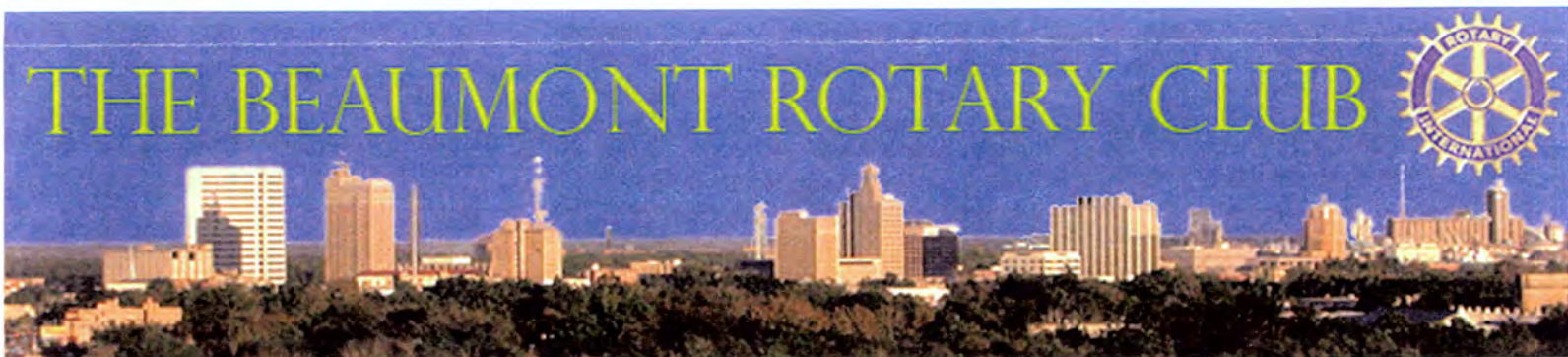


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## Morris Carter, Jr. - Valero Energy Corp.



Morris Carter, Jr. currently holds the position of Director, Health, Safety & Environmental at Valero Energy Corporation Port Arthur Refinery, where he has responsibility for environmental compliance, employee safety, process safety management, security and emergency response.

Carter holds a professional engineer's license and is a Registered Environmental Manager. Carter received his

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Last week we saluted one of the cornerstones of Rotary, Service Above Self, by presenting our annual Vocational Excellence Awards to individuals in our community who have improved our lives. This year's recipients are Clifton Guillory, Kenneth Lynch, C. E. Stone, Sherey Andres, **David Teuscher** and Joel McBride (Trisha Hunter not pictured).



Special Community Service Awards were presented to Steve Forman and **Brad Brown**.

**Brad Brown** presented his nominee Clifton Guillory, Transportation Director, Beaumont Independent School District, for his response to the West Brook High School soccer bus tragedy last year.

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Brad stated, "A person's mettle is tested in the extremes of circumstances. Overcoming the horrific accident, Mr. Guillory's actions redeemed parents' trust in their school district's administrators' interest in their children's safety and well-being."

**Ken Dollinger** presented his nominee Kenneth Lynch, the Utility Maintenance/Groundskeeper for the Port of Beaumont and operator of a professional lawn care service. Ken described Mr. Lynch as a "horticultural artiste" and stated, "He refused to abandon or take unfair advantage of his clients after Hurricane Rita and is always ready to give that 'extra effort' in beautifying homes for special occasions."

**Vernon Pierce** presented his nominee C. E. Stone, a Salesperson at Sears. Vernon related that after he purchased a washer and dryer for his daughter, his full rebate request was refused. Mr. Stone insisted on giving him \$75 from his own pocket to make up the difference but they ended up splitting it. Vernon stated, "Truly Mr. Stone demonstrated what 'Service Above Self' really means."

**Bo Weinbaum** presented his nominee Sheryly Andres, a Certified Technician with Bill Clark Pest Control. Bo stated, "Sheryly always has a smile on her face and the most pleasant personality. She goes the extra mile to make your pest control service a pleasant experience. Leaving a house key under the mat for her is never a concern. She's just a delight!!"

**Randy Fluke** presented his nominee **David Teuscher**, Physician and Community Leader. Randy stated, "Through spearheading an effort aimed at promoting capital improvements for the public schools in Beaumont, David brought a diverse coalition of community and business leaders together, resulting in an agreement on six core principles designed to ensure efficient quality facilities, district-wide, and to attract future development in our com-

munity."

**Terry Bourdier** presented his nominee Joel McBride, a Network Specialist with Entre Business Technology Center. Terry stated, "He has the kind of attitude, personality and concern for his customers that lets them know he cares about them as people. Joel is the kind of person any employer would want to have representing their company."

