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THE JASON PROJECT



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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Rotarians,

The lunch review ad hoc committee was formed from the board of directors of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. The committee was assigned the task of assessing the impact of the lunch program on the annual budget and if deemed necessary formulate a plan for eliminating any related budgetary deficits. This was accomplished through the use of a survey instrument. In an effort to lend some scope by way of fairness to all concerned, the following paragraphs outline the recommendations from the committee.

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HEAD TABLE



INVOCATION
JOE DOMINO



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
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Future Programs

January
 10th Domestic Violence
 17th Congressman Ted Poe

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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2007 ELECTION RESULTS

The annual election was held on December 13, 2006 for four Club Directors and one Foundation Trustee to serve from July 1, 2007 until June 30, 2010. Congratulations to those elected.

Directors



Pat Anderson



Lauren Brooks



Buzz Brown



Phil Dunlap

Trustee



Mary Ellen Robertson

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The committee recommends that the price of meal ticket books be set at \$90.00 for a book of ten (10), a reduction of \$10.00. Additionally, it is recommended that the price of individual tickets sold at the door be set at \$12.00 each, an increase of \$2.00. The committee does not recommend a change in membership dues at this time. However, to better identify and align costs associated with the weekly meetings in general, the committee recommends that a new line item be established to reflect an annual lunch/meeting room assessment fee of \$30.00 per member (\$15.00 semiannually).

From a non-monetary perspective, the committee recommends that an intense marketing program be initiated in an effort to entice current and future Rotary members to participate in the weekly lunch program. As a prelude to this effort it is recommended that the Chef visit the club routinely to meet with Rotarians and assess the quality of the food and hear menu item suggestions.

Secondary to the lunch recommendations the committee suggests that the new member admission fee be raised from \$225.00 to \$250.00. There has not been a fee change in this category within the last ten (10) years.

It is the intent of the lunch review ad hoc committee that this plan will bring the lunch program from red into black in budgetary terms. The committee plans to review the progress in three (3) month intervals.

The Rotary Club of Beaumont Board of Directors approved the aforementioned recommendations at the regularly held board meeting in November. The changes will take affect on January 1, 2007. Your continued support of the lunch program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gerald Condon, President Rotary Club of Beaumont

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NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome five new members who were introduced during the December 13th meeting:



John Barton

District Engineer

Texas Department of Transportation
"Highway Transportation – Engineering"
Proposed by **Bessie Chisum**



Bonita Elias

General Manager, Fox 64
"Broadcasting - Cable Television"
Proposed by **Vesta Brandt**



Willis Mackey

Assistant Superintendent, B.I.S.D.
"Education – Administration"
Proposed by **Jolene Ortego**



Jennifer Nguyen

General Manager, Texas Wildcatters
"Sports – Hockey"
Proposed by **Rod Carroll**



David Pecora

Executive Director, Anayat House
"Associations - Anayat House"
Proposed by **Gerald Condon**

BIRTHDAYS

4th Ryan Harkey (02)

Partner,
Pollans & Cohen



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is married to Ronda. He enjoys hunting and fishing. Ryan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

5th Mike Carter (84)

President,
Carter & Company



Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are members of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

5th Ron Clark (04)

Federal Judge,
U.S. District Court



Born in Caripito, Venezuela, he is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Joanna are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hiking and camping.

5th Dave White (86)

President & Managing Shareholder,
Funchess, Mills, White & Co.



Born in Dallas, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Kyle, Kimberly and Kolby, and are members of North End Baptist Church.

He enjoys playing golf and tennis, hunting and fishing.

5th Stephanie Williams (02)

Partner,
Pollans & Cohen



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara, Tiffany, Brooke and Grace, and are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. She enjoys boating and fishing.

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6th George Crawford (94)

Vice President & General Manager, Lamar Advertising of Beaumont



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is the father of Brooke and Kristen, and is a member of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

9th Bill Lucas (89)

Retired



Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a BS and an MS in Chemical Engineering. He and his wife Mary

are the parents of **Steve**, Jeff and Karen. He enjoys playing bridge, golf and gardening.

9th Matt White (01)

Director, McFaddin-Ward House



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He enjoys classical music, especially opera.

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Thursday, December 28th and approved the following:

Resignations Accepted with Regret:

Mark Beshears
Transferred to Baytown

Chester Jourdan
Moved to Columbus, Ohio

Camille Mouton
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JIM WALKER

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Adult—\$8.00; Child—\$4.00
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