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KYLE HAYES - BEAUMONT CITY MANAGER



Kyle Hayes faced his biggest challenge as Beaumont City Manager last September when Rita struck our area, causing widespread damage throughout our city.

A member of our club since January 2001, Kyle took office as City Manager in 2002.

He is a native of Beaumont and a graduate of the University of Texas and Trinity University.

Kyle will bring us up to date on Beaumont's recovery from the hurricane as well as redevelopment plans for our city.

Please plan to attend this week's meeting to hear this interesting and timely program.

HEADTABLE



INVOCATION
MARY PARMER



PLEDGE
ERIC LAWRENCE

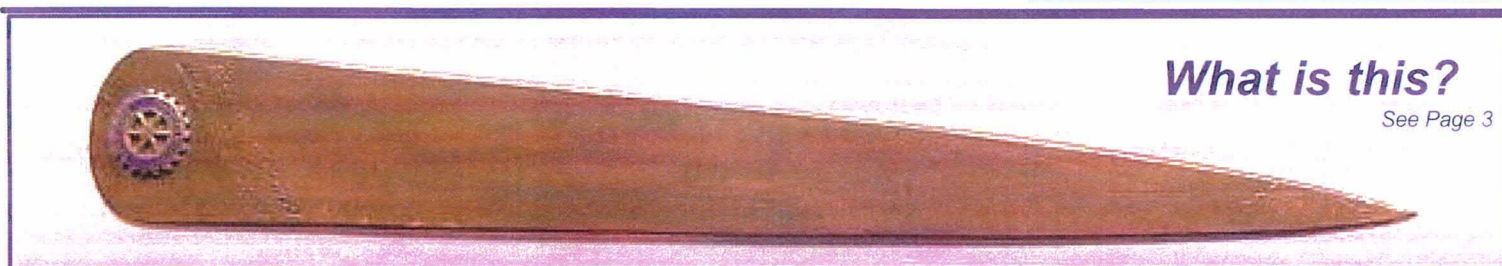


4-WAY TEST
JAMES BROUSSARD, JR.



GUEST INTRODUCTION
GUY GOODSON

Pork Chops & Chicken with Mushroom Gravy



What is this?

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Future Programs

March
 15th Joe Domino - Getting the Power
 Back On
 22nd Habitat for Humanity

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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On the Road

President-Elect **Gerald Condon** and Executive Director **Alexine Boutin** spent four days in Wichita, Kansas last week attending the 45th Annual Western Division Large Club Conference with Presidents-Elect and Executive Directors from thirty other large clubs.

The highlight of their trip was having lunch with former Beaumont Rotarian/current Wichita Rotarian Emily Compton. Emily wanted all of you to know that she enjoys being back in her home state but she misses us!

Sunday evening's reception was followed by a seated dinner and brief introductions of each club's representatives with a banner exchange.

Entertainment was an 18-year old yo-yo champion and entrepreneur. Brent Dellinger entered his first yo-yo competition at the age of twelve. Before he was old enough to get his driver's license, he had earned enough from prize money and product endorsements to purchase a Porsche Carrera for himself. He won the national championship last year and has earned second place honors in both the European and Far East championship competitions. This young man's performance exceeded all expectations.

Back-to-back sessions all day Monday and Tuesday covered

subjects such as "Your Role as Club President", "The Challenges and Opportunities of Being the President of a Large Rotary Club", "Membership Challenges and Best Practices", "Leading a Non-Profit", "What Not to Do as a Club President" and "Enhancing Your Platform Skills".

The final morning session was a round table discussion of club operations including public relations, newsletters and rosters, budgeting, web sites and technology.

The closing banquet was held at the Wichita Art Museum. Entertainment was provided by the Prairie Rose Wranglers, a quartet of classic cowboy musicians who performed at Carnegie Hall on May 30, 2003. Never before had an entire evening of cowboy music and poetry been performed there.

We tapped our feet and sang along (under our breath, of course) to songs such as "Ghost Riders in the Sky", "Streets of Laredo", "O Bury Me Not on the Lone Prairie" and "Home on the Range". They will perform their music atop the Great Wall of China later this month, another first!

After attending this conference and RI's President-Elect Training Seminar later this month, Gerald will be well-trained to take over the reins of our club in July!

**Wathen,
DeShong
& Juncker,
L.L.P.**

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BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Friday, February 24th and approved the following:

New Member:

David Heinz
Financial Advisor
Merrill Lynch
"Brokerage – Financial Consulting"
Proposed by **Joe Fisher, Jr.**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, March 17th, the candidate listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Leaves of Absence:

Sid Cohen - 2/1/06 - 4/15/06
Ryan Harkey - 2/1/06 - 4/15/06
David White - 1/1/06 - 5/1/06

Resignation:

Ed Turner - moved out of area

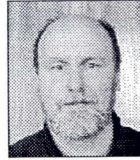
WHAT IS IT?

Beaumont-Spindletop Rotary Club President-Elect Wayne Chesser brought a relic from the past to our office a couple of weeks ago to see if we could shed any light on the well-used but still beautiful bronze letter opener shown on page 1.

The engraving reads "Port of Beaumont, March 20-21, 1923". Wayne received it from a man in Colorado whose sister-in-law had bought it at an estate sale in New Jersey. Who knows where it had

BIRTHDAYS

9th Kip Lamb (96)
The Law Office of Kip Lamb



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor Law School. He and his wife Isabel are the parents of Isabel and Nicholas. He enjoys scuba diving, traveling, bicycling and motorcycles.

traveled during the last 83 years but it's back in Beaumont now!

The date was indeed significant. That year our club celebrated its 10th anniversary and on that date the club hosted the District Conference. At the time, the District was the entire state of Texas. According to an article from *The Beaumont Enterprise*, more than 1,200 delegates from 71 clubs attended. The former attendance record for a Texas District Conference was 1,028 when it was held in Mineral Wells in 1922.

The Port of Beaumont was one of the tours offered visiting Rotarians. We don't know if everyone received a letter opener or just a select few, but this may very well be the only one still in existence.

Our club is honored and delighted to have this treasure for its archives and we thank Wayne for passing it along to us. Coincidentally, the enamel Rotary wheel on the letter

10th Leonard Juncker (79)
Partner,
Wathen DeShong & Juncker



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife **Sharen Kirksey** are the parents of Jill and Brian, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf and tennis and building models. Leonard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

12th Rod Carroll (02)
President,
Stat Care EMS



Born in Yonkers, New York, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He is the proud father of Matthew and Brooke.

13th Rix Garey (83)
General Sales Manager,
KFDM-TV Channel 6



Born in Milford, Delaware, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Brenda are the parents of Angela and Susan, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys gardening and playing the guitar.

opener is the current one in use. It was adopted in 1923 so this may have been one of its first public uses.

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