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## HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW

Tom MacLennan will be our speaker for this week. He is a member of the Speaker's Committee of the Houston Life Stock Show & Rodeo and a life member of the show since 1966. Tom is owner of Golf Photographers of Texas and River Oaks Photos in Houston and is the #1 Charity Golf Tournament Photographer in Texas. He is a US Army Korean War Veteran, and has been a Houston resident since 1964. He has the distinction of having invented the

world's first portable briefcase mobile telephone and is a pioneer in that field, predating cell phones. A former judo instructor, Tom sings, plays guitar, does radio commercials, and is a voracious reader. He has one son and four home-schooled grandchildren. No stranger to the Beaumont area, Tom worked closely with the Spindletop Centennial Commission for Lamar University in January 2001.

## HEAD TABLE



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 31<sup>st</sup> Rotary Goes to School

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 Vidor ..... Hibernia National Bank

**Tuesday:**

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 Orange ..... Sunset Grove  
 Port Neches ..... Pompano Club

**Wednesday:**

Groves ..... Pompano Club

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**REVIEW**

Because of the weather we are experiencing, Congressman Poe could not speak to us as planned. However, Jim Rich convinced Patrick Cleary to speak in his place.

Patrick is Sr. Vice President—Communications of the National Association of Manufacturers, which is a century old organization that advocates for the competitiveness of manufacturing. He served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy in the Reagan Administration and Chaired the National Mediation Board under the first President Bush.

Mr. Cleary commented on the first one hundred days of the new Democratic controlled Congress in Washington. First he said that the first 100 days must be in “dog-years” because they will last to sometime in late January or early February. Some of the things the House will be addressing are:

1. Implement a new Iraq Strategy that would recommend “redeployment” of the troupes, and will consider not funding the war.
2. Raise the minimum wage. Mr. Patrick said this measure was purely politically motivated. He said the only way out of poverty is education.
3. Approval of HR 4 which will allow the Federal Government to negotiate with drug companies for the price of drugs purchased under the Medicaid program. Though this sounds good, he

assured us that not all drugs would be included, which means the Drug companies would raise prices to the public to compensate for the losses and some taxpayers would be subsidizing others.

4. On January 18<sup>th</sup> Congress will consider HR6 which will repeal any tax benefits to oil companies for research and development of alternative fuels

Mr. Cleary pointed out that 400 trillion cubic feet of natural gas reserves in the U.S. cannot be recovered because it is under moratorium by the Federal Government. Other countries laugh at us because we are the only country in the world that restricts access to its own natural resources.

He said Congress has declared war on capitalism and profits. It is out to get the oil companies and the drug companies.

He quoted Perceles when he said “Just because you ignore politicians, don’t think politicians are ignoring you”. His message was to urge us to get involved. Carry our message to Washington through communications with our representatives. Don’t do nothing!

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# FELLOWSHIP EVENT

**Toby Castro and Laurie Ritchel** of the Fellowship Committee have arranged our first fellowship event the evening of Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at Lamar University's Montagne Center. There will be a cocktail reception with appetizers and a no-host bar followed by the Lamar basketball game with the Cardinals playing Nichols State.

Tickets will be \$20.00 per person including game tickets or \$12.00 per person if you are a season ticket holder.

Toby will have sign-in sheets available before Rotary meetings or you can call or email your reservations to the Rotary office:  
842-1913 or  
rotarybmt1@yahoo.com

Please plan to attend this wonderful, fun opportunity to bring your family and friends and enjoy an evening of food, friendship and basketball.

Toby and his committee are planning another Rotary outing soon - a night at Ford Arena to watch the Beaumont Wildcatters Hockey game.

*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

**25<sup>th</sup> Jack Tenner (05)**  
Purchasing Director,  
Lamar University



Born in Port Neches, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Gina are the parents of Brian, Derek and Colleen, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf and fishing.

**26<sup>th</sup> Scott Mann, Jr. (85)**  
Partner, Germer & Gertz



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Lee are the parents of Elizabeth, David, Scotty and Mary Caroline, and are members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

**29<sup>th</sup> Buz Brown (93)**  
Marketing Manager,  
Bill Clark Pest Control



Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, he and his wife Donna are the parents of Von and Gary, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf. Buz is a Paul Harris Fellow.

**30<sup>th</sup> Marleen Swerdlow (04)**  
Professor of Law,  
Lamar University



Born in Tyler, she is a graduate of Newcomb College of Tulane University and Bates College of Law of the University of Houston. She is the mother of Matthew, and is a member of Temple Emanuel. She enjoys gardening and needlepoint.

# ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL



Don't forget to sign up to visit your favorite elementary school for Rotary Goes to School on

January 31<sup>st</sup>. Chair **Kevin Roy** has been signing up people all month to attend this wonderful event which is held instead of a regular Wednesday meeting.

We will be distributing the *A Book About Me* books to first grade students this month since they didn't receive their books last year as kindergarteners. We will have another Rotary Goes to School day in April for the kindergarten students.

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