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COMMANDER JAMES OLIVER



This week we honor our veterans with a focus on two gentlemen from our greatest generation.

Luke Trahin, a retired Chamber of Commerce executive, returned to his native Beaumont and has organized the city's Veterans Day Program for several years. He is a Pearl Harbor survivor and will introduce our featured speaker, Retired Navy Commander James A. Oliver.

Commander Oliver was born on July 9, 1917 in Orange, Texas and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in August 1935. He passed an exam to get into the U.S. Naval Academy and enrolled in 1937. Graduation came in February 1941 with the attack at Pearl Harbor coming later in the year.

Commander Oliver's naval career spanned the next 26 years with battleship and submarine assignments including the USS Pennsylvania, USS New York, USS R-11,

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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...Novrozsky's, Lumberton

Friday:

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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REVIEW

Last week 119 of our Rotarians attended meetings at fourteen workplaces to enjoy small group fellowship and learn about our hosts' businesses.



Ivory Harrison at Beaumont Coca-Cola presented "an overview of the financial, product donations and volunteer hours given to the Southeast Texas community annually. The group toured the warehouse and saw first hand the many brands that make up 280 plus packages that are enjoyed by consumers daily."

Travis Brewer at Blue Bell Creameries reported that, "We looked at a short video about the history of the company. Everybody got a chance to try our newest flavor before it hits the stores – Mississippi Mud Cake. We got it on the trailer today, and have not had a chance to put it in the stores yet. I think it will be a winner."

Ivy Pate at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital treated her guests to a tour of the Phelan Mansion on the hospital grounds.

Jim Cook at Delaware Animal Clinic "showcased the inside workings and capabilities of a busy veterinary clinic."

Donna Qualls of Goodwill Industries presented a PowerPoint overview of the history and purpose of her organization.

Jeff Dyson at M&D Supply had a cooking gadget demonstration, a warehouse tour and a scavenger hunt through at store with prizes and "goodie bags" for everyone.

Other hosts included **Jeff Noble** at the Beaumont Enterprise, **Kyle Hayes** at the City of Beaumont, **Gerald Condon** at Collision & Classics, **Mike McMullen** at Ethan Allen Home Interiors, **Van Greer** at KBTV, **Chuck Mason** at Mason Construction, **Neal Baker** at Thermacon and **Chuck Heare** at UBS Financial Services. Thanks, everyone!

PAST PRESIDENT MAURINE GRAY

*The City of Beaumont invites you to celebrate a special occasion and join us in honoring **Maurine Gray** retiring after 40 years with the City of Beaumont as Director of Libraries*

Please join us for a reception on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 4:00pm Beaumont Civic Center Lobby 701 Main Street

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and USS Catfish during the war. His shore duty included the U.S. Submarine School in New London, Connecticut, Deep Sea Diving School in Washington DC, and the Atlantic Polaris Missile Facility in Charleston, South Carolina. He was U.S. Naval Attaché to U.S. Embassies in Saigon, Vietnam and Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 1958 to 1960. His distinguished military career ended with retirement in 1967.

As with many of his generation, Commander Oliver came back and contributed to the betterment of the community in a variety of ways. He spent eight years as a mathematics teacher and seven years as the Assistant Principal at Hebert High School.

Today he is an active Sunday School teacher at Trinity United Methodist Church, he is a volunteer with the Boys Scouts and works with the Staff Seafarers Center of the Port of Beaumont.

Jim Rich accompanied Luke Trahin to the recent commissioning of the USS Texas at the Port of Galveston. Over 10,000 we on hand include First Lady Laura Bush. Jim could not have been prouder to witness and experience the outpouring of love and respect directed at a group of elderly veterans who are leaving us with each passing day.

This week we will hear from two senior veterans in their own words.

GOOD NEWS!

Gillian Maness Jenkins and her family welcomed Roy Thomas Jenkins on October 2nd. Congratulations!

BIRTHDAYS

8th Chuck Mason, Jr. (82)

President,
Mason Construction



Born in Nacogdoches, he attended Southwestern University and is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife

Becky are the parents of Chad and Kristin, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys basketball, diving, and choir singing. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Jeff Noble (00)

Advertising Director,
Beaumont Enterprise



Born in Lubbock, he is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University. He and his wife K'Lin are the parents of Parker and Tyson, and are

members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, music and playing golf, basketball and softball.

9th Tom Barras (93)

Owner,
Barras Insurance Agency



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janice are the parents of Jim, and are members of Wesley

United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

9th Robert Thompson (84)

President,
Interior Development Concepts
Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and



Paul Harris Fellow.

his wife Joyce are the parents of Jeff, Kevin, and Greg. He enjoys sailing scuba diving and traveling. Robert is a

11th Joe Granados (06)

Executive Director,
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls
Club of Beaumont



Born in San Antonio, he and his wife Kelly are the parents of Alexa, Gavin and Lillianna. He enjoys playing the guitar.

13th Joe Domino (05)

President/CEO,
Entergy Texas



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State and Lamar University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Frank and

Jennifer, and are members of St. Anthony Basilica. He enjoys being very active in various professional and civic organizations.

CONDOLENCES

...to Jerry Nathan, Allison Nathan Golias and their family for the loss of his father and her grandfather.

If your birthday is approaching and you've had some changes in your life that will affect your birthday write-up or would like to use a new photograph, please contact the Rotary Office (842-1913) at least two weeks in advance.

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