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RICHARD DONOVAN - AUTHOR



Richard Donovan, a former Temple-Inland employee, grew up hunting and fishing along the creeks and streams of the Neches River. He is a graduate of Zavalla high School in 1954 and earned a BBA from Stephen F. Austin State University.

After 20 years with Temple-Inland he and his wife Bonnie opened Donovan Real Estate in Lufkin and operated that firm for 20 years until

they sold and retired in 1996.

The Lone Star Sierra Club awarded him the Evelyn R. Edens Award and National Wildlife Federation named him Conservation Hero for his efforts to protect the Neches.

He chairs the Forest Task Force of the Texas Committee on Natural Resources and lives in Lufkin.

He has written a book: "Paddling the Neches" in which he extols the virtues of protecting the Neches River. Donovan takes readers ca-
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 14th Joel Fagelstrom - CHRISTUS
 21th David Teuscher - BISD Bond

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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REVIEW

Dr. John M. Lilley became the 13th president of Baylor University on January 1, 2006. He mentioned that he has numerous ties to the Golden Triangle area but that it had been 50 years since he last visited Beaumont. Dr. Lilley is the former president of the Rotary Club of Erie, Pennsylvania where he helped to raise \$175,000 for Polio-Plus.

Dr. Lilley spoke about what's currently happening at Baylor University. Baylor is changing dramatically, blending the old with the new. He emphasized that Baylor is about service. Graduates are expected to be great servants.

Baylor's 2012 vision is to continue to be a great Christian university. BU is adding a research mission, hoping to get more faculty engaged in research. Dr. Lilley spoke about athletics, saying that football is coming along, basketball is doing very well and several of their athletic programs are nationally ranked.

The endowment at Baylor is \$900 million. The goal is to have \$2 billion in the endowment by the year 2012. The Walter and Sheila Umphrey Law Center is an excellent example of the quality of their donors.

Dr. Lilley addressed the issue of family responsibility, which he said may be controversial to some, but that it's an issue that needs attention. He stressed that there needs to be more family responsibility for school children. Parents cannot depend on the schools for every-

thing. We need to help families to be stronger so that they can be there for their children.

President Lilley closed by saying that one of the joys of his job is continual learning. He is an avid reader and reads several newspapers and magazines daily. He said it is important for our students to learn the content, but that they must always continue to learn and be curious about the world around them.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Past President **Larry Beaulieu** was inducted into the Texas Tech Department of Mass Communication Hall of Fame on March 2nd.

**FELLOWSHIP
EVENTS**

Please invite your family and friends to attend two upcoming fellowship events. Toby Castro will have sign up sheets at the meetings.

On Friday, March 16th you are invited to cheer on the Beaumont Wildcat-ters Hockey team when they play the team from Augusta. There will be a pre-game reception with food and beverages and we have a block of seats reserved. The cost will be \$20.00 per person for admission and the reception.

On Thursday, April 12th you are invited to join you fellow Rotarians for a crawfish boil with all the trimmings arranged by Chad Blanchard at Munro's at the corner of MLK and Liberty. Again, the cost will be \$20.00 per person.

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BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 27th and approved the following:

Resignations accepted with regret:

Don Burns
Business pressure

Steve Buser
Moved to New Orleans

Jack Crawford
Moved to South Carolina

Mark Ferris
Transferred to Houston

Jennifer Frisbee
Business pressure

Carolyn Johnson
Business pressure

Buzz Kiker
Retired

Russ Waddill
Business pressure

Terry Whiddon
Business pressure

David White
Business pressure

Robert Zoschke
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noeing down a two-hundred mile stretch if the upper Neches.

Through two national forest and miles of remote river woodlands, he chronicles the river's natural and cultural history, describes its animal in-

BIRTHDAYS

7th Kyle Hayes (01)
City Manager,
City of Beaumont



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas and Trinity University. He and his wife Ann are the parents of William, David and Walker. He enjoys playing sports and traveling.

7th Tillie Hickman (01)
Principal,
Odom Academy, BISD



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, she is a graduate of McNeese University and Lamar University. She and her husband Bennie

are the parents of **Robert** and **Robin**, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys reading, gardening and cooking.

10th Leonard Juncker (79)
Partner,
Wathen DeShong & Juncker



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife **Sharen** are members of Trinity United Methodist

Church. He is the father of Jill and Brian. He enjoys playing golf and

habitants, and recounts stories of early settlers and East Texas hunting traditions.

Donovan makes a case against damming the river. He promotes the idea of turning the Neches into a National Wild and Scenic River,

tennis and building models. Leonard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

10th Randy Shelton (06)
Judge,
279th District Court



Born in Odessa, he is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and South Texas College of Law. He and his wife Denise are the parents

of Tiffany, and are members of North End Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and bicycling.

12th Rod Carroll (02)
President,
Stat Care EMS



Born in Yonkers, New York, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Katie are the parents of Matthew and Brooke.

13th Rix Garey (83)
General Sales Manager,
KFDM-TV Channel 6



Born in Milford, Delaware, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Brenda are the parents of Angela and Susan,

and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys gardening and playing the guitar.

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