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Ben Jenkins, who has held the office of Vice Chairman and President of the General Bank Wachovia Corporation since 1999, is our speaker this week. General Bank includes retail and wholesale activities such as branch delivery, commercial, business and community banking, dealer financial services, real estate financial services, mortgage and corporate customer service excellence.

T. KELSEY LAMB AWARD

Our Club will award the annual T. Kelsey Lamb Business Ethics Award at the this week's meeting. This award is presented annually to a Beaumont Rotarian who consistently exhibits the highest ethical standards represented by the Rotary Four-Way Test in his or her chosen vocation. Recipients are nominated by their fellow members as outstanding examples of the application of the Four-Way Test in everyday life or has a unique way of keeping the Four-Way Test in his or her thoughts daily

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Wednesday:

Groves Pompano Club

Thursday:

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REVIEW

Was it coincidence or exceptional program scheduling that Jim Stokes' presentation on the United States Military Academy at West Point occurred last week on April 18th? For those who do not remember the significance of April 18, 1775 from your American history class, hint - Paul Revere's ride, Lexington and Concord.

Many of our club members know Jim professionally and personally from his former position at Bethlehem Steel, as president of Beaumont Rotary in 1986-87 and president of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce for 11 years from 1986-1997 or even as an Aggie for a brief period and now a resident of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The role that we may not be as familiar with is Jim's first career as a graduate, class of 1961 of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York with 10 years of military service in the Army Corp of Engineers in Vietnam, Germany and West Point.

Jim shared stories about some of the heroes in West Point history who are not the well-known generals like Grant, Lee, Sherman, Bradley, and Eisenhower.

We heard about heroes from the American Revolution to the Vietnam War: the Polish General Kosciusko who suggested the founding the Military Academy to President Thomas Jefferson in the early 1800's; Molly Corbin who, after her husband and his commanding officer were killed, began firing the cannon herself in defense of the

fort at West Point; Henry Flipper, class of 1877 was the son of slaves who graduated 50th out of 76 cadets, was stationed at Fort Davis, Texas and later served as Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior; John Grombach took 50 years to graduate from West Point in 1967 because he served in WWII and founded one the precursors to our intelligence agency; our own **Ken Ruddy**, class of 1948; Glenn Davis, class of 1947, Heisman Trophy winner with outstanding career in the NFL.

For those Rotarians who were fortunate to hear Jim's presentation, we certainly will not forget April 18, 2007 as Jim reflected on West Point's heritage, including 83 Medal of Honor recipients and the extraordinary stories of two graduates of the Long Gray Line who demonstrated heroism in very different ways - Captain Rocky Versace and 1st Lt. Nick Rowe.

We will not and should not forget their stories anytime soon. Nor will we forget the moving experience of standing as a club and singing "God Bless America" together:

God Bless America,
 Land that I Love.
 Stand beside her, and guide her,
 Through the night with the light
 from Above.

From the Mountains,
 To the Prairies,
 To the Oceans...White with foam.

God Bless America...My Home
 Sweet Home.
 God Bless America...My Home
 Sweet Home.

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BIRTHDAYS

28th Doug Conner (05)
Radiologist,
Radiology Associates



Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, he is a graduate of St. Anselm College and the Medical College of Georgia.

28th Kari Fenner (03)
Program Director,
I Have a Dream



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Gavin are the parents of Isabella Rose, and are members of New

Life Tabernacle. She enjoys scrap booking, sewing, travel, reading and animals.

29th Bill Clark (74)
President,
Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Ben Wheeler, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Casey are the parents of Cullen and Chase, and are mem-

bers of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys hunting, travel and horticulture. Bill is a Paul Harris Fellow.

29th Guy Goodson (04)
Partner,
Germer and Gertz



Born in San Angelo, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University. He and his wife Kimberley are the par-

ents of Mary Claire and William Neil,

and are members of St. Stephens Episcopal Church. He enjoys hunting and fishing.

30th Bruce Hoffer (01)
Attorney,
Law Office of Bruce A. Hoffer



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Suffolk School of Law. He and his wife Carey are the parents of

Wesley, Sarah and Rebekah, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys refereeing kids' soccer and softball, playing tennis, scuba diving, fishing and hunting.

30th Carolyn Howard (92)
Executive Director,
Beaumont Main Street



Born in Dallas, she is a graduate of Baylor University. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys vocal performance. Carolyn is a Paul Harris Fellow.

30th George Schaumburg (46)
Retired



Born in Reading, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Lehigh University. He is the father of George Jr., and is a member of St. Andrews

Presbyterian Church. He enjoys woodworking and gardening. George is a Paul Harris Fellow.

30th Don Thompson, Jr. (89)
Owner,
Thompson Telecommunications



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Judy are the parents of Sarah and Trey, and are members of Wesley

United Methodist Church. He enjoys horses, 4-H, cattle, playing golf, hunting and fishing.

1st Lupe Flores (84)
Judge,
Jefferson County Court of Law #2



Born in New Gulf, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Nancy are the parents of Andrea and Jamie. He enjoys reading, hunting

and fishing.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Several of our Rotarians have received honors recently:

Guy Goodson was named King of the Neches River Festival.

Joe Domino was named Outstanding Citizen by the Neches River Festival.

Joe and his wife Linda were named Southeast Texas Jefferson Award winners and will travel to Washington, D.C. in June for the awards ceremony.

Jolene Ortego and her staff at B.I.S.D. received 10 top awards for excellence in school communications. The awards were announced at the Texas Public School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) Star Awards Celebration held recently in Austin.

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