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ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL



Paula Bothe enjoyed reading the "I Like Me" books with two first grade students at one of our elementary schools last week.

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ASETS



Becky Mason, Alexine Boutin and **Chuck Mason** attended the Ambassadorial Scholar-Elect Training Seminar in Austin on January 5 - 6 with our Club's scholars: Jenny Achilles and Jenna Davis. Jenny just returned

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SOUTHEAST TEXAS TRANSPORTATION ISSUES



This week's program will feature two speakers: Ann Culver and Rotarian **John Barton** discussing local transportation issues.

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Future Programs

February
 14th Dr. Carrol Thomas - BISSD
 21st Joe Tortorice - Jason's Deli

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port Arthur Holiday 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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Anne Culver is the Executive Director of the Alliance for Interstate 69 Texas. She will speak to us about the history and value of the Alliance for I-69 Texas coalition, about the evolution of Interstate 69, and will bring us up to date on the status of Interstate 69's development as a component part of the Trans Texas Corridor. At the Alliance, Anne's responsibility is to keep its membership and Board, representing local government and business organizations from the border to deep East Texas, focused on the goal of building a 21st century trade corridor linking the industrial centers of Mexico, the U.S. and Canada – through Texas.

Ms. Culver is a government relations/public policy executive with high profile leadership experience, having served as Senior Vice President for Government Relations and Regional Planning of the Greater Houston Partnership from 1988 through 2005. Anne is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the South Texas College of Law.

John is the District Engineer for the Beaumont District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

John grew up in Archer City, a small rural town in north central Texas, before attending college at Texas A&M University where he graduated with honors in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He then began working full time for the Texas Department of Trans-

portation and now has over 20 years of service with TxDOT.

He began working for TxDOT as a summer employee in the Archer City Maintenance Section of the Wichita Falls District in north central Texas while in high school, and then began full time employment after graduating from Texas A&M University as an Engineering Assistant in their Bowie Area office.

Over the past 20 years he was held numerous positions with TxDOT prior to being promoted to his current position as District Engineer for the Beaumont District in December 2003. As District Engineer, John oversees all TxDOT activities in southeast Texas related to the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of a large and diverse transportation network.

In 2003 John was recognized for the numerous successes and advancements he had orchestrated in regional planning in north central Texas by receiving the 2003 AASHTO President's Award for Planning.

John and his wife, Sheryl, have two daughters (Lauren – age 18, and Rachel – age 15). He is an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, and enjoys singing, volunteering for service work in the community, ranching, and spending time with this family.

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from her year of study in El Salvador and Jenna will leave for South Africa later this year.

More than thirty scholars from
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BIRTHDAYS

8th Steve Doblin (01)
Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs,
Lamar University



Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, he is a graduate of the University of Alabama. He and his wife Suzye are the parents of Jeff, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys running and playing bridge.

9th Alexine Boutin (01)
Executive Director,
Rotary Club of Beaumont
Born in Beaumont, she attended



SMU and UCLA and is a graduate of Lamar University. She enjoys gardening, reading and travel. Alexine is a Paul Harris Fellow.

9th Teresa Simpson (06)
Director, Career Center,
Lamar University



Born in Pasadena, she is a graduate of the University of Houston - Clear Lake and is attending Lamar University. She and her husband Art are the parents of Cameron and Kyra Grace, and are members of Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church. She enjoys her family, working in her garden and staying athletically active.

13th Harland Merriam, Jr. (88)
Pastor,
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



Born in Coral Gables, Florida, he is a graduate of Stetson University. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Joshua and Aaron, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys running, biking and playing tennis and golf. Harland is a Paul Harris Fellow.

13th Scott Rand (95)
President/General Manager,
B.T. Rand Oil Company



Born in Waco, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University. He and his wife Shannon are the parents of Taryn and Tanner.

others, getting to know one another and learning what they can expect from their year of study abroad.

BOARD ACTION

The following Board Action was announced at our January 24th meeting and was inadvertently omitted from last week's issue.

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, January 23rd and approved the following:

New Members:

Quincy Bird
Promotional Operations
Manager
Texas Wildcatters Hockey
"Athletics - Hockey"
Proposed by
Brian Schlesinger

Barbara Brookner
Managing Director
Charles Reed & Associates
"Business Service -
Accounting Service"
Proposed by
**Bobbie Applegate &
Lauren Brooks**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, February 16th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

Resignation accepted with regret:

Vel Martin
Business Pressure

Macon Ware
Business Pressure

Mary Wickland
Moved to Houston

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We distributed the books to first graders instead of kindergarten students because Hurricane Rita kept us from distributing the books last year.

In April our members will have another chance to participate in Rotary Goes to School when we distribute the books to the kindergarten students in all the public and private schools in Beaumont. Please plan now to participate in one of the most rewarding annual projects our club sponsors. The smiles will stay with you all year!

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more than twenty districts met with their club counselors, returning scholars, RI representatives and

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