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Rotarians were dwarfed by the large welcome banner at the RI Convention in Chicago's McCormick Place.

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Dan Fontaine - M.D. Anderson Cancer Center



Dan Fontaine currently holds the position of Senior Vice President for Business Development and Regulatory Affairs at The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Mr. Fontaine's career began in 1982 after graduating from Texas A & M with a Bachelors in Business Administration honors degree in Finance and a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston Law Center. He initially worked in the legal field with Fulbright and Jaworski. He was recruited to the law firm of Abraham,

Watkins where he was made partner in 1988. In 1991 he formed his own law firm, Onstad, Kaiser and Fontaine. Following a successful career in private practice Mr. Fontaine retired from the private practice of law to pursue other interests in public service and health care with the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas.

In 1997, Mr. Fontaine was recruited to Houston to serve as chief legal officer for M. D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 2000, Mr. Fontaine was promoted to senior vice president for

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Head Table



INVOCATION
Lee Freeland



PLEDGE
GUY GOODSON

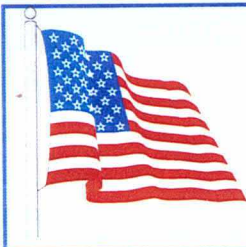


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Van Greer



GUEST INTRODUCTION
EDTURNER

Meatloaf & Chicken Fried Steak



**Congratulations to the
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 Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts beginning
 the third year of the Flag Project on September 11th!
 Thank you, everyone, for your support.**



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 28th State Senator Tommy Williams

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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

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REVIEW

Last week we welcomed two of our own citizens who are involved in safety and security issues in our area, as well as in support of Hurricane Katrina rescue and evacuation efforts. Our guests today were Lt. Commander Randall Ogradziak, U.S. Coast Guard, and Beaumont Mayor **Guy Goodson**.

Commander Ogradziak, Chief of Security with the Coast Guard's Marine Safety Unit in Port Arthur, spoke with us about their mission here as well as their life saving mission in New Orleans in response to the recent Hurricane. Of the 200 Coast Guard personal assigned to this unit, over 90 are Title 10, or recalled troops.

The Marine Safety Unit has three departments: Planning, which works with local leaders and law enforcement agencies in planning protection from natural disasters and terrorism.

The second department is Response and Security. This department is responsible for security plans, safety compliance and protection of local facilities. Law enforcement comes under this department. When serving in law enforcement, they can board ships to make sure that all is safe and secure. The small boat branch patrols the rivers to stop suspicious vessels.

The third and final department is Prevention. They inspect all ships that come into port to make sure that both shipping and the port are safe. They also observe ships as they load and unload.

Commander Ogradziak then reviewed the wonderful job his unit has done in the search and rescue effort in New Orleans. They were the first federal crew into New Orleans and

though this is for many experienced Coast Guard personnel the most devastating project they have been a part of, this unit has rescued over 3000 people.

We give them special thanks for all they do to protect our shipping and industry as well as their efforts for the people of New Orleans.

Our second guest, Mayor Goodson, gave us an update on Jefferson County's Emergency plan and how positive local officials feel about it. The plan, by the way, grew out of our disastrous 1992 evacuation for Hurricane Andrew. Goodson added that the plan is a living document and is being evaluated and revised as we learn more with our care for the Katrina evacuees at Ford Park.

We have a one way traffic plan, and we have evacuation centers already established north of us. City Buses and BISD busses are a part of the plan and will be available for those without transportation.

Regarding Hurricane Katrina, Mayor Goodson says that it is intentional that we have only the one evacuation center at Ford Park in order not to dissipate our resources. The Mayor informed us that we have already helped 120 families find apartments, and that over \$80,000 in cash and cash cards have been distributed to evacuees. We are also providing fuel cards and Public transportation, meals and medical facilities.

Thanks to these two men for helping us understand our own preparedness, and for sharing with us the good we are doing for those people whose lives have been disrupted by Hurricane Katrina. We thank **Becky Ames** for arranging the program.

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Birthdays

14th Jamie Hogge (98)

Owner, Word Perfection



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Southwestern University and Lamar University. She and her husband Mark are members of the Church of

Christ.

14th Barbara Metzinger (04)

Rabbi, Congregation Temple Emanuel
Born in Los Angeles, California, she is



a graduate of California State University - Northridge, the University of Southern California and Hebrew Union College

Jewish Institute of Religion, and is a member of Congregation Temple Emanuel. She enjoys biking, cooking, hiking and watching movies.

15th Nancy Carlisle (02)

Owner, Quality Care Sitter Service



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Norman are the parents of Patty, and are members of First Christian

Church. She enjoys reading, travel, fishing and sewing.

15th Russ Schultz (99)

Dean, College of Fine Arts & Communication,
Lamar University



Born in Newark, New Jersey, he is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music, the University of Memphis and the University of North Texas. He

and his wife Susan are the parents of Jennifer, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf and plays a mean trombone. Russ is a Paul Harris Fellow.

15th John Thomasson (04)

Human Resources Director,
Brock Enterprises



Born in Douglas, Arizona, he is a graduate of the University of Arizona. He and his wife Donda are the parents of Elise Carol and Melanie Jan.

He enjoys playing golf, running and martial arts.

18th Becky Mason (00)

Safety/Human Resources Director,
Mason Construction



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband **Chuck** are the parents of Chad and Kristin, and are members

of First Christian Church. She enjoys travel and music.

18th Mary Parmer (94)

Director of Adult Ministries,
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



Born in Brookhaven, Mississippi, she attended Mississippi State University and Loyola. She has two children, Jason and Lauren, and she is a

member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. She enjoys gardening and hiking.

19th Beverly Hatcher (90)

President,
Golden Triangle Minority Business Council



Born in Wellington, Kansas, she attended Wichita State University. She and her husband Stanley are the parents of Breck, LaTye and James, and

are members of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, travel and watching the news.

20th Donna Ferchak (02)

President/CEO,
Fairway Management & Rentals



Born in Lafayette, Louisiana, she is a graduate of Lamar Institute. She and her husband Richard are the parents of Ashlyn, Ralph, Haylee, Dick and

Amy. She enjoys playing golf, cross stitching, reading and travel.

20th Jerry Johnson (55)

Retired



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar Junior College and University of Texas School of Medicine. He and his wife Suzanne are the parents of Sydney,

Ann, Amy and **Jamie**, and are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Jerry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

GOOD NEWS!

Marvin Dunnam is home from the hospital! He would welcome telephone calls. His number is 866-0287.

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administrative services. In that capacity Mr. Fontaine was responsible for executive oversight of numerous functions of the institution including legal, compliance, marketing, human resources and risk management.

In 2003, Mr. Fontaine was promoted to his current position as senior vice president for business development and regulatory affairs. In his current position, he is responsible for all domestic and international business development, marketing, advertising, subsidiary corporations and affiliations as well as all regulatory functions including legal, compliance, risk management and internal audit.

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