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DR. HARLAND MERRIAM - SETIO



Harland Merriam, Pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and longtime inter-faith leader in our community, will speak about the varieties of

very effective ways the faith-based community is doing Rita recovery.

He will speak on the work of Catholics and Baptists and Methodists and Disciples and Jewish and other faith-based organizations repairing homes and families in Southeast Texas.

Harland, a fellow Rotarian and past President of this club (at least for half a year), is married to Barbara and has two grown sons, Joshua and Aaron. He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics from Stetson University and graduate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary.

He has served churches in Virginia and North Carolina before moving to Texas. He has been pastor of St. Andrews since 1987. He has

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REVIEW

There were two major areas Dr. Simmons addressed in his report on progress at Lamar University. The first was a hurricane update and the second was about some new and exciting initiatives being taken at Lamar in the near future.

Enrollment was down last semester due mostly to displacement of students and families by Hurricane Rita. Some students were lost to lucrative jobs created by the hurricane, but it was hoped that many simply skipped the semester.

Another cause was a shortage of housing. Dr. Simmons said there was not enough off campus housing available and there was a long waiting list for dormitory housing on campus in spite of the recent completion of a large private dormitory on Martin Luther King Parkway near the campus. As a result, construction of Cardinal Village Four was on the books, and would begin soon

He said he would be able to sleep all night only when the remainder of the roofing projects, resulting from the hurricane, were finished. All have been contracted, so thankfully, it won't be long.

He also reported the following initiatives that will be coming in the near future:

A new degree will be offered in Construction and Management Engineering. It will be joint effort of the Business and Engineering Colleges.

A new Bachelor of Arts degree will be offered in Sign Language in the

new Deaf Studies College that will be split off from the Speech and Hearing Center.

In order to help retain students, Lamar is going to establish the Center for Academic Success, which will provide guidance and advice to students to help them achieve their academic goals at Lamar.

Both full and partial scholarships will be offered to students under the Mirabeau Scholarships Program which will be established next semester. These scholarships will go to students who score over 1200 on their SAT tests and qualify under an extensive interview program.

Under economic development initiatives, the University is planning to establish the Office of Sponsored Programs Administration this fall. This program will assist faculty in obtaining grants and other funding to pursue economic development research. The goal is to increase funding from about \$10 million last year to \$50 million in five years. He introduced Dr. Donald Cotten who will be the Director of the program.

Under questioning, Dr. Simmons indicated that with funding from the State of Texas and FEMA that is yet to come, Lamar should be whole after all hurricane repairs are completed.

President Gerald Condon, expressed his appreciation for the sign language course that was going to be offered at Lamar, because he found it necessary to use sign language quite a bit when he worked on construction jobs.

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BIRTHDAYS

17th James Broussard (73)

President, Broussard's Mortuary



Born in Beaumont, he attended Texas A&M and Lamar University and is a graduate of Commonwealth College of Science and the National

Foundation of Funeral Service, School of Management. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Cheryl, **James Jr.**, Catherine and Karen, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoys boating. James is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Chris Colletti (98)

Executive Vice President,
Young Men's Business League



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Colleen are the parents of Hannah, Carina and Aaron, and are members of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys camping and playing golf.

19th Robert Edgar (94)

Principal, Edgar, Kiker & Cross



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University and the University of Texas, Arlington. He is the father of Sarah, Daniel, John and Nathan,

and is a member of Cathedral in the Pines. He enjoys jogging, hiking and canoeing.

19th Randy Fluke (05)

Assistant U.S. Attorney,
U.S. Department of Justice

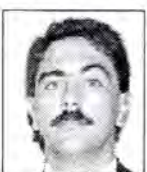
Born in Houston, he is a graduate of San Jacinto Junior College, the University of Texas and Texas Tech School of Law. He and his wife Emily are the parents of Austin, Erin



and Caroline, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys outdoor activities with his family, running, surfing and honey do's.

19th John Johnson (94)

Partner, Orgain, Bell & Tucker



Born in Kinder Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State University and the University of Texas School of Law.

He and his wife **Lori Falk** are the parents of Jacob and Abigail, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys sailing.

21st Brock Brentlinger (69)

Assistant to the President,
Lamar University



Born in Flora, Illinois, he is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He and his wife Barbara Jean are the parents of Gregory, Gary, Garth,

Rebecca, Bobbie Sue and Geoffrey, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys camping, jogging and gardening. Brock is a Paul Harris Fellow.

21st Michael Clayton (97)

President/CEO,
Better Business Bureau



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Dallas Baptist University and Lamar University. He and his wife Dee are

the parents of Chris, Kim and Kendall, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys playing baseball, and working on his lawn and garden. Michael is a Paul

Harris Fellow.

21st Elaine Shellenberger (02)

Executive Director,
Nutrition & Services for Seniors



Born in Liberty, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Don are the parents of Angie and Collin, and are members of Unity

Church of Beaumont. She enjoys gardening, cooking and entertaining.

22nd Michael Wolf (86)

Financial Professional,
AXA Advisors



Born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. He and his wife Cynthia are the

parents of Natalie, Sallye and Marc, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys fishing, hunting, swimming, playing bridge, and youth activities. Michael is a Paul Harris Fellow

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also served as a Chaplain in the United States Army Reserve, retiring after 34 years of service this past November. In addition to his pastoral duties, he makes time for running and biking and enjoys gardening, with a special interest in day-lilies.

Currently, he is a leader in a group called SETIO, Southeast Texas Interfaith Organization, a broad-based organization seeking to draw together congregations and other faith-based groups in our region, working together to help our Southeast Texas families and neighborhoods be better places to live.

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