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## ROTARY GOES TO WORK

In the spirit of Rotary founder Paul Harris' original goal of "rotating" meeting location from week to week, we will be visiting the workplaces of ten of our fellow Rotarians this week.

**Neal Baker** and his committee have done great work this year making all of the arrangements for us.

If you have not signed up for a location yet, please call the Rotary office by noon on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> to guarantee your place (and your lunch). Lunch is \$8.00. Please pay your host.

**BEAUMONT ENTERPRISE** 380 Main St.  
 Jeff Noble, host 838-2819

**Alexine Boutin**  
**Earl Brickhouse**  
**Alex Broussard**  
**Marcia Crone**  
**Rix Garey**

**CLEARCHANNEL COMMUNICATION**  
 2885 IH-10 E  
**Vesta Brandt, host** 896-5555  
**Gene Arnold**  
**Bobby Celli**

**COLLISION & CLASSICS**  
 550 IH-10 South  
**Gerald Condon, host** 842-2324  
**Travis Brewer**  
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**Jim McNicholas**  
**Henry Venta**  
**Karen Weller**

**Ted Moor**  
**Brenda Nichols**

**David Locke**  
**H. F. Weatherly**

**ETHAN ALLEN FURNITURE**  
 4755 Eastex Freeway  
**Sharen Kirksey & Mike McMullen, hosts**  
 898-2268

**Bobbie Applegate**  
**Angela Baker**  
**Lauren Brooks**  
**Doug Chase**  
**Max Duplant**  
**Carol Flatten**

**Dorothy Henges**  
**Brenda Nichols**  
**Paula Nichols**  
**Ivy Pate**  
**Mary Randall**  
**Mary Wickland**

**KBTV—CHANNEL 4**  
 Parkdale Mall  
**Van Greer, host** 840-4444  
**Twila Baker**  
**Donna Birdwell**  
**Marvin Brailsford**  
**Beverly Hatcher**

**Bruce Hoffer**  
**Jane O'Hanlon**  
**Carole Reeves**  
**Chuck Wall**  
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**IT'S BACK! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! IT'S BETTER THAN BEFORE!**

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

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**Future Programs**

May  
 10<sup>th</sup> Youth Day  
 17<sup>th</sup> Gladys City's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**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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**REVIEW**

Shawn Williams, principal of the Eagle Academy Charter School, spoke with great enthusiasm about Eagle Academy and gave us a clear picture of what charter schools are.

A charter school is an alternative to traditional education. They are an option to independent district public schools. They are funded by the State. Like other public schools, most of the funding is based on average daily attendance. Other funds are "Title" funds based on the programs offered and special student populations.

The Eagle Academy in Beaumont is one of eighteen Eagle Academies in Texas and one of four charter schools in Beaumont. Eagle has about 200 students in grades sixth through twelfth. Eighty-five percent of the students are considered "at risk."

All students must be interviewed and tested before being admitted. Both the

student and parent must abide by the individual program prepared for them. The program established for the student may require tutoring after school hours and on Saturday. Parents are given a report every three weeks and must come to the school for grades every six weeks.

There are regular classrooms, but most students work on individual programs and spend more time working on subjects they have not mastered. They must take and pass the same State tests that all students in regular schools take. Students work at their own pace and some graduate a year early. Those students are awarded a \$2,000 college scholarship from the State of Texas.

Eagle Academy is located at 209 11<sup>th</sup> Street, but they are looking for a campus with a gym and outdoor space.

Our thanks to **Lorrie Alfred** for arranging the program.

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**LAMAR UNIVERSITY - ATHLETICS**  
 Red Room, Montagne Center  
 Laurie Ritchel, host 880-2229  
 Neal Baker Chuck Heare  
 Larry Beaulieu Wayne Holland  
 Andy Burns Roy Huckaby  
 Toby Castro Paula O'Neal  
 Lupe Flores Robert Thomas

**LNVA SALT WATER BARRIER**  
 6790 Bigner Road  
 Scott Hall, host 284-6148

**Lorrie Alfred Russ Schultz**  
 Terry Bourdier Ramona Hutchinson  
 Buz Brown Jay Johnson  
 Michael Clayton Bill Lucas  
 Jim Fuller Vernon Pierce  
 Robert Hickman Uliana Trylowski

