

Published by the
 Rotary Club of Beaumont
 Subscription price \$5.00 per year
 Periodicals postage paid at Beaumont, Texas
 Published weekly, except Christmas week, New Years
 week & two unspecified non-meeting weeks
 POSTMASTER: send address changes to
 MCM Elegante' Hotel, Suite 213
 2355 IH-10 South
 Beaumont, TX 77705

USPS 471-700



SERVICE Above Self

Periodical
 POSTAGE
 Paid at
 Beaumont, TX



Photo by Steve Buser

A Publication of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, Texas - Club 72

Vol. 95 No. 40, May 24, 2006

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARS



Our club has been honored to sponsor candidates for Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholarships for many years and in the last five years, three of our candidates have been awarded the prestigious scholarship, second financially only to the Fulbright Scholarship: Beth Tindall who studied in Chile during 2003-04,

Brandan Still who studied in Ireland 2004-05 and Jenny Achilles is currently studying in El Salvador.

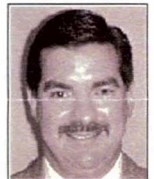
This year our club sponsored two young women for 2007-08 Ambassadorial Scholarships: Jenna Davis (left) and Divya Virma (right). Our District Ambassadorial Scholar Selection Committee interviewed both young women as well as six other applicants on Saturday, April 29th. To our delight, both of our candidates were named our District's two Ambassadorial Scholar Nominees! After approval by Ro-

(Continued on page 3)

HEADTABLE



INVOCATION
JAMES BROUSSARD



PLEDGE
DOUG CHASE



4-WAY TEST
WYATT SNIDER



GUEST INTRODUCTION
TILLIE HICKMAN

Lemon Pepper Chicken & Pork Loins

IT'S BACK! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BETTER THAN BEFORE!

**HOLIDAY INN BEAUMONT PLAZA
 3950 I-10 SOUTH
 409-842-5995**

**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT
OFFICERS**

Terry Bourdier..... President
Gerald Condon..... President-Elect
Russ Schultz..... Vice President, Programs
David Locke..... Secretary
Mary Ellen Robertson..... Treasurer
Lee Freeland..... Sergeant at Arms
Roger McCabe..... Past President, Advisor

DIRECTORS

Bobbie Applegate
Travis Brewer
Marvin Dunnam
Lee Freeland
Allison Nathan Golias
Becky Mason
Robert Peavey
Carole Reeves
Kevin Roy
Russ Schultz
Robert Turner
Michael Wolf

BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION, INC.

Terry Bourdier
Maurine Gray
Azim Keramati
Bobby Celli
Benny Hughes
Floyd McSpadden

Bessie Chisum, RotaryGram Committee Chair

Alexine Boutin, Executive Director
Office Hours: Weekdays 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
409-842-1913 • Fax: 409-842-5613
rotarybmt1@yahoo.com
Meets Wednesdays at Noon
MCM Elegante' Hotel • International Ballroom
2355 IH-10 South

Future Programs

May
31st Gift of Life

Make-ups

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

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org
(limit 3 times in each quarter)

REVIEW

Knowing the history of Gladys City paid off for a few Rotarians Wednesday as our own **Richard Bothel** used prizes to keep us on our toes and teach us at the same time.

Aided by Christie Marino, the coordinator of the Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum on the Lamar University campus, Richard – whose day job is executive director of continuing education at Lamar – brought out a number of interesting facts about our own area in the format of a trivia game for our members.

Max Duplant won a Gladys City “gimme” cap for correctly naming January 10, 1901, as the date the Lucas Gusher blew in. For the next nine days, Richard said, that single well produced 100,000 barrels of oil per day. By 1902, he said, 285 wells had been drilled and, in that same year, 17 million barrels of oil were produced and 41,000 people moved to Beaumont within a six-month period.

Richard said most geologists believed that no oil would be found in this part of Southeast Texas. **James Broussard** and **Jerry White** won bags of Gladys City goodies for naming the two men who proved “most” geologists wrong: Patillo Higgins and Anthony Lucas.

We also learned that not much oil was produced here after 1902, until 1926, when new production techniques ignited a second boom on “the hill” outside Beaumont. Almost 15 million barrels of oil were pumped that year.

Christie, with a lot of help from **Jim** and **James Broussard**, informed us that caskets were originally kept in the A. Broussard Livery Stable at Gladys City (because they were carried by horses pulling wagons) and that later became the A. Broussard Undertaking & Livery Stable. However, Broussard’s was already in business on Fannin Street in Beaumont before the days of the Gladys City livery stable.

