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STEVE ROCCAFORTE - LAMAR UNIVERSITY BASKETBALL COACH



Steve Roccaforte, who has served the last three seasons on Billy Tubbs' coaching staff and was the program's recruiting coordinator, was elevated to head coach on March 21, 2006.

Having built a reputation nationally as one of the best recruiters in the country and a fine on-the-court coach, Roccaforte returned to his alma mater in June 2003. He prepped at Port Arthur Thomas Jefferson High School and served as a student assistant three years while

earning a bachelor of applied arts and sciences degree in 1989.

"Steve knows the tradition and has a genuine passion for Lamar basketball because he grew up with it," Tubbs said in introducing Roccaforte. "I believe he has a great future and will continue to take Lamar basketball to our expectation level of where the program should be on a yearly basis."

Roccaforte, who becomes Lamar's ninth head coach since becoming a four-year institution in 1951, brings a

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HEAD TABLE



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GUEST INTRODUCTION
STEPHANIE WILLIAMS

Chicken Parmesan & Cheese Manicotti

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October

18th Charles Matthews - Chancellor,
The Texas State University System

Make-ups

Monday:

No. Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69
Vidor Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday:

Spindletop Elegante' Hotel
Orange Sunset Grove
Port Neches Pompano Club

Wednesday:

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Thursday:

Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69
Hardin County Novrozsky's, Lumberton

Friday:

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REVIEW

Judge Ron Walker and Billy Job, two candidates for County Judge in the November 7th election, were given equal time to address the Rotary Club. Mr. Job "won the toss" and elected to allow Judge Walker to speak first.

Judge Walker began by addressing the turmoil in Jefferson County in January 2005 that resulted over the controversy of how taxpayers' money was being spent. He went on to say that together we can make Ford Park work but that it will never pay for itself. He stressed that a lot of activities take place at Ford Park that are not advertised.

Walker described the last 21 months as being "tumultuous." On the positive side, he said that Jefferson County and the Golden Triangle are becoming world renowned for economic development. He briefly reviewed the current projects that are underway. He emphasized that he wants to be a positive player in this new economic development. He also mentioned that there is a critical work force shortage in Jefferson County and he wants to work with local schools to provide more vocational training.

Billy Job began by saying that he has lived in Jefferson County for 34 years and how he wants to make the county a better place in which to live. He is concerned about crime and the fact that the violent crime rate has risen over 5% in the past year.

In addition, he stated that one in every sixteen people in Jefferson County able to work do not. Instead, they are living off of welfare and he wants to change this. Job said that there is 31% more spending in Jefferson County than two years ago and that this needs to be addressed. He wants to stimulate public input and to change the meeting time of the commissioners' meetings at least once a month so

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met Tuesday, October 3^d and approved the following:

New Members:

John Barton
District Engineer
Texas Department of Transportation
"Highway Transportation-Engineering"
Proposed by **Bessie Chisum**

William Mark Beshears
Plant Manager
Exxon Mobil Chemical
"Chemical Manufacturing-Manager"
Proposed by **Maurine Gray**

David Devore
Vice President
Alcode Inc.
"Contractor - Plumbing"
Proposed by **Dan Parker & Roy Huckaby**

Jack Koch
CEO
Beaumont Metropolitan YMCA
"Associations - YMCA"
Proposed by **John Thomasson**

Willis Mackey
Assistant Superintendent
BISD
"Education - Administration"
Proposed by **Jolene Ortego**

Randy Shelton
Attorney
Shelton & Walston

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that more of the public can attend. Mr. Job also wants the recent commissioners' 18% salary increases to be reviewed. And finally, he stated that Jefferson County needs a different mindset.

Mr. Job is a Senior Oil Movements Analyst at Chevron's Beaumont Terminal.

We thank **Doug Conner** for arranging the program, **Walt Snider** and **John Thomasson** for introducing the speakers and **Jim Rich** for moderating the program.

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BIRTHDAYS

11th Ron Reed (99)

President/CEO,
Lamar Bank



Born in Portales, New Mexico, he is a graduate of St. Edwards University. He is the father of Lori and Wesley. He enjoys playing tennis and scuba diving.

12th Sina Nejad (95)

President,
Sigma Engineers



Born in Tehran, Iran, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Soheila are the parents of Amir and Layla. He enjoys parachuting and taking violin lessons with his son.

13th Ted Moor III (93)

Executive Vice President,
Talon Insurance Agency



Born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University and the University of Texas. He and his wife Barbara are the parents of Kelly, Kristen,

Sarah and Rachel. He enjoys snow skiing, water skiing and playing golf. Ted is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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"Law - Family Law"

Proposed by **Roger McCabe**

Unless written objections to the Board of Directors are received by Friday, October 13th, the candidates listed will be considered elected to membership.

Leaves of Absence:

Twila Baker - 9/1 - 12/31/06
Business Pressure

Ken Dollinger - 9/1 - 10/22/06
Business Pressure (YMBL Fair)

Allison Nathan Golias - 9/1 - 12/31/06
Business & Family Pressure

Melody Pettitt - 9/1 - 12/31/06
Business Pressure

13th Alan Sampson (98)

Partner,
Benckenstein & Oxford



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Norma are the parents of Sarah, Micah and Benjamin, and are members of Temple Emanuel. He enjoys playing golf. Alan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

14th Ivy Pate (05)

Advocacy/Public Policy Development,
Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital



Born in Silsbee, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband **George** are members of Cathedral in the Pines. She enjoys playing golf.

14th Laurie Ritchel (04)

Associate Athletic Director,
Lamar University



Born in Beaumont, she is a graduate of Lamar University. She and her husband Mark are the parents of Katie, and are members of Calder Baptist Church.

She enjoys reading and traveling to the Caribbean and Mexico.

16th Charles Locke (58)

Retired



Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Texas A & M University. He and his wife Gloria are the parents of **David** and Ann, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Charles is a Paul Harris Fellow.

16th Larry Porter (74)

President/CEO,
Porter's Carpetmax
Born in Jean, he attended Lamar Uni-

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wealth of experience and knowledge to the job. He was listed as one of the top four assistant coaches ready to take over their own program according to Dan Wetzel of CBS Sportsline.com and was voted the seventh best assistant coach in the country by Basketball Times for the 2002-03 season. As reported by recruiting analyst Dave Telep, Roccaforte is one of the 25 hardest working coaches in the nation as well as one of the top 15 recruiters in the country.

In three years at Memphis, Roccaforte helped the Tigers advance to the NIT final four in 2001, won the NIT championship in 2002 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 2003 for the first time in seven years. Prior to his time at Memphis, Roccaforte served as assistant coach at Wyoming, Tulane and Centenary.

During his career, Roccaforte recruited such players as Dajuan Wagner (Cleveland Cavaliers), Qyntel Woods (Portland Trailblazers), Amare Stoudemire (Phoenix Suns) and Kendrick Perkins (Boston Celtics).

Roccaforte and his wife Tina have a daughter Victoria Elise and a son Lucien Anthony.



versity. He and his wife Jalle are the parents of Larry III, Cathy and Pam, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf, woodworking and photography. Larry is a Paul Harris Fellow.

17th David Heilman (80)

Shepherd's Uniform & Linen Service



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he attended Rockhurst College. He and his wife Anita are the parents of Stefanie, Stacy and Eric, and are members of St.

Anne's Catholic Church. He enjoys playing tennis, racquetball and skiing.

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