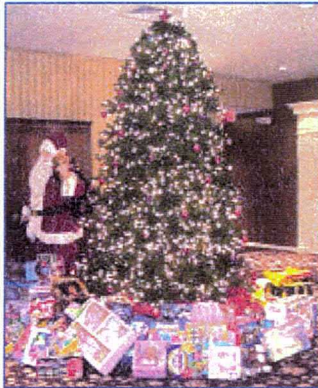


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Rotarians in the holiday spirit brought lots of toys to put under the tree at the Beaumont Country Club for our Holiday Party on December 14th.

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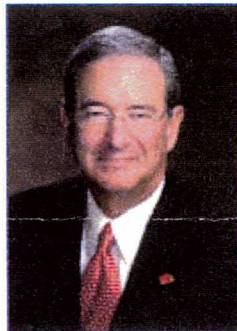
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Many thanks to Sharon and Past President **Roger McCabe** for hosting this year's Holiday Party held at the Beaumont Country Club on December 14th. The food was delicious, the decorations were lovely and the music by **Jimmy Simmons, Terry Bourdier, Toby Castro, Carolyn Howard, Betsy Hines** and **Debra Greshner** was great!

Pictured above, Past President **Maurine Gray** introduced **Angela Baker** as 2007-08 President while **Roger** looked on.

JIMMY SIMMONS - LAMAR UNIVERSITY



Veteran educator **James "Jimmy" Simmons** took office September 1, 1999, as Lamar University's 10th president, bringing a wealth of perspective on South-east Texas and Lamar to the position. Regents of The Texas State University System unanimously appointed him to the presidency.

A 31-year veteran of the faculty and leadership team at Lamar, Simmons has served as dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication since

1992. In 1996, he began serving concurrently as interim executive director of university advancement. During the three years he served as director of advancement, he helped raise more than \$8 million in private support for the university while expanding publications and public and media relations efforts. Simmons serves as the chairman of the board of the Southland Conference, the 11-member NCAA athletic conference of which Lamar University was a charter member.

Simmons' career with Lamar began in 1970 when he joined the faculty as an

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Pork Loin & Chicken Tarragon



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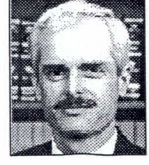
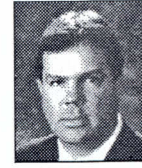
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2006 - 07 OFFICERS & BOARD



President-Elect **Gerald Condon** will take office on July 1, 2006 along with his officers, four new Club Board members and a new Beaumont Rotary Foundation Trustee.

Jim Rich will serve as Vice President, **Carole Reeves** will serve as Secretary and **Steve Lucas** will serve as Treasurer. **Angela Baker** will be President-Elect.

Vesta Brandt, George Crawford, Joe Fisher, Jr. and **David Locke** will join current Board members **Bobbie Applegate, Marvin Dunnam, Robert Peavey, Carole Reeves, Kevin Roy,**

Russ Schultz, Robert Turner and Michael Wolf. **Robert Edgar** will join current Trustees **Bobby Celli** and **Floyd McSpadden** on the Foundation Board.

We can look forward to another great Rotary year under their leadership!

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instructor and director of the marching band. He has risen through the ranks, later serving as director of bands and as chair of the Department of Music and Theatre before his appointment as dean.

He previously taught and served as orchestra and band director in the Beaumont school district and as assistant director of bands and woodwind instructor at Memphis State University, where he earned his bachelor of science in music. Simmons earned his master's degree from the University of Houston and doctorate from McNeese State University.

Jimmy Simmons is known as an administrator with a strong sense of direction and the keen ability to attract and cultivate talented faculty - who, he stresses, are professionals who teach rather than professional teachers. His innovative approaches to the pursuit of academic excellence and his winning rapport with students, faculty and staff are other defining qualities.

"He expects nothing but the best from everyone he's associated with, but, in turn, he gives nothing but the best in everything he does," said one colleague.

Welcome, Returning Member!



Karen Weller

Executive Manager,
 Commercial Insurance Accounts
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 Proposed by Terry Bourdier

Karen, a member from April 2002 until February 2004, has rejoined our club. A native of Beaumont, she attended Lamar University. She is the mother of Emily, Todd and Kyndale, and is a member of St. Marks Episcopal Church. She enjoys playing tennis and golf. Welcome back, Karen!

Future Programs

January

11th Steve Smith - Moody Gardens

18th Patty Williams - Community in Our Schools

Make-ups

Monday:

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

Wednesday:

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BIRTHDAYS

4th Ryan Harkey (02)

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Pollans & Cohen



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Ronda enjoy hunting and fishing. Ryan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

5th Mike Carter (84)

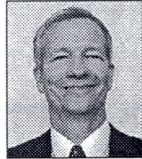
President,
Carter & Company



Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are members of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

5th Ron Clark (04)

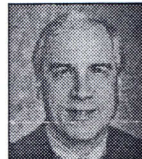
Federal Judge,
U.S. District Court



Born in Caripito, Venezuela, he is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Joanna are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hiking and camping.

5th Dave White (86)

President & Managing Shareholder,
Funchess, Mills, White & Co.

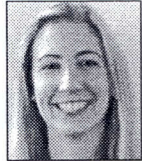


Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Kyle, Kimberly and Kolby, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and tennis, hunting and fishing.

5th Stephanie Williams (02)

Partner,
Pollans & Cohen

Born in Houston, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara,



Tiffany, Brooke and Grace, and are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. She enjoys boating and fishing.

6th George Crawford (94)

Vice President/General Manager,
Lamar Advertising of Beaumont



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is the father of Brooke and Kristen, and is a member of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

7th Ben Alford (04)

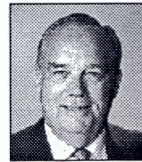
Rector/Pastor,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



Born in Albertville, Alabama, he is a graduate of the University of the South and Seabury Western Theological Seminary. He and his wife Lynn are the parents of Seth, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He enjoys backpacking, playing golf, politics and reading.

9th Bill Lucas (89)

Retired



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a BS and an MS in Chemical Engineering. He and his wife Mary are the parents of Steve, Jeff and Karen. He enjoys sailing, gardening and racquetball.

9th Matt White (01)

Director, McFaddin-Ward House



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He enjoys classical music, especially opera.

THANK YOU

"As I sit to drop you this note of appreciation, I can look out my window across the street at the families coming to receive special Christmas gifts for their children...many of those gifts came from you. My van was loaded with wonderful gifts for children that are served by Some Other Place. This year we were concerned that we would not have enough to serve those who had requested our assistance. But, thanks to wonderful people like you, as we speak, the families of hundreds of children are getting sacks of toys, games, dolls, bikes...a little of everything to put under their Christmas trees for Christmas morning. Thank you for helping to make this possible for these special children and for the volunteers of Some Other Place. We are so very grateful!

"Thank you so very much for your help to us to help those who come to us in need. You truly help to make Some Other Place a place for the less fortunate who live among us.

"We wish for you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays!!! May God bless and keep you all."

Paula O'Neal

Books for South Africa Update

On Saturday, December 10th, members of Lamar University's Rotaract chapter and local Rotarians pitched in to load 1,129 boxes of books into a sea crate.

Project Chair **Roger McCabe** reported, "This is our first excursion into the Books for South Africa and had no idea how many books we had. We ended up sending about 60 to 70 percent of the books, but still have about three dormitory rooms full of books. Therefore, it definitely looks like we will have a second sea crate full of books going to South Africa in 2006."

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