Those of us who have been Rotarians for awhile remember the building of a new visitors center at Gladys City in 2000 and the big centennial celebration in 2001, with then-Mayor Evelyn Lord chairing the arrangements, former First Lady Betty Ford cutting the ribbon and Past President George H. W. Bush as the main speaker.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Rita damaged every building at the museum, with the cost of repair estimated at close to one million dollars. He stated that FEMA may pay for about \$700,000 worth of the work. All the derricks, except the main one designed by our club’s **Sina Nejad**, were knocked down by the high winds. But the meeting room is open and the gusher still works, as is demonstrated each Saturday.

The East Texas Tourism Society recently named Gladys City one of the top ten tourist attractions in Southeast Texas. It drew 20,000 visitors in 2005. Richard and Christie predicted that the Spindletop Museum will soon be back in full operation and better than ever. They made it apparent that we have a treasure here that many of us have been taking for granted.

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

Certified Public Accountants

4140 Gladys, Ste. 101 • Beaumont, TX 77706-3648
Phone (409) 838-1605 • Fax (409) 838-3316
www.wdjcpa.com

 **TIME WARNER
CABLE**

Public Affairs/
Government Relations
Gary Underwood
727-1515

Ad Sales Manager
Bruce Walker
924-9500

ROGER MCCABE – Rotary Past President
Board Certified, Personal Injury Trial Law
by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
JOE E. BROUSSARD –
Board Certified, Estate Planning and Probate Law
by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization
THOMAS MAYO

MEHAFFYWEBER Houston | Beaumont
ATTORNEYS
A Professional Corporation
MehaffyWeber.com
713.655.1200 | 409.835.5011

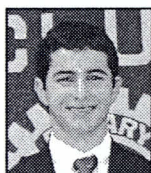
SPECIAL GUESTS

We introduced three special guests at last week's meeting who had not been able to join our Youth Day program the week before: our Rotary International Youth Exchange student from France and this year's two scholarship recipients (both seniors at Monsignor Kelly High School).



Our exchange student Emeline Sicard (pictured with her host Mom Becky Henry) told us about her experiences in

Southeast Texas, including fleeing the hurricane and participating in RYLA and Camp Enterprise.



Dillon Klein is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Forensic League, Captain of the football team, a Tapps History State finalist and a Wendy's High School Heisman Scholar nominee. He participated in Camp Enterprise, the Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine and Law and Who's Who and was a Student of the Month. He volunteered at the MDA Summer Camp, the CASA Walk, Clays for Kids and Some Other Place. Dillon will study business at Texas A&M University.

Dorian Walker is a member the National Honor Society, Key Club, SADD Retreat Team, Peer Counseling Team, the National Forensic League, Who's Who and the Mock Trial Team. He served as Junior Class Vice President and Student Council Senior Representative, attended Boys State, was a member of the track and football teams and was a Student of the Month. He won the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award

BIRTHDAYS

24th Wayne Holland (91)

Vice President,
Capital One



Born in Kountze, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Ann are the parents of Lauren and William, and are members of St.

Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys reading, playing golf and softball.

25th Tommy Hebert, Jr. (88)

Retired



Born in Port Arthur, he attended Lamar University and is a graduate of the University of North Texas. He and his wife Ange are the parents of

Sheryl and Teresa, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys growing roses, hunting, fishing, travel and wood-working.

29th Frank Alegria (04)

Senior Pastor,
First United Methodist Church



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, Perkins School of Theology of

SMU and The Theological School of Drew University. He and his wife Edna are the parents

and the American Citizenship Award, served on the Beaumont Mayor's Youth Commission and participated in Camp Enterprise and RYLA. He volunteered at Habitat for Humanity and Some Other Place. He will study business at the University of Texas at Austin.

of Paula, Francisco (Frankie) and Stephen, and are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys horticulture, computers, reading, wood working and calligraphy.

30th Jo Ann Block (01)

Executive Director,
American Red Cross



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of Texas Womens University and Sam Houston State University. She is a member of Friendship Baptist

Church. She enjoys arts & crafts, volunteering, reading and travel.

(Continued from page 1)

tary International this fall, they will receive up to \$26,000 to study abroad during the 2007-08 academic year.

Jenna Davis, a Beaumont native, will graduate this month from Texas Lutheran University with a degree in International Studies and Communication. She wants to study in South Africa or England

Divya Virma, a native of Brazil, will graduate this month from Lamar University with a degree in Economics. Divya has visited our club several times as President of our award-winning Rotaract chapter at Lamar. She will attend Southern Methodist University this fall to begin work on a PhD in Cultural Anthropology. She wants to study in Ecuador, Costa Rica, Sri Lanka or India.

Congratulations, Jenna and Divya! What an honor it is for our club to have these two outstanding young women represent Rotary International, District 5910 and all of us.

jkchevrolet.com 409-722-0443

JK CHEVROLET
ISUZU
at the airport

Our People Make the Difference

ADVERTISE with KBTV and reach potentially **100,000 viewers** in Southeast Texas



Support your local United Way - Making a difference in your community all year long

UNITED WAY

of Beaumont and North Jefferson County