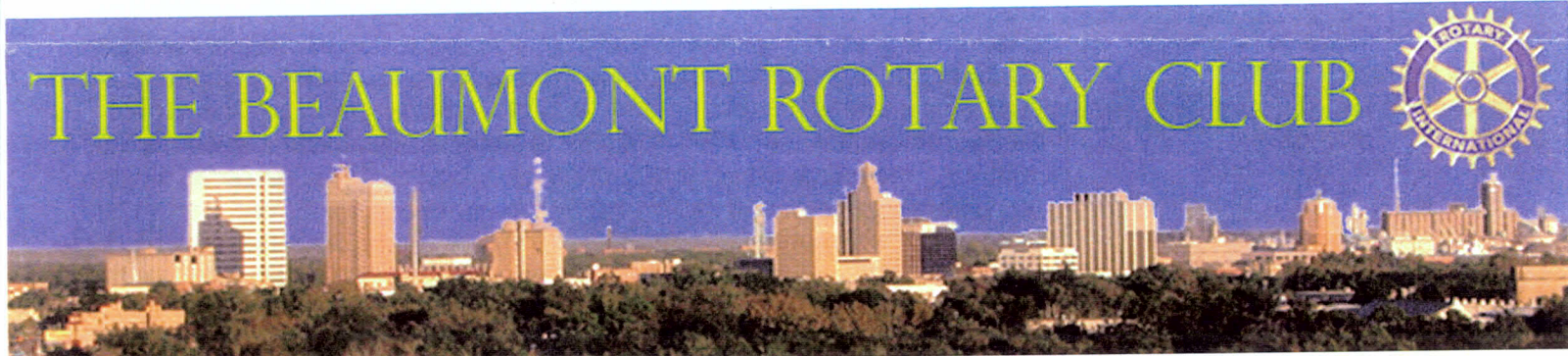


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Major Robert L. Le'iato is a native of Samoa. He graduated from Chaminade University of Honolulu in 1997 with a Bachelor's of Science-Accounting degree.

At the same time he received an ROTC Commission as an Armor Second Lieutenant from the University of Hawaii. He also earned a Master Degree in Business Administration.

He is a graduate of the Air Assault School, Armor Officer Basic Course,

Airborne School, Special Forces Selection and Assessment Course, Infantry MAJOR's Career Course, Combined Arms Staff Service School, SERE (Survival, Evade, Resist, Escape) School, Antiterrorist Level II Course, and the Finance Branch Qualification Course.

Jan98 to Jul01 Major Le'iato served as a Tank Platoon Leader (1-37th Armor Battalion), Mortar Platoon Leader (1-36th Infantry Battalion), Training Officer (1st Brigade, 1st Armor Division) at Friedberg, Germany.

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REVIEW

According to Mayor Becky Ames, these are exciting times for Beaumont's economic future: the possibility of Eastman Chemicals selecting Beaumont for new facility site, introducing a new brand for our city, need for a successful school bond issue, election of four new Council members and hinting at possible good news about our tax rate (in past two of three years, our city taxes have been reduced). Strategic public – private partnerships between the City of Beaumont, Jefferson County, Beaumont ISD, Beaumont Main Street, the business community and Greater Beaumont Chamber will insure success for Beaumont's future. Mayor Ames presented a check-list of initiatives, including short term and long term goals and a report card of first 100+ days in office:

1 - One Stop Shop to simplify city permitting process for new and expanding businesses;

2 - First Impressions that Beaumont friendly with good infrastructure and available workforce; reactivation of Keep Beaumont Beautiful which in hiatus since Rita (Note audience applause to question about re-introducing recycling city-

wide and streamlining large trash pick-up in neighborhoods!)
3 – City Hall to the Mall with booths on city services, scheduled for October 2007;
4 –311 access number for inquiries on city services; cost is critical issue for 311
5 – Quality of Life Capitol Projects including Central Park Community Center, Rogers Park, Tyrrell Park and TBA site in Ward III;
6 – Meet the Mayor and Council at quarterly meetings in each ward to listen to citizen input
7- Improving Customer Service by front-line city employees to the public
8 – Continuation of Downtown Revitalization and infrastructure improvements in partnership with Beaumont Main Street
9 – Tourism, new Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau facility, Neches River Master Plan and Amtrak station improvement (response to question about downtown hotel was “stay tuned”)

Mayor Ames concluded her remarks by saluting Club Members who as business leaders in community are committed to Beaumont's future.