**MERRILL LYNCH 4350 Dowlen Rd.**  
 Allison Nathan Golias, host 899-0157  
 Jeff Beaver John Thomasson  
 David Heinz Bruce Walker  
 Roger McCabe Kathryn Walker

**MUNRO'S 399 N MLK Parkway**  
 Chad Blanchard, host 832-9238  
 Richard Bothel Becky Mason  
 Phil Dunlap Chuck Mason  
 Barbara Knight Ann Scoggin  
 Fred Kristiansen Jerry White

**STAR GRAPHICS**  
 4785 Eastex Freeway  
 Paul Skinner, host 892-0672  
 Jason Armstrong Floyd McSpadden  
 Stewart Chisum Robert Peavey  
 Ralph McBride

Please call your host if you have any questions, changes or cancellations.

**CONDOLENCES TO:**

**Michael Clayton** on the loss of his mother  
**Janice Trammell** on the loss of her brother  
**Henry Venta** on the loss of his father

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## DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Several of our Rotarians attended our District Conference held in League City on April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Terry Bourdier, Alex Broussard, Gerald Condon, Lee Freeland, Becky and Chuck Mason, Roger McCabe, Jim Tarbett and Alexine Boutin.**

District Governor Ann Bragg welcomed 509 Rotarians and their spouses from throughout our district as well as RI Director-Elect Don Mebus and RI President's Representative Anthony Brockington.

Chuck and Becky were recognized as Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation. Lee was recognized for his work as Chair of the GSE (Receiving) Committee, Roger was recognized for his work as Chair of the Club Extension Committee and Alexine was recognized for her work as District Administrator.

Our club was awarded a Rotary International Presidential Citation and two first place awards for clubs with more than fifty members: Highest Contribution to the Rotary Foundation and Newsletter.

Congratulations to the *RotaryGrams* committee: Chair **Bessie Chisum, Twila Baker, Christina Baum, Jo Ann Block, Vesta Brandt, Carol Flatten and John Quigley.**

Congratulations also to our Rotaract club at Lamar University sponsored by **Donna Birdwell.** It was the only Rotaract club in the district to be awarded a Presidential Citation this year.

## BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and approved the following:

### New Members:

Joe Granados  
Executive Director  
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls

## BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> **Dan Hallmark (84)**  
Retired



Born in Jacksonville, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Jan are the parents of Wendy and Stephen, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and travel. Dan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

7<sup>th</sup> **Lori Falk (94)**  
Senior Vice President,  
Texas State Bank



Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, she and her husband **John Johnson** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. She enjoys playing racquetball and traveling. Lori is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Club of Beaumont  
"Associations – Boys & Girls Club of  
Beaumont"  
Proposed by Paula Bothe

Neil Guayante  
Executive Director  
Netcasters Youth Ministry  
"Associations – Netcasters Youth  
Ministry"  
Proposed by Ted Moor III

Brian Schlesinger  
Agent  
State Farm Insurance  
"Insurance – Financial Services"  
Proposed by Jim Rich

Shelly Vitanza  
Chief Executive Officer  
International Journal of Pharmaceutical Compounding  
"Publishing – Pharmaceuticals"  
Proposed by Gerald Condon

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday,

8<sup>th</sup> **Joe Fisher, Jr. (81)**  
Sr. Vice President & Trust Officer,  
Texas State Bank



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing tennis and golf. Joe is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8<sup>th</sup> **Jerry White (91)**  
President,  
White Tire Supply



Born in Beaumont, he is an alumnus of Rice Institute and a member of the first graduating class of Lamar University School of Business Administration. He and his wife Norma are the parents of Joe and David, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys traveling and reading. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

9<sup>th</sup> **Debbie Frazier (99)**  
President,  
Advanced Staffing



Born in Florida, she is a graduate of the University of Houston. She and her husband Stephen are the parents of Crystal and Amber.

May 12<sup>th</sup>, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

### Leaves of Absence:

Charlie Jabbia – business  
pressure  
1/1/06 – 6/30/06

Camille Mouton – family illness  
2/1/06 – 4/30/06

Sina Nejad – business pressure  
1/1/06 – 6/30/06

### Resignation:

Melinda McNeely  
Business pressure

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