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## CAMP ENTERPRISE

Our 26<sup>th</sup> annual Camp Enterprise gets underway this week at the Holy Family Center. Participants will arrive after school on Thursday. A full schedule of events have been lined up for them. Camp will conclude Saturday afternoon.

Please join us at 11:30 Friday morning for the group photo followed by a free lunch with the students!

## SHOW YOUR COLORS



### ROTARIAN AT WORK

Twenty Rotarians braved the cold and rain before dawn last Monday to make sure that 363 residences and businesses throughout Beaumont commemorated Presidents Day by proudly flying the flag.

Chair **Roger McCabe**, Co-Chair **Pat Anderson** and Team Leader **Marvin Brailsford** were joined by **Lorrie Alfred, Sheri Arnold, Eddie Arnold, Terry**

**Bourdier, Don Burns, Dean Conwell, Guy Crabtree, Scott Hall, Steve McGrade, Harland Merriam, Jane O'Hanlon, John Quigley, Scot Quintel, Dessie Richard, Jack Tenner, Brad Tuntjian and Karen Weller.**

Lorrie proved herself to be a real trouper. After completing her route, she checked into the hospital and had an appendectomy later that day!

Thank you, everyone!

***We will not meet at the Elegante' Hotel this week  
Join us at noon on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> for our Rotary meeting at  
Camp Enterprise with our students at  
Holy Family Retreat Center, 9920 North Major Drive***

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**Future Programs**

March

8<sup>th</sup> Kyle Hayes - Hurricane Recovery  
15<sup>th</sup> Joe Domino - Getting the Power  
Back On

**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**

**President Bourdier** introduced Leticia Villarreal, environmental education intern for Shangri La. Villarreal. A wild life management graduate of Michigan State University, she arrived from Michigan two weeks before Hurricane Rita to begin her new job at Shangri La. She presented a before-and-after slide show of the 250-acre facility.

She was leading a children's workshop until 2:00 on the Wednesday before mandatory evacuation on Thursday. The outdoor environmental classes were scheduled to continue on the grounds during the construction of new facilities that were originally scheduled to open in early 2007.

The storm has delayed the re-opening until June of 2007. Villarreal and other staff are now going to area schools to teach their environmental lessons.

Shangri La was developed by Lutch Stark in 1937 and soon opened to the public for environmental and horticultural education for the people of Orange County. The gardens were closed after an ice storm in 1958, but portions reopened in recent years.

In 2004 the Lutch Stark Foundation planned a major renovation with new welcoming center, unique gardens, more nature

trails, improved outdoor classrooms and new opportunities for public enjoyment of the unique ecosystem. Construction began September 2005.

Two weeks later Hurricane Rita dramatically changed the construction plans and the way completed site will look. Despite protective actions by the staff and four employees staying on site during the storm, the loss was devastating.

Ninety percent of the trees were lost. Downed trees covered almost all of the property. The immediate danger was a possibility of fire because of the 105-degree temperatures the week after the storm. A tree service specializing in preservation took away 200 loads to the mills to be processed into lumber and pulp.

The boathouse, classroom area, boardwalk and greenhouses were destroyed. Fortunately, the original bat house and the Cyprus Swamp were not damaged.

A great deal of work has already been completed. Thousands of trees have been planted, including more than 100 loblolly pines. The boardwalk is almost completely repaired and one greenhouse has been repaired.

Work on the new facilities will be underway shortly. The new facil-

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# WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Please welcome a new member who was introduced during the February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting:



**Ivory Harrison**

Sales Center Manager  
Beaumont Coca Cola

"Beverage Industry - Sales"

Born in San Augustine, she is a graduate of the University of Houston. She and her husband Bobby are the parents of Bobby, Jr., and are members of Fort Bend Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, traveling and crafts. She was proposed by **Nancy Beaulieu**.

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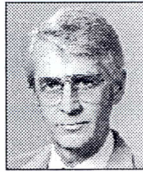
ity will have a welcome/interpretive center, three nature classrooms, a water garden, new nature trails and many botanical gardens.

In addition to the restoration of Shangri La, the Stark Foundation is giving as many as three trees to every family in Orange county to replace the trees they lost at their own homes. They are also providing workshops on the planting and care of the trees.

The program will inspire all of us to visit Shangri La when they re-open in June of 2007.

# BIRTHDAYS

**2<sup>nd</sup> H.F. Weatherly (83)**  
Retired



Born in Garrison, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Jana, and are members of First Baptist Church of Beaumont. He enjoys wood-working, leathercraft and photography.

**5<sup>th</sup> Keith Giblin (05)**  
Magistrate Judge,  
U.S. District Court - Eastern  
District Texas



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Joyce are the parents of Aubrey, Alex, Andy and Anthony, and are members of All Saints Episcopal Church. He enjoys serving as an assistant scout master for the Boy Scouts, fishing and hunting.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ramona Hutchinson (05)**  
Archivist/Assistant Professor,  
Lamar University



Born in Denver, Colorado, she is a graduate of Colorado State University. She is the mother of Erin Elizabeth and Abigail Anne. She enjoys comics, skiing, beekeeping and horseback riding.

**Mar 6th Scott Hall (03)**  
Manager of Engineering  
and Development,  
Lower Neches Valley Authority



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife Melanie are the parents of Caroline, Abby, Jack and Sam, and are members of Trinity United Methodist. He enjoys his children, playing golf, camping, hiking, fishing and hunting.

**Mar 7th Kyle Hayes (01)**  
City Manager,  
City of Beaumont



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Trinity University. He enjoys playing sports and travel.

**Mar 7th Tillie Hickman (01)**  
Principal,  
Beaumont ISD



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, she is a graduate of McNeese University and Lamar University. She and her husband Bennie are the parents of Robert and Robin, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys reading, gardening and cooking.

# Condolences

**Emelie Irving's** father passed away earlier this month.

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