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Happy Thanksgiving!
There will be no meeting until
November 30th

ROTARYgrams

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REVIEW

Past District 5890 Governor George Yeiter challenged members of our club Wednesday to be more generous toward the Rotary Foundation, helping us "connect the dots" between our club, our District 5910, Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.

He started by teaching us how the four lanes of Rotary service – Vocational, Community, Club and International – contribute to the ability of Rotarians to provide "Service Above Self."

PDG Yeiter explained that Rotarians belong to their club, not to Rotary International. The club itself, one of 3,100 around the world, has membership in Rotary International. The Rotary Foun-

ation, by providing money to support our activities both at the club and district levels, acts as Rotary's "bank".

Perhaps feeling that we might resist giving to the Rotary Foundation because of a perception that most of the money is used for projects overseas, PDG Yeiter shared with us a study he did (He is a certified public accountant) showing that 90% of the donations received in the U.S. are spent here.

He went over the specific things which are provided by the Foundation – all of which are available to members of our community: Ambassadorial Scholarships; Group Study Exchange teams;

World Peace Scholars; university teacher grants; and cultural scholarships.

PDG Yeiter explained why so many of these projects are aimed at increasing cultural understanding, pointing out the huge losses caused by war. He compared the deaths of 2,000 U.S. service men and women in Iraq to the roughly 56,000 in the Vietnam War and told us that, in World Wars I & II, approximately 98 million people were killed.

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REMEMBER!
No meeting this week

A big "THANK YOU" to all Rotarians who installed 286 Flags on November 11th!!!

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Future Programs

November
 30th Cynthia Tauss - Governor's Office
 of Economic Development

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)

BIRTHDAYS

We will be playing "catch up" with the birthdays for the next few weeks.

OCTOBER

22nd Barbara Knight (94)
 Owner, Creativity Unlimited



Born in San Diego, California, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Gary are the parents of Brent and Nicole. She enjoys scuba diving, computer graphics, water gardening and calligraphy. Barbara is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Roy Huckaby (79)
 Retired



Born in Orange, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Glenda are the parents of Amy, Lisa and Brent, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and teaching Sunday School. Roy is a Paul Harris Fellow.

24th Norman Lee (70)
 Retired



Born in Grayson, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the California Institute of Technology. He and his wife Nell Ray are the parents of Norman Jr. and Rebecca Nell, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, stained glass and etching. Norman is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Bill Matthews (73)
 Retired



Born in Atkins, Arkansas, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife Mary are the parents of Whit and Ross. He enjoys flying, fishing and hunting. Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Terry Bourdier (97)
 Executive Director,
 United Way of Beaumont

Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He and his wife Karen are the parents of James, Jeffrey, Jacqueline and Joel, and



are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys music and fishing. Terry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

29th Miriam Johnson (01)
 Tax Assessor Collector,
 Jefferson County Tax Office



Born in Jacksonville, Florida, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Bill are the parents of Karen, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys playing the guitar.

29th Paul Skinner (89)
 Star Graphics



Born in Kirbyville, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Cindy are the parents of Michelle and Ryan, and are members of Pinewood Baptist Church.

29th Janet Walker (88)
 Executive Director,
 Family Services of Southeast Texas



Born in Pueblo, Colorado, she is a graduate of Texas Tech and the University of Houston. She and her husband Jim are the parents of Karen, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. She enjoys playing bridge, tennis, canoeing and spending time with family and friends.

30th Dean Conwell (03)
 Director, Convention and Visitors Bureau,
 City of Beaumont



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He is the father of Chris and Alex, and is a member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys travel, playing golf and fine dining.

30th Dessie Richard (04)
 Banking Center Manager,
 Guaranty Federal Bank
 Born in Tyler County, she is a graduate of Chenick Business College. She and her

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husband Stanley are members of Douglas Memorial CME. She enjoys volunteer work.

31st Neal Baker (81)
President,

Thermacon Service Company



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Helen are the parents of Erin and Colin, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church.

He enjoys hunting and playing golf.

31st Travis Brewer (97)

Branch Manager,
Blue Bell Creameries



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Claudene are the parents of Angela and David, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf.

31st Toby Castro (02)

Sales Manager, Texas Coffee Company



Born in Beaumont, he attended Lamar University. He and his wife Diane are the parents of Sara and Colby, and are members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing jazz, hiking and camping.

NOVEMBER

23rd David Locke (98)

Senior Vice President,
Lamar Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is the father of Carol and Blakey, and is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys fishing, gardening and spending time with his children.

23rd Charlie Weinbaum, Jr. (49)

Partner, Weinbaum Insurance Agency



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University, attended the New York University Graduate School and attained CPCU. He is the father of Becky, Bo,

Danny, Jonny, and Bern, and is a member of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing, hunting, golf, softball and watching sports events. Charlie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Larry Beaulieu (83)

Vice President & General Manager,
KFDM-TV



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University and Lamar University. He and his wife Nancy are the parents of Brad and Lara, and are members of

Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys fishing, hunting, computers and scuba diving. Larry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

25th Melinda McNeely (00)

City Manager,
Kelly Services



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Kenny are the parents of Garret and Abbey, and are members of Our Lady of

Sorrows. She enjoys spending time with her children. Melinda is a Paul Harris Fellow.

26th Eddie Arnold (98)

Commissioner,
Jefferson County



Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Upper Iowa University. He and his wife Sheri are the parents of Aaron, Kelly, Holly and Carolann, and are

members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, fishing and travel. Eddie is a Paul Harris Fellow.

27th Margaret Cherb (87)

Retired



Born in Mobile, Alabama, she is a graduate of the Salvation Army College. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys music, travel and reading. Margaret is a Paul Harris Fellow.

29th Ken Ruddy (56)

President,
South East Texas Classic Automotive
Born in St. Louis, Missouri, he attended



St. Louis State University and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He and his wife Therese are the parents of Sharon, Deborah, Roane,

Therese, Christine, Ken Jr., Erin, Patrick, Elizabeth and Peter, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting. Ken is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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He flashed several graphs on the screen, illustrating that our district has lagged behind neighboring districts in giving to the Rotary Foundation for several years. In fact, the poorest district in our area, the one serving South Texas, made contributions to the annual fund of about \$67 per member last year, about 50% more than our \$46 average.

"Our goal this year is a gift averaging \$100 per member to the annual fund," PDG Yeiter told us, emphasizing that it is the clubs, not the districts or Rotary International, which decide how the money is to be spent. He also pointed out that administration expenses of the foundation are only around 6% and that all records are available on the Rotary web site.

The trustees of the Rotary Foundation administer the funds and the District's Foundation Committee coordinates and facilitates the projects – but it is the clubs which actually propose the projects and select candidates for scholarships etc.

In summary, he urged us to use our "time and money to help others. As soon as you do, YOUR life will be lifted."

He knows whereof he speaks since, in 2004, he and his wife gave \$40,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

PDG Yeiter made a very informative and interesting speech on a topic which is usually pretty dull. We appreciate Roger McCabe's efforts in bringing him to us and our PDG Emken Linton for introducing him.

**OUR HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT
THE BEAUMONT COUNTRY CLUB
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