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SHANNON HARRIS - MUSEUM OF THE GULF COAST



Shannon Harris, Executive Director of the Museum of the Gulf Coast since 2000, will present this week's

program.

The museum was chartered in 1964 by the state of Texas as the Port Arthur Museum. Currently administered by the Port Arthur Historical Society, its mission is to "collect, preserve, display and

interpret the heritage of southeast Texas and southwest Louisiana," bordered by Houston to the west and New Orleans to the east.

The museum displays include history, natural history, art and cultural exhibits from about area. It also features galleries spotlighting local music and sports personalities.

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HEAD TABLE



INVOCATION
JEFF NOBLE



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
ELAINE SHELLENBERGER

CATFISH OPELOUSAS & RED PEPPER BASIL CHICKEN

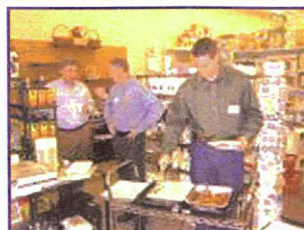


The newest member of
 our Rotary Family!

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April
5th Vocational Excellence Awards
12th Gladys City 30th Anniversary

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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

Last week's program was another in an informative series on recovering from Hurricane Rita. Habitat for Humanity board member **Walt Snider** introduced the program and the speaker.

Snider said that Rotarian **Brock Brentlinger** was one of the founders of Beaumont Habitat for Humanity in 1979. Beaumont Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-based, ecumenical not-for-profit organization. Current Habitat board members in Rotary are: **Jeff Dyson, Jolene Ortego, Vernon Pierce and Snider.**

Speaker **Uliana Trylowsky** has been with Habitat since 2004. Her experience before included serving as executive director of the Gift of Life and The Arts Council of Southeast Texas. Before coming to Beaumont she worked for several different international nonprofits, mostly in Eastern Europe. She is originally from Canada.

Uliana said the mission of Habitat is "to eliminate poverty housing." Habitat strives to fulfill its mission by building modest, affordable homes.

The criteria for the owners is need, ability to pay and willingness to partner. The owners must be employed and agree to 300 hours of voluntary work. Beaumont Habitat has built 45

homes. Currently a three bedroom house costs the owner \$52,000 and a four bedroom home costs \$55,000. The owners pay zero interest mortgages on the homes.

Most often more than one home is built in a neighborhood where a tract of land has been donated. The City of Beaumont and the Catholic Diocese are examples of land donors.

Habitat also partners with donors of materials and volunteer labor. Entergy, the Larry Gist Unit of the Prison System, Apostles (a group of 13 local churches) are current partners. A group from the Gist Unit works during the week and group and individual volunteers work on Saturdays.

Hurricane Rita completely destroyed the Habitat Warehouse and office, but the houses suffered only minor damages. Fortunately, after Rita Habitat International has come to the community to help. They will build 27 homes in our area this year.

Most of the houses are "house in a box." The walls are constructed in various communities across the country, packaged, trucked and brought to Beaumont, where another crew will use them to build out the house. Some crews from across the country are here now building homes on donated property in the north part of Beau-

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30-SOMETHINGS

Jeff Dyson hosted the monthly 30-Something Committee breakfast at his M&D Supply in Lumberton on Friday, March 17th.

Jeff had set two long tables with real tablecloths for those attending. While Jeff was telling us about his business, his staff prepared huevos rancheros and pancakes. In addition those goodies, they served sausage links, homemade applesauce fruit and heated syrup.

Jeff also gave goodie bags to everyone and had a scavenger hunt with gift cards to the winners. **Ivy Pate** won the \$25 gift card for completing the scavenger hunt first.

Also attending were **Jason Armstrong, Terry Bourdier, Charles Cox, Jane O'Hanlon, Robert Peavey**, Committee Chair **Carole Reeves, Brad Tutunjian** and **Sarah Wannarka**. 30-Something breakfast meetings are held monthly hosted by our Rotarians around the area.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Melody Petitt and her husband Wayne welcomed Alexander Jackson Petitt into their family on Sunday, March 19th. He weighs 8 pounds 5 ounces and is 19½ inches long. We look forward to seeing Melody and lots of photos when she returns from maternity leave!

BIRTHDAYS

7th Jack Crawford (01)
Scout Executive,
Boy Scouts of America



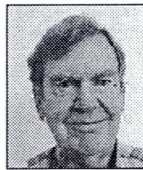
Born in Gainesville, Georgia, he is a graduate of the University of Georgia. He and his wife Carleen are members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. He enjoys historic preservation.

9th Lois Ann Stanton (87)
Executive Vice President-Trust,
Texas State Bank



Born in Charleston, West Virginia, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Robert are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys sewing, her dogs and being pampered at the spa. Lois Ann is a Paul Harris Fellow.

10th Sam Lord, Jr. (89)
Retired



Born in Rockland, Maine, he is a graduate of Tufts University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He and his wife **Evelyn** are the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Victoria and William, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys gardening, Goodwill and volunteer activities. Sam is a Paul Harris Fellow.

11th Emelie Irving (98)
Executive Director,
Southeast Texas Food Bank



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Robert are the parents of

Jessie and Jade, and are members of First Baptist Church. She enjoys running.

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Shannon earned a B.A. in geography and urban planning from Southwest Texas State University and an M.A. in history from Southwest Missouri State University.

Prior to moving to our area, she worked at the Early American Museum in Champaign, Illinois and Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site in Elverson, Pennsylvania.

She is a member of the Port Arthur Rotary Club.

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mont, others will come later and local volunteers will build some.

Habitat needs volunteers to help with construction, to assist with homeownership applications and family selection. Donations of land and cash are always needed for future homes.

Thanks to Uliana for a terrific program and to all who have donated their time and money to helping people in our community to own a home.

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