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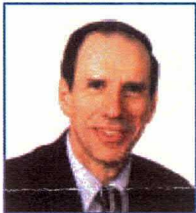


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JOE DOMINO - GETTING THE POWER BACK ON



Joe Domino, president and chief executive officer of Entergy Texas since 1998, will provide personal insight into what our community was like in the days

following Hurricane Rita.

While our local population shrank dramatically in the days before and after the storm struck, our community became home to thousands energy workers from approximately thirty-eight utility companies around the country for several weeks. The utility companies responded to our need as part of a mutual

assistance program with Entergy.

These skilled professionals arrived almost immediately to work tirelessly with dedicated Entergy employees to

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**Thank you,
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**Rotary Club of Beaumont
Resolution of Memorial Tribute
in Memory of
John Wells Saladin, Sr.
1940 - 2005**

John Wells Saladin, Sr., the son of Janice Wells and Robert John Saladin, was born in Charleston, West Virginia on April 2, 1940. John actually lived most of his adult life in Baton Rouge, Houston, and Beaumont. His life's journey as a loving and generous husband and family man and as a prominent area businessman ended at the age of sixty-five on July 21, 2005; but his legacy lives on in the memory of his family and many friends.

A 1957 graduate of Baton Rouge High School, John then earned B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from Louisiana State University in 1962. His love for LSU was a visible part of his life...for he was a rabid LSU Tiger fan for all sports. He was an active supporter of the Tiger Athletic Foundation, the LSU Foundation and the LSU Alumni Association...but, he was also a member of the Lamar Cardinal Club! He was GEAUX-Tiger proud AND Go Big Red proud also! In addition to his LSU background, John was a graduate of the Graduate School of Sales and Marketing at Syracuse University, New York.

While at LSU, John spent four years in ROTC and then served in the U.S. Army for two years, reaching the rank of Captain. He served first in Ft. Benning, Georgia; then attended Intelligence School in Ft. Holabird located in Baltimore, Maryland; and then joined the 203rd MI Detachment in Killeen, Texas.

On August 17, 1961, while a student at LSU, John married high school sweetheart Frances Meredith. In 1963 and 1967, they added two children to the Saladin Family: daughter Meredith and son John, Jr.

John's professional career began as a district engineer with the manufacturing company called Goulds Pumps (known today as ITT Goulds) and he worked there for sixteen years. His former employer awarded him the Golden Eagle Award for a career of excellence.

After Goulds, John became Vice President of Sales and Service at Flexibox, Inc. in Houston. But, John's dream was to own and run his own business and that dream became a reality in January 1986 when John and his family moved to Beaumont where John founded Saladin Pump & Equipment

Co, Inc. With his death, John has passed the torch of leadership over his industrial pump distribution company to son John W. Saladin, Jr.

John's professional affiliations were with American Society of Mechanical Engineers and International Maintenance Institute.

In June of 1993, John was honored by the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce as recipient of the Small Business Person of the Year Award, a validation of his ethical business practices.

John treated his thirteen employees like family. According to one of his employees, John "would always put the needs of others before his own. That's just the kind of person he was."

John's family, employees and friends will always remember him for his keen sense of humor and for being quite the prankster. Moreover, he will be remembered by his family as being quite the dancer, whether dancing slowly with his beloved Frances or doing the Twist with their daughter Meredith or leading a line dance.

All who knew John will remember him for how he lived every day with great zest, even the difficult days of his journey with and battle against cancer.

John is survived by his loving wife of forty-four years, Frances Meredith Saladin. He is also survived by his daughter Meredith S. Clark and husband Tom of League City, Texas; son John W. Saladin, Jr. and wife Debbie and their twin sons Thomas and Michael of Beaumont; his sister Catherine Barefield and husband Paul and their children of Gulf Shores, Alabama. He is also survived by many friends and business associates in Beaumont, Crystal Beach, Houston and Baton Rouge.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that the members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont express sorrow at the death of John Wells Saladin, Sr., and extend sympathy to his family as an expression of sincere feeling at the loss of a dear friend, a remarkable man and a remarkable business man and a member of this Rotary Club for 17 years.

And, Be it Further Resolved that this resolution is spread across the minutes of this Rotary Club, and that a copy be furnished to his family.

Passed by unanimous vote of the membership this eighth day of March 2006.

BIRTHDAYS

17th Bobbie Applegate (94)
Partner, Brooks, Applegate & Wickland



Born in Morrison, Illinois, she is a graduate of Bradley University. She and her husband Joe share their home with Xena, their beautiful golden retriever. She enjoys reading and traveling. Bobbie is a Paul Harris

Fellow.

