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## VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This week our club will recognize and honor who exemplify a "Service Above Self" attitude in their vocation.

These awards are given annually to citizens in our community (Rotarians as well as non-Rotarians) who have been nominated by club members for demonstrating exceptional service, honesty and friendliness in performing their jobs.

## LAMAR ROTARACT SILENT AUCTION

Our club's Rotaract chapter at Lamar University will hold its annual Silent Auction at our Rotary Club meeting this week. The goal of the auction is to raise at least \$1,500 to help our Rotaractors travel to Belize to convey the more than \$7,000 in scholarship money they have raised in District 5910 to support Belizean high school students. The chapter's representatives were invited to make a presentation about their successful Belize project at the District Conference last month.

Rotaract is also still accepting donations of items for the auction! Contact **Teresa Simpson** (Rotaract advisor at LU) – 880-8879 or [teresa.simpson@lamar.edu](mailto:teresa.simpson@lamar.edu). Come early and bring cash and/or your checkbook! (There is an ATM in the hotel, if you forget...)

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30<sup>th</sup> Morris Carter, Valero

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**Monday:**

No. Port Arthur .....Holiday 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  
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**Friday:**

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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**REVIEW**

This week's program presented three premier aspects of leadership - the Club's youth awards, Beaumont's new Mayor-Elect **Becky Ames** and our area's regional leadership program, Leadership Southeast Texas.

Our Mayor-Elect reported that she is meeting with community leaders and thanked everyone for their support. She hopes to address our club again after her term begins.

**Paula O'Neal** nominated Michael Farah, a sophomore at Westbrook High School and future Eagle Scout, who has volunteered extensively at Some Other Place. Michael Perez, Unit Director of the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Beaumont, nominated Erin Fluke, a junior at Westbrook and daughter of Emily and **Randy Fluke**, for her efforts in co-founding Unity for Community Keystone Club, a student-run services organization. Committee Chair **Bobbie Applegate** saluted both recipients as fine examples of our community's youth.

Dennis Isaacs, Safety-Health-Environment Manager of DuPont PE, shared highlights of LSET's fifteen-year journey in Southeast Texas - its Past, Present and Future. Dennis is a past chair of the LSET Advisory Council and currently serves as Communications Chair for LSET.

Founded in 1992 as a legacy of the twentieth anniversary of Leadership Beaumont, LSET has operated since that time as a program of the Partnership of Southeast Texas (POST). Initially chartered as a

three-county program to identify and inform leaders on timely issues directly impacting the area's economy and quality of life, LSET expanded into 9-counties (Orange, Jasper, Newton, Tyler, Hardin, Liberty, Chamber, Jefferson and the Bolivar Peninsula of Jefferson County) in 1998.

Past LSET chairs from the Beaumont Club include the late J. Michael Bradford and **Jim Rich**. Former Mayor **Evelyn Lord** is a graduate of the inaugural 1993 class and **Bessie Chisum** has served as staff Executive Director since January 1993.

There are 651 graduates of LSET who currently reside in 4 counties overseas, 23 states, 110 U. S. cities and 74 Texas communities - all who participated in LSET while working in Southeast Texas and who continue to be ambassadors for our area.

Since 1992, there have been 80 class sessions and orientations and 13 annual meetings plus 5 trips to Austin known as LSET Day in Austin. Class topics each year range from community development, workforce needs, water resources, air quality, mental health, homeland security to tourism and modalism.

Beginning in May 2007, Mr. Issacs announced that LSET is incorporating as a 501(c)6 non-profit organization and recognized the newly elected board of directors and board chair Tom Henry, Port Arthur.

Clearly Leadership Southeast Texas, Inc. is empowered, engaged and excited about the future.

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# BIRTHDAYS

## 24<sup>th</sup> Wayne Holland (91)

Vice President,  
Capital One Bank



Born in Kountze, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Ann are the parents of Lauren and William, and are members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. He enjoys reading, playing golf and softball.

## 25<sup>th</sup> Tommy Hebert, Jr. (88)

Retired



Born in Port Arthur, he attended Lamar University and is a graduate of the University of North Texas. He and his wife Ange are the parents of Sheryl and Teresa, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys growing roses, hunting, fishing, travel and woodworking.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Frank Alegria (04)

Senior Pastor,  
First United Methodist Church



Born in Corpus Christi, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University, Perkins School of Theology of SMU and Theological School of Drew University. He and his wife Edna are the parents of Paula, Francisco (Frankie) and Stephen, and are members of First United Methodist Church. He enjoys horticulture, computers, reading, woodworking and calligraphy.

## ROTARY WORLD PEACE CENTERS

The following article was excerpted from the June 1, 2007 issue of the Our Foundation Newsletter (#45).

### EDUCATING A GENERATION OF GLOBAL "CHANGE AGENTS"

The Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution is a bold and creative initiative of The Rotary Foundation.

In 1999 the Centers concept officially became known as the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The first class of Rotary World Peace Fellows began their studies in fall 2002.

The program's three objectives are:

- To advance research, teaching, publication, and knowledge of issues of peace and goodwill, causes of conflict, and world understanding
- To provide advanced educational opportunities for a group of Rotary World Peace Fellows chosen from various countries and cultures in order to advance knowledge and world understanding among po-

tential future leaders of government, business, education, media and other professions

- To establish a program through which The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and the member clubs of Rotary International may become increasingly effective in promoting greater tolerance and cooperation among peoples, leading to world peace and understanding.

The focus of the Rotary World Peace Centers is not on ending wars but in preventing conflict from ever occurring. Conflict prevention must address the promotion of sustainable development policies that lead to improvements in basic human needs and rights, more equitable access to resources and services, and the assurance of freedom and dignity.

Peace Centers like ours at Duke/UNC provide an opportunity to study emerging approaches and then to apply and develop them around the world. Graduating Rotary World Peace Fellows have taken these new approaches with them and put them to the test. A few examples of the work of our

Duke and UNC alumni:

- constitution-building efforts in southern Sudan,
- supporting the peace process in Colombia,
- election monitoring in Afghanistan and Iraq and
- poverty reduction through education programs in Asia.

One of the strengths of the Rotary program in Peace and Conflict Resolution is that it recognizes that each conflict is unique in its causes, and therefore must be addressed from a variety of disciplines and methods.

The Rotary program is ideally placed to do so because we are a network of 6 Peace Centers, each with its complementary philosophy and specializations, where mid-career professionals already committed to promoting world peace can find the best match for their interests and the best opportunities to further develop their knowledge and experience.

The newsletter in its entirety can be accessed at:

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