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On December 7th, members of the Show Your Colors Flag Project Committee distributed nearly 1,000 project flyers to drivers in rush hour traffic at Phelan and 23rd Street. Our goal is 500 flag subscribers by the end of June.

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HEAD TABLE



Patty Williams serves as the Resource Development/Public Relations Officer for Communities In Schools Southeast Texas, Inc. (CISSET).

CISSET strives to make a difference in the lives of youth in Southeast Texas. Since its founding in 1991 by caring adults and employers in the area, CISSET has served over 55,000 youth in numerous capacities. CISSET is a partnership of citizens, educators, parents, students, businesses and agencies who have a

common goal of preparing our youth with the life skills and technical skills necessary for the workforce of the future and for good citizenship.

The organization develops public/private partnerships to assist the school systems in Southeast Texas in keeping students in school through direct involvement with the student and the student's family. The goal of CISSET is to meet the individual needs of students of potential by working closely in a coordinated and collaborative effort with school personnel, parents, family, staff, volun-

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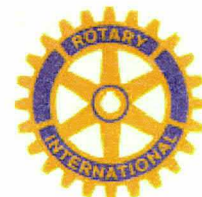


SPEAKER INTRODUCTION
LURIE RITCHEL

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Orange..... Sunset Grove
Port Neches..... Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves..... Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur..... Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

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REVIEW

Dr. Russ Schultz introduced our featured speaker, Steve Smith. Mr. Smith is a renowned journalist with over forty years experience in broadcast news. Mr. Smith gives his valuable time and talents to many charitable organizations. One of his pet projects is Moody Gardens, located in Galveston, Texas.

Moody Gardens started as a result of a family tragedy in 1986. The Gardens began in January 1986 with only a horse barn and a riding arena. The purpose was to begin a hippotherapy riding program called Project Hope for people with head injuries. Today, Moody Gardens is one of the premier providers of this type of therapy as well as horticultural therapy, education and employment for persons with a wide range of physical and emotional disabilities.

In addition to Project Hope, Moody Gardens grew to include Aquarium Pyramid, the Rainforest Pyramid, an expanded hotel and convention center, 3-D theater, a 4-D theater with a leg tickler, and soon to open "Schlitterbahn" water amusement park. Moody Gardens attracted over 2 million visitors last year.

Mr. Smith then introduced Greg Whitaker, Moody Gardens Animal Program Zoo and Aquarium Coordinator. Moody Gardens is home to over 10,000 animals representing

over 450 species. The Aquarium contains 1.5 million gallons of saltwater.

The exciting news was that a king penguin chick was hatched that morning. After Hurricane Rita, the first gentu penguin chicks were hatched.

Moody Gardens is heavily involved with many organizations with conservation programs such as coral propagation, turtle conservation, and 6 species survival plan.

Mr. Whitaker also discussed the ex-pets that now make their home in Moody Gardens, specifically fourteen macaws. He said many people purchase exotic birds as pets and then learn the problems of keeping such pets are more than they can handle. He likened sharing your home with a macaw to having a two-year old toddler with a chain saw running around the house for 80 years. The cost of property damage far exceeds the cost of the bird!

We appreciate Mr. Smith and Mr. Whitaker for the informative talk and Dr. Schultz for arranging the excellent program.

Congratulations to **Tommy Hebert** for winning four Moody Garden tickets that Mr. Smith presented to the Rotarian with the birthday closest to his own, May 26th. Tommy's birthday is May 25th.

HURRICANE RELIEF

The Family of Rotary is far reaching and always amazing! Hearing of the devastation in Southeast Texas and the needs that followed Hurricane Rita, Rotarians in New Jersey decided something must be done to help. The North Port Arthur Rotary Club coordinated their local efforts.

On December 6th, Steve Fowl arrived in Port Arthur from Paramus, New Jersey armed with work clothes and a "whatever we can do to help" attitude. His "sidekick" was his uncle, Bob George, from Promise, Arizona. They did not care that their room had no

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teers, businesses and social service agencies to prevent at-risk youth from dropping out of school.

CISSET offers tutoring, counseling, job readiness, mentoring, supportive guidance and many other services to help ensure a student remains in school to be successful in life. It addresses such critical issues as school attendance, literacy, job preparedness, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, teen suicide and school violence.

During the 2004-05 school year CISSET provided individual services to 1,588 students and an additional 22,993 students received group services in Beaumont and Port Arthur on 13 elementary, middle and high school campuses.

For more information, visit the CIS national website: www.cisnet.org

Patty is a Beaumont native and a Lamar University graduate. She currently serves on the boards of the Mental Health Association and Shorkey Center.

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carpet or that there were limited amenities in the hotel. They were here to work! They spent their first evening getting a tour of the area; in particular, the hard hit Sabine Pass. They were amazed at the devastation that remained so many weeks after the storm. It was decided that they would report for work the next morning in Sabine Pass to assist in whatever tasks they were assigned.

Steve and Bob spent the next several days helping to repair the *Old Time Diner*, the only restaurant remaining in the small community. Following the storm, the diner was able to serve limited meals on a "take out" basis only. The interior of the diner was destroyed

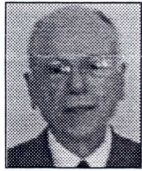
BIRTHDAYS

21st Scott Childers (05)
Regional Vice President -
Philanthropy, Christus Health
Southeast Texas



Born in Columbus, Ohio, he is a graduate of North Texas State University. He and his wife Juliet are the parents of Jacqueline and Walker. He enjoys playing golf.

21st Lum Edwards, Jr. (57)
President, J.S. Edwards &
Sherlock Insurance



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Mary Ann are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys golf and tennis. Lum is a Paul Harris Fellow.

21st Mary Ellen Robertson (93)
Owner,
Mary Ellen Robertson, CPA



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Denny are the parents of Annie, Erin and Jody, and are members of Trinity

United Methodist Church. She enjoys shopping for antiques, reading, sewing and skiing.

Jan 23rd Michelle Harris (00)
Executive Director,
Buckner Children & Family
Services



Born in Detroit, Michigan, she is a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is a member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

so no inside seating was available. Residents were looking forward to a time that they could leave the small interior of the trailers that so many now consider home, have the opportunity to socialize with their neighbors, and begin the healing process following the devastation.

Of the approximately 270 homes in Sabine Pass only eight are "livable". The community needed a place to bring some sense of normal back to the community. As they completed their work in the diner, only installation of flooring and a final inspection were remaining. With time left in their weeklong stay, they were off to private homes to assist in other demolition and repair efforts.

While Steve and Bob were working away in Texas, the folks back in New Jersey were still on a mission. Toys were being collected and packed for delivery to Port Arthur. David

Whitlock and the Ridgewood, New Jersey club collected two large boxes of new toys at their pancake breakfast. Steve, Bob and members of the North Port Arthur Rotary met to open the boxes and donate the toys to the Port Arthur Salvation Army to assist in their *Angel Tree* program.

Steve and Bob left to return to their homes on December 13th. Their next goal is to visit the Rotary clubs in their home areas to tell the story of Rita and the needs that still remain after so many weeks and months. They realize that the road to recovery for Southeast Texas will be a long one and their hope is that other Rotarians will commit to some time to help. Their contribution to the rebuilding efforts will long be remembered and appreciated.

Thank you, members and officers of the Rotary Club of North Port Arthur, for your hard work and making this worthwhile effort so successful!

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