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sion of Law Enforcement Officer Standards in Education (TCLEOSE).

A native Texas, Debbie has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminology and a Master's degree in Sociology, both from Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Her Masters studies were primarily focused on the topics of Female Criminality, the Feminization of Poverty and Violence Against Women.

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REVIEW

Last week we heard all about this year's sixth annual JASON Project being presented at Lamar University's John Grey Center to approximately 8,500 fourth through eighth grade students from twenty school districts in our area . Our speakers were D'Ann Douglas, Director of the JASON Alliance of Southeast Texas at Lamar University, and Dr. Jim Westgate, Professor of Earth & Space Sciences at Lamar University.

The JASON Project was founded in 1989 by Dr. Bob Ballard who discovered the resting place of the Titanic in 1987. Many of us remember Dr. Ballard speaking to our club several years ago.

JASON's goal is to inspire lifelong learning in science and math by exposing students to practical experience in the fields. Since its founding, the program has involved more than 1.7 million students and 33,000 teachers throughout the United States and abroad. The program was purchased by the National Geographic Society in 2005.

The program provides students and teachers with hands-on discovery and inquiry-based learning opportunities, integrating the studies of several fields of science, math and writing skills not limited to textbooks. They get to know and identify with real scientists who work in those fields. The program encourages logical thinking and a lifelong passion for

learning.

The program meets the standards of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills program and fits the curricula of the school districts involved as well as home schooling and scout programs. It uses technology to teach concepts and modular lessons can be downloaded from a user-friendly website for use on home computers. Our local teachers receive a sizable packet of information as well as six hours of training.

The spotlight of this year's program will be the disappearing wetlands of Southeast Texas. The mission of the program is to educate the next generation on the importance of preserving and maintaining our coastal wetlands as nurseries for many vertebrate and invertebrate species that are commercially vital to our local economy. Many species of fish, shrimp, crab and plankton spend their early lives in wetlands before maturing in the open Gulf of Mexico. Our local shrimping industry alone brings in more than \$200 million annually.

Dr. Westgate discussed the importance of our wetlands as bird habitats, both as nesting sites and as sanctuaries for migrating birds. He also discussed the role that alligators play in the wetlands ecology.

Staff at Lamar University have produced a video to be used in this year's program filmed at local sites such as freshwater wetlands in the

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FROM THE EDITOR

As we begin a new year, I would like to recognize the *RotaryGram* Committee members for their contributions to our issues. Our weekly reviewers for the last six months are **Gene Arnold, Vesta Brandt, Christina Baum, Jarren Garrett** and **Michael Lohr**.

I would also like to thank our *RotaryGram* advertisers for their financial support of our newsletter.

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Bessie Chisum, Editor

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Debbie has presented workshops and training sessions to family violence prevention advocates, law enforcement professionals, health care workers and other allied professionals on a variety of topics including the dynamics of family violence, protective orders, barriers to leaving an abusive relationship, law enforcement's response to family violence and domestic violence in the workplace.

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Big Thicket, the Shangri La Botanical Gardens in Orange, the saltwater estuaries of Trinity Bay near Anahuac, the Coastal Fisheries Research Facility on Sabine Lake, J. D. Murphee Wildlife Management Area near Sabine Pass and the Smith Woods Rookery near McFaddin Beach.

Both of our speakers expressed their gratitude to local businesses and organizations whose sponsorship makes the JASON Alliance of Southeast Texas at Lamar University a reality. What an asset it is to our community and our local students.

Thank you, **Ted Moor**, for arranging the program and introducing the speakers.

Remember to update the Rotary Office concerning any changes to your personal information used in the Birthdays section and let us know if you want a new photo used.

BIRTHDAYS

12th Bobby Celli, Jr. (83)

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Born in Galveston, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Sara are the parents of Tiffany and Christy. He enjoys playing tennis, traveling and participating in community projects.

13th Philip Long (01)

Owner,
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Born in Birkenhead, England, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Kimberly Ann are the parents of Ryan, Aaron, Daniel and Patrick, and are members of First Baptist Church of Fannett. He enjoys camping, backpacking, soccer and sky diving.

14th Linda Moore (98)

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Born in Toledo, Ohio, she attended Lamar University and has recently received her real estate license. She and her husband Morris are the parents of David Smith, and are members of St. Anne's Catholic Church. She enjoys cooking, motorcycle riding, traveling and skiing.

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