17th Jimmy Simmons (86)
President, Lamar University



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Memphis State University, the University of Houston and McNeese University. He and his wife Susan are the parents of Jennifer, Mike and Matt. He enjoys jogging, racquetball and playing the clarinet and saxophone. Jimmy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Gillian Jenkins (05)
Sales Manager,
Transit Mix Concrete & Materials



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Will are the parents of Hannah and Gates, and are members of St. Anne Catholic and Trinity Methodist Churches. She enjoys fishing, painting and horses.

18th Paula Nichols (04)
Director of Distance Education,
Lamar University



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Houston. She and her husband Kenneth are the parents of Bart, Adam, Neal and Luke, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys rose gardening and playing the piano.

19th Guy Crabtree (05)
Vice President,
Crabtree Barricade Systems



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University. He and his wife Rhonda are the parents of Kyleigh, Morgan and Cody, and are members of Westgate Church of Christ. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

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Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday 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

Esteemed Rotarian and Our Honorable **Guy Goodson** introduced our featured speaker and fellow Rotarian, **Kyle Hayes**, City Manager of Beaumont. Kyle started his career in 1993 as an intern at City Hall. In 1994, he was promoted as an assistant to the then legendary City Manager, Ray Riley. He rose through the ranks of city government before taking office as City Manager in 2002.

He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur. He received his B.A. from the University of Texas and his M.S. from Trinity University. He is a graduate of Leadership Beaumont and Leadership Southeast Texas, and serves on the Board of Beaumont Main Street.

Kyle informed us of the exciting life in the day of a City Manager. He thoroughly enjoys his job and he looks forward to coming to work every morning. He has a great working relationship with the Mayor and the City Council as well as the departmental directors.

He has faced many challenges in the 3½ years he has served as City Manager. The top priority was to make the City more fiscally sound. Since 2001, the City has downsized its staff and now runs much more efficiently and effectively. In 2002, the City's reserves were at \$9 million; in 2005 before Rita the reserves had climbed to \$13.5. All of this was done while decreasing the tax rate for the past 2 years.

The City of Beaumont was out-of-pocket approximately \$9 million dollars due to the hurricane damage. The reserves were utilized for these expenses. Although approximately 75% of these expenses should be reimbursed by FEMA, no reimbursement has been received as yet.

Other priorities are aggressive capital improvement initiatives and aesthetic enhancements to the city. In 1999, the City received \$11 million for improvements. Some of the projects that utilized these funds were Crockett Street and the renovation of the Jefferson Theatre and Hotel Beaumont.

The City plans to invest approximately \$20-\$25 million in the downtown area. One of the reasons is because downtown is the historic center of the City. Another reason is to revitalize the business district and attract new business. Construction of thirty

new townhomes at the corner of Forsythe and Trinity will begin this month.

Two new parks will be built: the Martin Luther King Park to be located on College and MLK and a new signature park to be located on Crockett and MLK. The City plans to demolish the Civic Center and the Harvest Club and construct a new community center at the new Signature Park. The Park will have a 10-acre manmade lake and walking trails. Other projects include the renovation of the Julie Rogers Theater and Tyrell Historical Library.

Thank you, Kyle, for the tremendous job that you do and for sharing with us the bright spot we know as Beaumont.

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restore electrical power to our homes and businesses, most local areas within three weeks, so we could return home and begin to put our lives back together. These men and women left their homes and families to sleep in tents, brave temperatures in excess of 100 degrees and deal the multitude of hazards Rita left behind.

Joe has 35 years of service with Entergy. In 1970, he joined Gulf States Utilities as a planning engineer. Over the course of 35 years, he received a steady stream of promotions including plant manager at Sabine Plant, a 2000-megawatt power generation facility in Bridge City, Texas, and general manager-production responsible for oversight of all of Gulf States Utilities' fossil-fueled generation assets.

Following the merger with Entergy in 1994, Domino was appointed director, Southern Region Fossil Plants. A year later, the company assigned him to a similar post over the Eastern Region plants. In June 1997 he was asked to direct Entergy's distribution operations in Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Domino graduated from Louisiana State University in 1970 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. In 1975, he was awarded a Master's Degree in Engineering Science from Lamar University.

Domino has called Beaumont home for the past 35 years. He and his wife, Linda, are members of St. Anthony Cathedral Catholic Church. They are the proud parents of a son, Frank, and a daughter, Jennifer.

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