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CHRIS FISHER - PORT OF BEAUMONT



Chris Fisher is the Port Director of the Port of Beaumont and Secretary-Treasurer to the Port Board of Commissioners.

Fisher, 44, joined the Port of Beaumont in 1981 and was appointed as the Port Director and Secretary Treasurer to the Port Board of Commissioners in 2002. As Port Director, Fisher is responsible for the day-to-day

operations of the port.

Fisher began his career as a member of the port's security/police while attending college. Fisher holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree from Lamar University and he is enrolled in the Professional Port Manager (PPMâ) program of the American Association of Port Authorities.

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INVOCATION
DON COTTEN



PLEDGE
JASON ARMSTRONG



4-WAY TEST
KAREN WELLER



GUEST INTRODUCTION
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REVIEW

Our Rotarians had an eye-opening experience at last week's meeting when our speaker, Gary Saurage, shared the podium his five-year old son Kyle, a two-foot long Caiman (South American crocodile) and a five-foot long American alligator!

The alligator punctuated Gary's program with loud hissing. Although his jaws were taped for safety, special recognition for valor above and beyond the call of duty should be awarded to **Stephanie Williams, Rod Carroll, Bobbie Applegate** and **Bonita Elias** for remaining in their seats at the head table throughout the program! When introducing Gary, **Robert Thompson** said he had never known the invocation, pledges, Four Way Test and Guest Intro-

duction to go on for such a long time!

Among other things we learned during the Q&A period was that alligators have 4-chambered hearts that can slow from 55 to 5 beats per minute while in a hibernation-like state, that fossils millions of years old are very similar to today's alligators and that ridges on an alligator's back called scutes help regulate the body temperature and protect their spines during fights. An alligator can lower it's body temperature 5 degrees by opening its mouth. Also, alligators fight other alligators and crocodiles fight other crocodiles, but alligators and crocodiles have not been know to fight each other. Gary was able to share his love and respect for the creatures in his care with all of us!

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Wednesday, May 2nd, and approved the following action items:

New Members

Ken Arola
 Associate
 Community Chiropractic
 "Medical – Chiropractic"
 Proposed by
Brian Schlesinger

Gary Coker
 Partner
 Germer & Gertz, L.L.P.
 "Law – Civil Law"
 Proposed by **Randy Fluke**

Judith Hamilton
 District Manager
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 "Government –
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Proposed by **Leenette Wilke & Michael Wolf**

Jason Lambert
Assistant Vice President –
Student Affairs
Lamar University
“Education – University -
Student Affairs”

Proposed by **Gerald Condon**

Gerald Lyons
Supervisory Special Agent
FBI

“Criminal Justice - FBI “

Proposed by **Randy Fluke**

Daniel Mikolay
Resident Agent
U.S. Immigration & Customs
Enforcement

“Government – U.S.
Immigration & Customs
Enforcement”

Proposed by **Randy Fluke**

John Neely
Executive Director
SE Texas Council on
Alcohol & Drug Abuse
“Social Services – Drug &
Alcohol Abuse”

Proposed by
Beverly Hatcher

Jennifer Willett
Vice President
Capital One Bank
“Finance – Trust Banking –
National”

Proposed by
J. Earl Brickhouse

Unless written objections to the
Board of Directors are received

BIRTHDAYS

9th Debbie Frazier (99)
President,
Advanced Staffing



Born in Florida, she is a graduate of the University of Houston. She and her husband Stephen are the parents of Crystal and Amber.

13th Sam Fazio (84)
President,
The Printery



Born in Beaumont, he attended the University of Houston and Lamar University. He and his wife

by Friday, May 18th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

Leave of Absence:

Stephanie Williams
4/1 - 6/30/07
Opening a new office

New Classifications:

Randy Shelton
“Law – Judiciary – Family
Law”

Paul Skinner
“Office Equipment – Sales &
Service”

Bo Weinbaum
“Business Services – Record
Storage & Management”

Melody are the parents of Jessica, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys photography.

15th Candace Broucher (93)
President,
J & R Recycling Facility



Born in Michigan, she is a graduate of Purdue University. She enjoys gardening.

15th Kal Kincaid (97)
Division President,
APAC-Texas



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Lisa are the parents of Kara. He enjoys playing golf and hunting.

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Fisher also currently holds the office of President of the Texas Port Association, which he was appointed to in 2005 and also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Port Authorities and the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

Fisher is a native and lifelong resident of Southeast Texas, Fisher and his wife, Melissa, reside in Beaumont.

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