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## GIFT OF LIFE



Gay-Lynne Jones, RN and Irene Ramirez, RN have been active volunteers with the

"Gift of Life" since 1998. Most recently, they were named as "Gift of Life" Volunteers of the Year, contributing almost 100 hours of service during 2005.

From high school students to senior citizens, Gay-Lynne and Irene present their message of early detection as the key in the fight against cancer to audiences across Southeast Texas.

Through an approach that is both entertaining and informative, they teach participants about the importance of healthy living.

As one of the largest cancer screening initiatives of its type in the state, the "Gift of Life" serves more than 5,000 recipients annually.

Several thousand individuals are provided cancer awareness education and information at over 50 Sidney "Chief" Dauphin outreach programs and area health fairs; more than 750 medically underserved women re-

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## FAREWELL TO SARAH WANNARKA



Although she has been a member for only one year, **Sarah Wannarka** has had a lasting effect on our club.

**President Terry** presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship in honor of her work on the Flag Committee and her success in obtaining approval from Rotary International for our club to

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*Caribbean Chicken & London Broil*

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**Future Programs**

June  
7<sup>th</sup> Jefferson County Domestic  
Violence Coordinating Council

**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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(limit 3 times in each quarter)

**REVIEW**

Brandan Still was our 2004-2005 District Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. He was sponsored by our club to spend the year at University College at Cork in Ireland.

Brandan graduated from West Brook High School in 2002 and is an honor graduate of Lamar University with a degree in economics and management this May. He will attend Harvard Law School this September. He has worked as an assistant to attorneys at Mehaffy Weber Law Firm since graduating from high school.

Brandan's presentation included a beautiful presentation of scenes from Ireland with accompanying music. He thanked the club for what he described as the most incredible experience in his life.

He said the world outside of the United States made him see our country in a whole different perspective. He met Rotarians who showed him the differences and sameness between our countries. He met other ambassadorial scholars who will be

life long friends and some who will be attending Harvard with him in the fall.

He told us the Irish are incredibly friendly and there was no anti-Americanism in Cork. He struggled with "Irish English," but appreciated the different pronunciations in the same language.

At the University College, he studied law, which is somewhat different from law in the United States. He chose this study because he planned to go to law school after college graduation and he did not need credits earned in Ireland to graduate from Lamar.

One question was "how much does the Rotary Foundation pay for this scholarship." The answer is up to \$26,000 for the year. All who heard Brandan speak would agree that we chose a worthy candidate for such a prestigious scholarship.

Thanks to **Roger McCabe** for a great introduction to a very informative and interesting speaker.

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ceive free mammograms at Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospitals in Beaumont and Orange; an additional 750 women are provided free mammograms and clinical breast exams on the UTMB mobile van at strategic locations throughout Southeast Texas twenty times each year; and approximately 450 free prostate cancer screenings are conducted annually.

Also, the "Gift of Life" minivan is available for clients who require transportation to and from the program's cancer screening tests and exams. UTMB-Galveston provides follow-up care for individuals who

need additional testing and treatment following their screenings.

A cooperative effort of Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospitals, the Julie & Ben Rogers Cancer Institute, the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) at Galveston and its local clinics, the UTMB Cancer Stop Program, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, and local physicians, the "Gift of Life" has funded nearly 11,000 free mammograms and more than 3,600 free prostate cancer screenings, and has conducted nearly 350 educational outreach programs since its inception. Visit their website:

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## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome two new members who were introduced during the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting:



**Joe Granados**  
Executive Director

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Beaumont  
"Associations – Boys & Girls Club of Beaumont"

Born in San Antonio, he and his wife Kelly are the parents of Alexa, Gavin and Lillianna. He enjoys playing the guitar. He was proposed by **Paula Bothe**.



**Brian Schlesinger**  
Agent

State Farm Insurance

"Insurance – Financial Services"

Born in Jennings, Louisiana, he is a graduate of McNeese State University. He is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys participating in triathlons and offshore fishing. He was proposed by **Jim Rich**.

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participate in our first Rotary International Humanitarian Grant with Rotary District 3030 in India to provide a village sanitation system and rebuild a weir.

To qualify for an RI Matching Grant, a Rotary club in our country partners

## BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and approved the following:

### Leaves of Absence:

Sid Cohen - personal  
5/1 – 6/30/06

Marvin Dunnam - illness  
4/27 – 6/30/06

Linda Moore – business travel  
5/1 – 6/30/06

Mary Parmer – business travel  
5/1 – 6/30/06

Kathryn Walker – business travel  
5/17 – 6/30/06

Matt White – illness  
5/1 – 6/30/06

### Resignations accepted with regret:

Ben Alford – transfer

Jim Bass – transfer

Nancy Beaulieu – business

Nikki Chargois-Allen – moved

Marlene Crawley – career change

Luther Dobbins – transfer

Michelle Harris - transfer

Michele Snider – transfer

Sarah Wannarka - transfer

Juan Zabala – business pressure

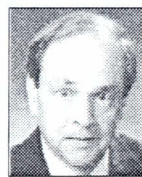
with a Rotary club in another country to fund a humanitarian project which will improve health, alleviate hunger and enhance human and social development as a means of advancing international understanding, good will and peace.

Dr. Raj Patel, a physician in Southeast Texas who is from the village in India where the sanitation project will be completed, put us in touch with

## BIRTHDAYS

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Walt Snider (85)

Partner,  
The Snider Law Firm



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University. He and his wife Lois are the parents of Wade and Wyatt, and are members of Calder Baptist

Church.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Christina Baum (04)

Dean of Library Services,  
Lamar University



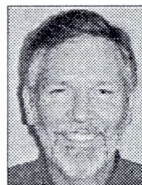
Born in Fulton, Kentucky, she is a graduate of Illinois State University and the University of Kentucky.

She enjoys playing tennis, gardening and attending

sporting events.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Ireland (95)

President,  
Efficient Systems



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Krista, Sarah and Lauren, and are members of Reformed Presbyterian Church. He enjoys fishing and reading. Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow.

our partner club in India. The Rotary Foundation matches the funds donated by both clubs.

As a member of the Bastrop County Rotary Club, she had worked with the matching grant program before and brought her valuable experience with the complex process to us. Sarah joins the Texas Attorney General's staff in Austin next month prosecuting cyber crime.

Thank you and good luck, Sarah!

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