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Please join us this week as
 Barbara and Past President
 Harland Merriam
 host this year's
 Rotary Holiday Party
 at noon on Wednesday in the
 Ballroom of the
 Elegante' Hotel.

Please bring unwrapped toys
 to place under the tree to be
 donated to Some Other
 Place.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

*Introduction of
 2008-09 President*

*Thanksgiving Memories
 Harland Merriam*

*Hanukah Memories
 Barbara Metzinger & Russ Schultz*

*Christmas Memories
 Uliana Trylowsky, Terry Bourdier
 & Marvin Brailsford*

The Rotary Chorus

MENU

Appetizers

Tossed Salad

*Roast Turkey with Dressing
 Virginia Baked Ham
 Cranberry Orange Relish
 Mashed Potatoes
 Candied Sweet Potatoes
 Green Bean Casserole*

*Pumpkin Pie
 Pecan Pie
 Chocolate Meringue Pie*

*Egg Nog & Cordials
 Spiced Cider*

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REVIEW

Would you have been one of the three winners of the LNG Facts Game last week at Rotary? Did you know the answers to these questions? Answers on page 3.

- 1) There will be more steel in three LNG storage tanks than there is in what major European landmark?
- 2) Each LNG tank will hold 160,000 cubic meters of natural gas in its liquid state. How many 1 liter soda bottles would it take to fill an LNG tank?
- 3) LNG is odorless, colorless, non-corrosive and non-toxic. Its weight is less than one-half of what liquid substance?

Our speaker last week for Sempra Energy was Anya H. McInnis, a Houston-based government and public affairs consultant who has represented Sempra Energy and its affiliate companies doing business in Texas and Louisiana for the past 7 years. Anya is a 22-year veteran of Texas politics and public affairs, having begun her career in 1984 as a part-time aide to then-State Representative Mike Stiles while a student at the University of Texas and ultimately becoming his chief of staff upon completion of her education.

Anya explained she was "standing in" for Phil Dolezal and was not an engineer. Her presentation updated club members on the scope of the Port Arthur project and provided an overview of the liquefied natural gas (LNG) world-wide competitive global market.

Why LNG? U. S. dependency is rising because natural gas is one of the cleanest-burning, environmentally friendly fossil fuels with proven safety records. Sempra is currently building 2 LNG terminals in North America: Energia Costa Azul in Baja California and Cameron Parish, Louisiana with contract agreements from liquefied natural

gas suppliers in Indonesia, Italy and Russia.

The scope of PALNG - Sempra's proposed Port Arthur LNG with more than an \$800 - \$850 million investment will be situated on some 200 acres of a nearly 3,000-acre parcel of land owned by Sempra Energy along Highway 87 between the Intracoastal Bridge and the Keith Lake Cut Bridge. Sempra has proposed to pay for relocation and upgrades to about 3.3 miles of Highway 87 thereby creating new waterfront property for future developers. The new highway will connect to a new county park to be built on land made available by Sempra with access to Keith Lake and J. D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area. Project construction will take approximately three years and will generate up to 1,250 construction jobs and about 75-85 permanent jobs at completion of the terminal and pipeline. Once constructed, the PALNG will include two unloading docks; three to six full containment (tank within concrete outer tank with 500 ton roofs) storage tanks built to withstand Category 5 hurricanes and associated equipment to transform the LNG product back to natural gas.

What's next for PALNG? The permitting process with all state and federal entities was completed in June 2006 and the project is "spring loaded to go". Sempra is actively seeking an LNG supply for PALNG in an extremely competitive world-wide global market. Market availability constraints are likely to delay construction for a couple of years.

In the meantime? Sempra is committed to being a good neighbor based on 4 "giving" guidelines areas: environment, education, economic development and health/ public safety. Sempra was on-site in Sabine Pass for Hurricane Rita relief efforts and is continuing to provide assistance. For more information on Sempra Energy, its affiliates and the PALNG, www.sempralng.com

Future Programs

December
 13th Senator John Cornyn
 20th & 27th No meeting

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port ArthurHoliday Inn Hwy 69
 Vidor.....Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop.....Elegante' Hotel
 Orange.....Sunset Grove
 Port Neches.....Pompano Club

Wednesday:

Groves.....Pompano Club

Thursday:

Port Arthur.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69
 Hardin County... Red Onion, Lumberton

Friday:

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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CONGRATULATIONS!

...to **Teresa Simpson** and her husband who welcomed a daughter Kyra Grace into their family on October 30th.

...to **Charlie Glass** and **Carol and Gerald Flatten**. His daughter Stephanie and their son Eric were married on November 4th.

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, November 28th and approved the following that were announced at the November 29th meeting:

New Members:

Bonita Elias
General Manager
Fox 64
"Broadcasting – Cable Television"
Proposed by **Vesta Brandt**

Tracey Lumpkin
Owner
Lumpkin's Insurance
"Insurance – Life"
Proposed by **Ralph Martin**

Paul Szuch
President
Lamar Institute of Technology
"Education – Institute of Technology"
Proposed by **Steve Doblin**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, December 8th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

Resignation accepted with regret:

Rick Barrilleaux
Moved to Huntsville

CONDOLENCES

...to **Michael Lohr** and his wife Carol Ann on the loss of her mother last week.

...to **Linda Moore** and her husband Morris on the loss of his son last week.

BIRTHDAYS

6th Chad Blanchard (02)
General Manager,
Munro's Uniform Services



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Chelle are the parents of Beau and Katie, and are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Fannett. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

6th Fred Kristiansen (74)
Production Control Manager,
Eastham Forge



Born in Chicago, Illinois, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Kimberly and Kristin, and are members of First Baptist Church. He enjoys playing softball, tennis and the beach. Fred is a Paul Harris Fellow.

6th Brenda Nichols (01)
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences,
Lamar University



Born in Henderson, Kentucky, she is a graduate of the University of Evansville and Indiana University. She and her husband Harry are the parents of David, Christopher and Andrew. She enjoys reading, riding horses and traveling.

6th Jolene Ortego (95)
P.R. Director/Communications,
Beaumont I.S.D.



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Southwest Louisiana and Lamar University. She and her husband Dale are the parents of Dale Jr., Leah and Bobby, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. She enjoys playing tennis, reading, theater and old movies.

6th Robert Turner (02)
President,
JK Chevrolet-Isuzu



Born in Marshall, he and his wife Michelle are the parents of Daylyn, Robert, Kyle and Mycah, and are members of Antioch Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and horseback riding.

8th Evelyn Lord (90)
Retired



Born in Melrose, Massachusetts, she is a graduate of Boston University, the University of Delaware and the University of Louisville School of Law. She and her husband **Sam** are the parents of Steven, Jonathan, Nathaniel, Victoria and William. Evelyn is a Paul Harris Fellow.

10th Dan Ward (03)
Vice President,
ICU Environmental, Health & Safety



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of the University of Houston. He and his wife Diane are the parents of Danielle and Holly, and are members of St. Therese, The Little Flower Catholic Church. He enjoys playing baseball and golf, coaching girls' softball and camping.

12th Marcia Crone (05)
District Judge,
U.S. District Court



Born in Dallas, she attended Vanderbilt University and is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Houston Law Center. She and her husband Seth are the parents of Kimball and Kirby, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. She enjoys traveling and reading.

Answers from page 2: 1) Eiffel Tower, Paris; 2) 160 million one liter bottles of soda; 3) water

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