**President Gerald** presented his nominee Trisha Hunter, Catering Manager for Jason's Deli. Gerald stated, "Thank goodness for Jason's Deli recognizing Trisha's management skills because she obviously shines bright to the customers she serves."

Committee Chair **Max Duplant** also presented special Community Service Awards to Brad and fellow soccer dad Steve Forman for their outstanding efforts locally and in Austin that resulted in a new law requiring the installation of three-point safety seat belts in all new state school buses by 2010.

Congratulations to all of our recipients for this well-deserved honor!

Our thanks to Committee Chair Max and her committee **Carolyn Howard** and **Angela Baker**.

**HEAD TABLE**



INVOCATION  
**HARLAND MERRIAM**



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**MARY ELLEN ROBERTSON**



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# ROTARIANS AT WORK

Congratulations to the members of the Beaumont-Spindletop Rotary Club for their successful 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Soap Box Derby on Saturday and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>! This competition is reported to be the largest officially sanctioned Soap Box Derby west of the Mississippi River.

Several of our Rotarians helped out this year by cooking and serving breakfast and lunch to the race volunteers.

On Saturday: **Willis Mackey, Gene Hughes, Angela Baker, Bobbie Applegate, Cindy Westerfall, Don Cotton** and wife, Katherine (she's not a member but an extremely hard worker), **Bruce Walker, Bruce Hoffer, Larry Beaulieu, Terry Boudier** and **President Gerald**.

On Sunday: **Willis Mackey, Gene Hughes, Don Cotton, Jason Armstrong, John Thompson** and wife, Donda (another hard worker yet not a member) **Jack Koch, Sharon Kirksey, Leonard Juncker, Barbara Knight, Leenette Wilke, Alexine** and **President Gerald**.

President Gerald reports, "We worked from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday. The sky was a beautiful blue and temp at 65 degrees each morning warming to low 80's by mid day. Each day we smoked and cooked 100 hamburgers, 40 Zummo sausages, and 100 DJ's Boudain links!!!

"We shared a wonderful time of fellowship, loud laughter and fun around the BBQ pit. Oak smoke was the cologne of the day! Everyone pitched in and you could hardly call it working yet the Spindletop Club and all of their volunteers thanked us many times each day for helping them.

"Many thanks to Don O'Brien of Burger King for donating all of the hamburgers,

buns and veggies (couldn't have done it without his & his employees' help... they even delivered the food to us at the pit!!!), Zummo's for the party link sausages and DJ's Boudain for the links. These are great local companies that we should all support and thank when we see them about town.

"And speaking of smoking, Dr. Willis Mackey is the reigning king of BBQ for the Beaumont club. You know this man is serious about BBQ when he opens his special stainless steel cooking tool kit that carries his polished cooking tongs, spatula, knives, etc. Wow! Finally, we tasted his brisket and ribs he cooked deep and slow on the pit. Oh my gosh, they were great! The meat fell off the bone and the flavor had you licking your fingers for more!"

Great job, everyone!

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B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1972 where he was regularly on the Dean's List and was a member of the Pi Tau Sigma honorary engineering fraternity.

Carter began his career with Gulf Oil Corporation in 1972 in the Engineering and Design Department. Between 1972 and 1994, he held various positions in equipment design, field construction, inspection, process engineering and project management, refinery optimization and planning and economics.

Carter served on the Park Central Municipal Utilities District Board from 1994 to 2001 and was its President during the last four years. He also served as President of the Port Arthur Economic Development Corporation Board. Current affiliations include the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce Board, Southeast Texas Environmental Managers Group, South East Texas Regional Planning Commission Air Quality Advisory Committee, Port Arthur Industry and Community Advisory Group, Jefferson and Orange

# BIRTHDAYS

## 30<sup>th</sup> Jo Ann Block (01)

Executive Director,  
American Red Cross



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of Texas Womens University and Sam Houston State University. She is a member of Friendship Baptist Church. She enjoys arts & crafts, volunteering and teaching classes at the American Red Cross, reading and travel.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Walt Snider (85)

Partner,  
Snider & Byrd



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University. He and his wife Lois are the parents of Wade and Wyatt, and are members of Calder Baptist

Church.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Christina Baum (04)

Dean of Library Services,  
Lamar University



Born in Fulton, Kentucky, she is a graduate of Illinois State University and the University of Kentucky. She attends First United Methodist Church. She

enjoys playing tennis, gardening and attending theatre and sporting events.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Ireland (95)

President,  
Efficient Systems



Born in Houston, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Krista, Sarah and Lauren, and are members of Reformed Presbyterian

Church. He enjoys fishing and reading. Mike is a Paul Harris Fellow.

County Pilots Commission and Port Arthur YMCA Board. Carter has been married for 33 years to Theresa Carter of Hearne, Texas and they have two daughters, Chrystal and Shauntel.

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