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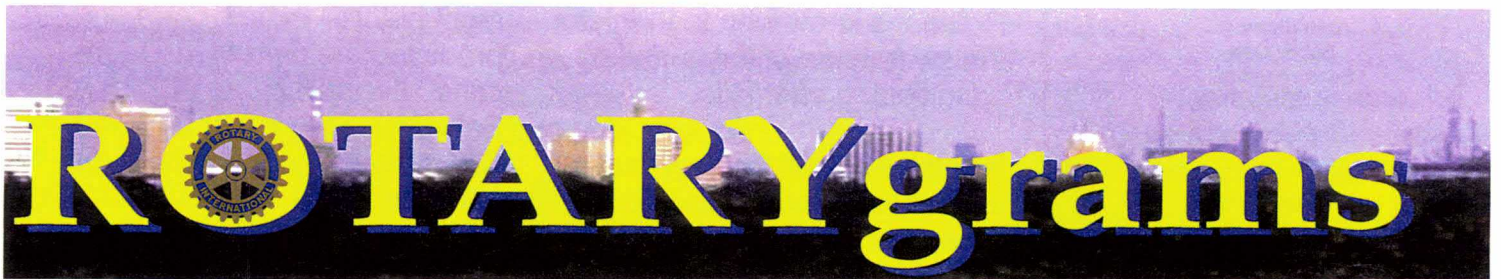


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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Uliana Trylowski, Executive Director of Beaumont Habitat for Humanity, will share with us how her organization is responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita.

Beaumont Habitat for Humanity, founded in 1979, is the sixth oldest affiliate in a network of Habitat organizations that numbers over 2,000 worldwide. It's mission is to eliminate poverty hous-

ing, something that Beaumont Habitat strives to do by building modest, affordable homes together with qualified partner families who could not afford a conventional or government-backed mortgage.

Beaumont Habitat for Humanity operates on Christian principles and puts into practice the beliefs that one should not make a profit from the poor, nor charge interest of the poor. Therefore,

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REVIEW

Restoring Southeast Texas electricity was a massive and successful effort powered by the employees of Entergy Texas, **Joe Domino** told us Wednesday. "I'm just lucky enough to work with a lot of heroes," the President of Entergy Texas said.

Although Joe never mentioned the role his own leadership played in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita, the standing ovation he received after completing his speech indicates that his fellow Rotarians know who to thank for the swift return of lights and air conditioning after Rita.

In total, 800,000 Entergy customers in Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas lost power, about 300,000 in Texas, Joe said. Although there are back-up systems throughout the Entergy grid, on September 25th there was not one active electricity line between the Trinity River in Texas and Jennings, Louisiana.

Entergy Texas had to replace 8,970 distribution poles, 8,040 transformers, almost 1,000 wooden transmission poles and 26 steel lattice towers. To do that, 10,000 workers used everything from helicopters to boats, getting 40% of their customers up and running in one week, 85% by October 8th and 100% by October 16th, an amazing result.

Joe estimated that they served 400,000 meals to Entergy workers, along with 1 million bottles of water and 500,000 cups of coffee. Entergy repaired 2,338 flat tires, bought 1,671 new tires, used 1,675,000 gallons of fuel and set up four "tent cities," the largest holding 2,000 men.

Although Entergy uses two weather services to help deploy workers before the storm, Channel 6's Greg Bostwick was the only one who, on the Thursday night before landfall, correctly predicted the path of the hurricane. Landfall came at 2:38 AM Saturday, September 24th, with 120 mile-per-hour winds. Tropical force winds were sustained for 24 hours, Joe told us.

In response to a question, he said we were on the west side of Rita, the weaker side, and he projects a longer recovery time if a similar storm should make landfall to our west.

Although the intense heat in the weeks following Rita made working outside in the sun much less comfortable, Joe said it allowed the work to go faster than rainy weather would have.

Asked what would be done differently next time, he said the federal response will have to be considered. After Rita, federal agencies interfered with the carefully

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Habitat houses are sold at cost to partner families who hold ZERO interest mortgages for their houses. The mortgage payments are made directly to Habitat. Payments include principal, tax and insurance. The affiliate pays tax and insurance on the homeowners' behalf, while the principal from mortgage payments goes back into the affiliate to help build more houses.

Since 1979, Beaumont Habitat for Humanity has built and sold 45 houses in the area, providing renewed hope and a new beginning for needy families. At 2005, the affiliate was building an average of four houses per year. And then, Rita struck the area putting Beaumont Habitat in a unique position.

To coin a Habitat International phrase, "when disaster strikes, Habitat strikes back."

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laid plans of local governments and of Entergy, confiscating facilities and, in one case, an Entergy truck in order to take its fuel.

Joe started his talk by saying that Rita has been called the storm everyone has forgotten, "but I can tell you it is one that I will never forget."

Former Mayor **Evelyn Lord** introduced the Entergy chief executive officer with a variety of jokes and President **Terry** managed a few puns as well. All in all, a good time was had by all.

BIRTHDAYS

22nd Bessie Chisum (91)

Owner,
Chisum Resource Management



Born in Mississippi, she is a graduate of the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University.

She and her husband **Stewart** are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys traveling, gardening, antiques and historic building restoration. Bessie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Carolyn Johnson (03)

Manager,
Jefferson Theatre



Born in Trenton, New Jersey, she is a graduate of Syracuse University and George Washington

University. She and her husband Ben are the parents of Olivia Rose and stepchildren Ryan and Kelsey. She enjoys her dogs, shopping, reading and skiing.

24th Jack Scott (73)

Retired



Born in Troy, New York, he is a graduate of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institution.

He and his wife Loucille are the parents of Barbra, Patti, and John Jr., and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing bridge and golf. Jack is

a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Vesta Brandt (02)

General Manager,
Clear Channel Communications

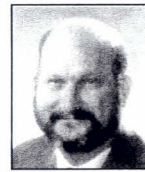


Born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, she attended Del Mar College. She and her husband Marvin are

the parents of Darlene, Danny and Suzy. She enjoys gardening and reading.

27th Billy Kinney (93)

President,
A-1 Acoustics



Born in Texarkana, he and his wife Connie are the parents of Douglas and Bryan, and are members of

Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting and horses.

28th Robert Hambright (86)

Partner,
Orgain, Bell & Tucker



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and SMU School of Law. He and his

wife Kathleen are the parents of Rosemary and Phoebe, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys carpentry, hunting and fishing.

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