years), the Nebraska State Museum at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the U.S. National Museum at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

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## HEAD TABLE



INVOCATION  
**BILLY KINNEY**



PLEDGE  
**JIM BROUSSARD**



4-WAY TEST  
**DON THOMPSON**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**JAMES BROUSSARD**

*Meatloaf & Chicken Fried Chicken*



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**Future Programs**

February  
15<sup>th</sup> Museum of the Gulf Coast  
22<sup>nd</sup> Shangri-La Gardens—Orange

**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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**REVIEW**

Officer Crystal Holmes, the Co-ordinator of Beaumont Crime Stoppers, gave us the background on the start of Crime Stoppers. It began in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico when Detective Greg McAliece there had a homicide they had been unable to solve.

He came up with the idea of presenting a reenactment on TV. He presented this to a local TV station and they agreed to produce and air the simulation. He put up \$1,000 out of his own pocket and used his home phone number. In three days time they had solved the homicide and an unsolved rape case as well.

In 1981 Channel 6 pitched the Crime Stoppers concept locally and a Board composed of civilians was formed. Board members meet one hour a month. The program is totally dependent upon the Community and the Board.

Officer Holmes also answered the question most people have about Crime Stoppers. Exactly how it works. Crime Stoppers takes calls anonymously. The caller is given a code number and is cautioned to keep that number very confidential.

The caller can then check the status of the case by calling back, giving the code number

and restating the information given previously to confirm that he or she was the caller. If it all matches with the previously given information and the crime has been solved, their reward will be delivered to the drive up window of a certain bank. They are told that after 3 PM on the fourth Thursday of the month they may go to the bank window, give the teller their code number and they will be presented with the cash reward.

The rewards range from \$100 to \$1,000 for information leading to the solution of the felony crime of the week. Every Thursday the tips that have resulted in helping to solve this crime are taken to the Board for approval. Officer Holmes makes a recommendation for the amount to be rewarded and it is up to the Board to deny or accept the recommendation.

When the tips are received by Crime Stoppers they are distributed to the proper branch of the Beaumont Police Department. Crime Stoppers is not a branch of the police department. Officer Holmes is the Coordinator and Officer Carmen Apple is the co-Coordinator. The Board is not affiliated with the police department

In the history of the Beaumont Crime Stoppers over 5,061

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**8th Steve Doblin** (01)  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs,  
Lamar University



Born in Jersey City,  
New Jersey, he is a  
graduate of the Univer-  
sity of Alabama. He  
and his wife Suzye are  
the parents of Jeff, and are mem-  
bers of Temple Emanuel. He en-  
joys running and playing bridge.

**9th Alexine Boutin** (01)  
Executive Director,  
Rotary Club of Beaumont



Born in Beaumont, she  
attended SMU and  
UCLA and is a gradu-  
ate of Lamar Univer-  
sity. She enjoys gar-  
dening, reading and travel.

**13th Harland Merriam, Jr.** (88)  
Pastor,  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
Church



Born in Coral Gables,  
Florida, he is a gradu-  
ate of Stetson Univer-  
sity. He and his wife  
Barbara are the par-  
ents of Joshua and Aaron, and  
are members of St. Andrews  
Presbyterian Church. He enjoys  
running, biking and playing ten-  
nis and golf. Harland is a Paul  
Harris Fellow.

**13th Scott Rand** (95)  
President/General Manager,  
B.T. Rand Oil Company  
Born in Waco, he is a graduate



of Texas A & M Uni-  
versity. He and his  
wife Shannon are the  
parents of Taryn and  
Tanner.

**14th Charlie Foxworth, Jr.** (96)  
President,  
Foxworth Real Estate



Born in Beaumont, he  
is a graduate of the  
University of Texas.  
He and his wife Blair  
are the parents of  
James Tucker (Jay), and are  
members of Trinity United Meth-  
odist Church. He enjoys run-  
ning and playing golf and ten-  
nis.

## GET WELL SOON!

Those of us who missed Past  
President **Larry Beaulieu's**  
newcast at last week's meeting  
were surprised to learn he had  
been in Christus St. Elizabeth  
Hospital for several day being  
treated for pneumonia. He is  
recuperating at home and  
hopes to rejoin us soon.

Get well soon, Larry!

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Dr. Westgate has written more  
than sixty scientific publications  
in the field of vertebrate pale-  
ontology with on-going re-  
search projects in Panama,  
Chihuahua, Mexico and Utah.

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cases have been solved, over  
2,942 arrests have been made,  
over \$4.2 million in property has  
been recovered and over \$2.4  
million worth of narcotics has  
been taken off our streets.

Beaumont Crime Stoppers is de-  
pendent on donations from the  
community and its Board for  
funding to make the awards to  
informants. The only other  
funds they receive are from \$50  
fee each felon pays to the  
county, of which they receive  
20%.

Officer Holmes answered many  
questions from the audience like  
callers are never asked to tes-  
tify, some callers want no money  
for their information and some  
never pick up their rewards.

She also stated that all our local,  
county, state and federal law en-  
forcement agencies work well  
together in spite of what we may  
have heard about cooperation in  
other parts of the country.

Rotarians are invited to partici-  
pate in Beaumont Crime Stop-  
pers either as Board Members  
or through donations and sup-  
port of their fund raisers to con-  
tinue the fight against crime.

**Brenda Nichols**, a member of  
the Crime Stoppers Board, ar-  
ranged for Officer Holmes to  
speak to us. Thank you,  
Brenda, for providing such a  
timely and interesting program.

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