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Dec02 to Apr06 Major Le'iato served as the 18th Soldier Support Group S2/S3 Plans and Operations Officer and Commander of Bravo Company, 126th Finance Battalion at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Major Le'iato deployed to Kosovo in 1999 in support of operation Joint Guardian with Task Force Hawk. He was the Platoon Leader of the extraction platoon for the

10th Special Forces Group A Team conducting operations in Kosovo and Serbia. He also deployed in support of OIF as the 18th SSG Assistant BDE S3 and Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration Officer-In-Charge for all Finance, Adjutant General, and Postal units supporting the 18th Airborne Corp.

Major Le'iato now commands the Beaumont Recruiting Company since 24 May 2006.

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MEMORIAL TRIBUTES

Dear President Angela and Fellow Rotarians,

For weeks now I've been thinking about what I could say to you to express my appreciation for being named an Honorary Member of Rotary. And, now that I have completed writing yet one more Memorial Tribute for another amazing Rotarian, Gator Dollinger, I've come up with just exactly what I want to say to each of you:

I truly believe that Rotarians understand what Frank Keating, former Governor of the State of Oklahoma, said in praise of Jim Stovall's The Ultimate Gift: "Jim Stovall knows all about gratitude, which at bottom is what this little book is all about. He is grateful for life, and we are grateful to him for his optimism and faith."

It's the optimism and faith that each of you has as a Rotarian that allows you to create the kind of life that Gator Dollinger, of blessed memory, had; and I have, over the years, written so many Memorial Tributes that I know the standard by which all of you live!

So, in thanking you for making me an Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, I want to encourage each of you to *update your resumes, your bios, your ethical wills*...whatever it is that you have done and will continue to do, record it...*AND share it with Alexine in the Rotary Office.*

A little more about The Ultimate Gift: It was so powerful that the minute that I finished reading it, I sat down and wrote an Ethical Will which I immediately shared with my husband and with my children. I wanted them to have it during my lifetime! Stovall's message was, in reality, my own; but I had never until then taken the time to write it down.

The ultimate gift of Stovall character Uncle Red to his grandson Jason was how important each of the following are when used beyond oneself; all become gifts: work, money, friends, learning, problems, family, laughter, dreams, giving, gratitude, a day, love. Uncle Red had learned throughout his life what leads to a meaningful life. It's rather unique how Uncle Red teaches that lesson to Jason. That's where I stop sharing.

You see, I think that Rotarians already know about this; and it is a bitter-sweet task that I have of using my gift of writing with Rotary to compose the Memorial Tributes. Thank you for that opportunity...and for welcoming me into the Rotary Club of Beaumont family!


Stay involved and stay well!

In appreciation of you and the values of Rotary!

Cynthia Wolf

*Honorary Member and
Memorial Resolutions Committee*

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BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jack Schenck (95)

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Born in Morgantown, West Virginia, he is a graduate of Michigan State University. He and his wife Rita are the parents of Erik. He enjoys skiing, scuba diving and foreign languages.

3rd Vernon Pierce (04)

Director, Customer Service - Texas, Entergy



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Mississippi State University. He and his wife Sheree are the parents of Karen and Hugh, and are members of Wesley United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf and working around the house.

7th Shiv Bagri (92)

Financial Services Executive, Met Life



Born in India, he holds a post-graduate degree San Diego State University in California. He and his wife Kashi are the parents of Amola and Anita, both of whom are physicians. He enjoys playing bridge, tennis and ping-pong and travel.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Caroline and **David Heinz** welcomed their first child, Thomas Carlyle Heinz on Thursday, July 19th. Thomas was six-weeks premature and is now recovering and growing. He makes **Joe Fisher, Jr.** a proud great-uncle.



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