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SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS HONORED

Scholarship Chair **Richard Bothel** introduced our 2007 scholarship recipients at last week's meeting: Allison Forman and John William Busch, both seniors at West Brook High School.

Allison is the Girls Varsity Soccer Team Captain and is active in the National Honor Society, Key Club, Student Council, West Brook Choir and Youth Ministries Council. She

PROGRAM PENDING

Program Chair **Jim Rich** is planning a special and timely speaker for this week's program but arrangements have not been finalized yet so it will have to be a surprise for everyone.

has won Pre-AP awards in biology and geometry, and AP awards in algebra and pre-calculus. Allison plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in environmental design in prepa-

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The Beaumont-Spindletop Rotary Club has asked our club to cook hamburgers, sausage and bou-dain for their Soap Box Derby event. All of the food has been donated by Burger King and Zummo's. If that isn't enough, the Spindletop Club will reimburse us for any items we purchase. My company will supply the folding

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 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
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Friday:

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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REVIEW

Although most Rotarians are proud of our port, we all became more so as we listened to Chris Fisher report to us about what is happening at the Port of Beaumont. After seeing some great old pictures of the port during his brief history presentation, it brought back some old memories for those of us who have lived in Southeast Texas for a long time. There may be many who did not know about Harbor Island, an island in the middle of the port. I can remember watching boat races around the island during the Neches River Festival in my younger days.

That has all changed now. The island is gone and the port is much larger. It made us all proud when we learned the Port of Beaumont was the 4th largest in the nation in tonnage, ranking behind only Houston, New Orleans and New York. Most of the tonnage passing over the docks were made up of bulk items, steel, forest products, project cargo and military equipment. Chris then unveiled the 2006 Master Plan for the port. The plan included over \$108 million in projects. Included in the plan was the expansion of the port facilities by adding a dock to the Orange County side of the Neches River and the relocation of the rail yards on the river front in order to allow the City of Beaumont to develop a park along the river. The Orange County expansion will encompass 850 acres of land on the other side of the river.

Funding for the master plan will come from several sources. A total of \$54 million is expected from grants (\$14.8mil), the capital fund (\$19.2), equipment leases (\$4.0), and revenue bonds (\$15.0). He estimated the economic impact on the Southeast Texas economy to be about \$129 million next year creating approximately 120 jobs. Sometimes we do not realize the impact the Port of Beaumont has on our lives.

We thank **Charlie Glass** for arranging the program and **Jim Rich** for introducing the speaker.

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ration for a graduate degree in architecture.

John is a member of the Boys Varsity Soccer Team and participated in Camp Enterprise. He is an Eagle Scout and is active in Key Club, Mock Trial Team and the Speech Team. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the 2006-07 Channel 6 Challenge Team Regional Champions, the UIL Current Events Competition and Team Captain of the Relay for Life Cancer Marathon and is active at Trinity United Methodist Church. John also plans to attend Texas A&M University majoring in business administration and accounting.

Congratulations to both Allison and John! We appreciate the time and effort of the Scholarship Committee.

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BIRTHDAYS

17th Jay Old, Jr. (97)

Partner,
Germer Gertz



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and Texas Tech. He and his wife Ann Clary are the parents of Helen and James, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and playing golf and tennis.

18th Earl Brickhouse (86)

Retired



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Jean are the parents of Jamie, Jeffrey and Ron, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. He enjoys travel, Broadway Theatre, gourmet cooking and volunteerism. Earl is a Paul Harris Fellow.

18th Sid Cohen (93)

Partner,
Beaumont Foundation/Pollans
& Cohen



Born in Chicago, Illinois, he is a graduate of Northwestern University. He and his wife Mary Ann are the parents of Beth, David and Debbie, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys basketball, walking and fishing.

18th Steve Grantham (94)

Vice President,
JP Morgan Chase Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Lorrilea are the parents of Raegan and Shannon, and are members of First Baptist Church of Sour Lake. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and fishing. Steve is a Paul Harris Fellow.

21st Brad Brown (93)

Principal,
Edgar, Kiker & Cross



Born in Jennings, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is the father of Austin, Aaron and Ashley†, and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf, being active in church activities and childrearing.

21st Bob Harris, Sr. (81)

Retired



Born in Urbana, Ohio, he is a graduate of Florida State University. He and his wife Liz are the parents of Robert, Cynthia, and James, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing bridge and golf. Bob is a Paul Harris Fellow.

22nd Uliana Trylowsky (04)

Executive Director,
Habitat for Humanity



Born in Edmonton, Canada, she is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and Carleton University. She and her husband Jesse are the parents of Dennis David and Natalia Sophia, and are members of St. Anne Catholic Church. She enjoys home and kids, swimming and cycling.

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work tables, a towable BBQ pit and the firewood/charcoal. Also, our club will purchase donuts and muffins to hand out at breakfast. We will cook, assemble and wrap hamburgers, sausage and boudain, which will be handed out to the workers at the event only so no money will have to be collected.

Each of our volunteers should bring a cloth hand towel, large knife, etc. We will need ice chests and ice. Important: it is possible that the tomatoes, lettuce and onions donated from Burger King might be cut all ready!! Many of Terry

Bourdier's 30 Somethings group have said that they would like to help and **Willis Mackey** agreed to be the chief cook! Great opportunity for a photo shoot! This will be fun and easy to do!

Now is the time to help our fellow Rotary members. I need 20 volunteers: ten the first day Saturday, May 18th, 8a.m.-2:30p.m. and ten the second day Sunday, May 19th, 8a.m.-2:30p.m. This will count as a make up for a missed meeting.

We have very little time to organ-

ize our helpers but the project is so easy! Contact me (842-2324 or gcondon999@aol.com) or the Rotary Office (842-1913 or rotarybmt1@yahoo.com). Plan to join us at this exciting event!

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