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KAREN BOURDIER—SOUTHEAST TEXAS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



The biggest challenge facing Southeast Texas in the next few years will be providing the talented workforce required for the \$10 billion in expansion projects slated for the area. Karen Bourdier, Vice President of the Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board, will be sharing insights into those challenges, as well as other new and recent endeavors of the organization.

Karen is the Research Manager for the economic development group at Entergy-Texas. In that role, she supports Entergy's communities by providing economic impact analysis, marketing consultation, web site consultation, and research.

She graduated from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. with a BS in mathematics and from Lamar University with an MBA.

She enjoys teaching aerobic exercise and managing her small business.

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HEADTABLE



INVOCATION
GLENN SHOEMAKE



PLEDGE
TED MOOR III



4-WAY TEST
RYAN HARKEY



GUEST INTRODUCTION
CHARLES COX

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 Orange.....Sunset Grove
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REVIEW

In his opening remarks, President **Gerald Condon** thanked **Becky** and **Chuck Mason** for their gracious hospitality the evening before in hosting our officers and directors at a reception and dinner in honor of ElaRuth and District Governor Jack McCullough.

In his program introduction DGE **Chuck Mason** acknowledged that he was there to introduce the person who would lead our district during this Rotary year...and asked ElaRuth to stand and be recognized.

Before introducing the governor, Chuck told of how much he appreciated Jack and ElaRuth agreeing to move his gubernatorial year up by one year. Chuck was supposed to be 2006-07 Governor, but due to the effects of Hurricane Rita and a family illness, he asked Jack to step in a year early so he could defer his term by one year. He told of inviting ElaRuth and Jack to visit PDG Hugh Summers in Palestine (with whom he and Becky were staying after evacuating our area) and then taking them deep into the woods via a circuitous route before presenting the plan to them. It sounded like something out of the tale of Hansel and Gretel.

DG Jack began his talk by presenting the District Governor Nominee pin to DGN **Roger McCabe** and asking Sharon McCabe to do the honor of pinning it on Roger. President **Gerald Condon** was also presented with his Certificate for the President-Elect Training Seminar he attended earlier this year.

Since **Harland Merriam** had given the Invocation, DG Jack told us he is Presbyterian and that those prayers are given special consideration. He also admitted to being a "Born Again Aggie", even though he earned his Master's Degree at "that other cow university" down the road.

As District Governor of District 5910 he finds this to be a very strong district and he want to keep it that way and in very strong fiscal condition, in line with his Scottish ancestry and frugal ways.

Each year on July 1st the entire leadership of Rotary all over the world steps down and new leadership takes over and there are personality changes. That the mission of Rotary stays year after year the same was his timely message to our club.

Our new President of Rotary International, Bill Boyd, has established his theme as "Lead the Way" and the focus will continue in the same areas as President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammer:

- Water Management - like our district's water well projects in Nicaragua initiated last year by our Past District Governor Ann Bragg.
- Health - DG McCullough has a new medical mission for some small Peruvian villages he told us about. The internal parasites these people suffer from can be eliminated with just one pill and then some work with hygiene could keep them healthy.

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BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, July 25th and approved the following:

Resignations accepted with regret:

David Holstead - business transfer to San Antonio

Kip Lamb - unable to attend meetings

Gary Underwood - business transfer to Dallas

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- Literacy – Most environmental problems are tied to over population and when literacy rates go up women are better informed and the population rate goes down.
- Family of Rotary with youth activities, and other initiatives that bring in young members and involve the families of Rotarians in fellowship activities.

His personal goals are to have each club increase contributions to the Rotary Foundation by 10% and reach the point where every member contributes at least one dollar. He also wants to see recruitment of young people because the average age of Rotary members is 55-60 and if we don't bring in younger new members, Rotary will fade away.

There is an opening for a new Chair of the District Rotaract committee and he asked that anyone interested in this position contact him or our President, Gerald Condon.

He complimented our club on being an outstanding club in District 5910.

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Our People Make the Difference

BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jack Schenck (95)
Retired,



Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, he is a graduate of Michigan State University. He and his wife Rita are the parents of Erik. He enjoys skiing, scuba diving and foreign languages.

3rd Vernon Pierce (04)
Director, Customer Service-Texas, Entergy



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Mississippi State University. He and his wife Sheree are the parents of Karen and Hugh, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf and working around the house.


CONGRATULATIONS!

Henry Strait's company Southeast Texas Water is celebrating its 50th year in business. It provides water softeners, water filters, bottled water and air and water purification systems.

Michael Wolf recently qualified for membership in the Texas Leaders Round Table, an honor organization affiliated with the Texas Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.

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ness, Redwood Personal Histories. She is married to our Past President, Terry Bourdier. Fortunately for her, she also enjoys listening to Boudreaux and Thibodeaux stories.

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5th Buzz Kiker (70)
General Manager, Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Fannett, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Dorothy are the parents of Diane, Bill, Laura and Robert, and are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Fannett. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, raising beef cattle and his grandkids.

7th Shiv Bagri (92)
Financial Services Executive, Met Life



Born in India, he holds a post-graduate degree San Diego State University in California. He and his wife Kashi are the parents of Amola and Anita, both of whom are physicians. He enjoys playing bridge, tennis and ping-pong and travel.

7th Terry Whiddon (93)
Shareholder, Funchess, Mills, White & Co.




Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Ginger and Will, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing, playing golf and hunting.

CONDOLENCES TO:

Paula Bothe on the death of her mother-in-law

Rick Barrilleaux on the death of his mother



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