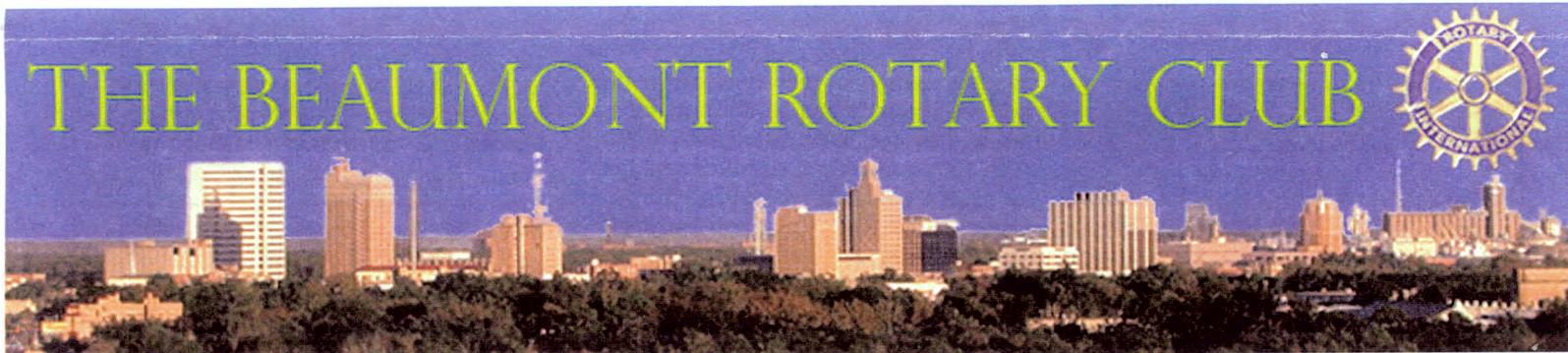


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ALMA GARZA CRUZ



Ms. Garza-Cruz has 15 years experience with Catholic Charities, which includes more than 7 years with Immigration Services. She currently serves as the Immigration Services

program director. In March 2007, the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the Board of Immigration Appeals acknowledged her expertise in legal

immigration matters by granting her *full accreditation.* Full accreditation allows her to provide a broad range of services locally and to represent clients at the Houston District Office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service and Immigration Court. Her expertise includes family based immigration law, representing clients at wrongful removal (deportation) proceedings and self-petitions for battered immigrant

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Aug 15th State Senator Tommy Williams

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Monday noon:

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 Vidor Hibernia National Bank

Tuesday noon:

Spindletop Elegante' Hotel
 Orange Sunset Grove
 Port Neches Pompano Club

Wednesday noon:

Groves Pompano Club

Thursday 7:30 a.m.:

Hardin County
 Cowboy Reds, Lumberton

Thursday noon:

Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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BREAKING NEWS ALERT

30-Somethings will meet 8/30 at 0730
 Host: John Neely, Jefferson County
 Council On Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 4675-C Washington Blvd.

REVIEW

Be Strong...Army Strong. And that is the theme of the United States Army's current recruiting efforts. Major Robert Le'iato is the Company Commander for the Beaumont office. Our briefing from Major Le'iato began with an empowering video clip showing the men and women from various U.S. Army units as they displayed their courage, enthusiasm and stamina for their respective jobs.

The current strategic planning initiative for the U.S. Army recruiting efforts is entitled Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS). PaYS is a plan to allow our young people who wish to serve in the Army for 3-4 years, and then obtain the chance to receive civilian job skills that will help them to acquire full time jobs when they end their years of service. The plan allows for civilian companies within the public and private sector to participate in PaYS by meeting certain Army criteria.

Young soldiers who leave the service would be required to be honorably discharged to be a part of the program and therefore this would allow them to interview at the companies approved within the U.S. Army PaYS strategic plan. The soldiers would obtain job training skill sets to help them when

they are discharged to become gainfully employed. Their skill sets would be matched up to companies approved by the U.S. Army in the PaYS plan. There are a number of requirements that both the potential employer and the prospective employee have to meet to qualify for the program, but the employers' only responsibility would be to grant a first interview with every veteran in PaYS who submits an application to their firm.

Several questions were asked at the end of the program as there is interest from the Beaumont community of acquiring these brave soldiers to work in civilian life. Major Le'iato is more than willing to help our companies apply for inclusion within the PaYS program so that we may obtain some of these recruits. Currently there are 29 local companies and 200 national companies approved in the PaYS plan. If your company, organization or trade association has an interest, contact Major Le'iato's office at 409.833.6841. You can also find out more information at www.armypays.com.

Thank you, **Rod Carroll**, for arranging the program and introducing the speaker.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We introduced two new members on Wednesday, August 1st.

Ken Arola



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Judith Hamilton, District Manager of the Social Security Administration, was also introduced but has requested that her membership be deferred until January.

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COMMITTEE NEWS

A new feature of our newsletter will be the monthly Lane Chair's information about the lane's goals and committees and a weekly Committee report from a committee's chair.

MEMBERSHIP LANE

Chaired by **George Crawford**

The goal for this group, with the help of the general membership, is to recruit, induct and initiate enough new, quality members to get the club's membership back above 300. The committees and chairs my lane are:

Classifications

Michael Clayton

Membership Development

Randy Fluke

Orientation

Keith Giblin

30-Something Committee

Cindy Westfall

Memorial Resolutions

Cynthia Wolf

CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

Applications for membership in the Rotary Club of Beaumont are always welcome, but what happens when they arrive? The Classifications Committee has the responsibility to review the applications monthly before they are passed on to the Board of Directors for anticipated approval.

The committee makes sure that the candidate meets the criteria for membership as set forth by Rotary International, and also confirms that all necessary information is provided. The final step of the committee is to review the list of available designated "classifications" and assign one to the prospective member.

Rotarians who make up the Classifications Committee for 2007-2008 are:

**Twila Baker, Stuart Chisum,
Joe Fisher, Jr., Rix Garey,
Jarren Garrett, Maurine Gray,
Ben Thacker, John Thomasson
and Uliana Trylowsky**

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met on Tuesday, July 31st and approved the following action. The announcement was made at our August 1st meeting:

New Members:

Glenn Bjornaas
General Manager
"Chemical Industry – Pest
Exterminating Service"
Bill Clark Pest Control
Proposed by **Buz Brown**

Ellen Edgar
Owner
Sweet Magnolias
"Retail – Floral/Event Planning"
Proposed by **Carolyn Howard**

Judy Kelfstrom
Director of Development
The Salvation Army
"Associations – Salvation Army"
Proposed by **Sam Lord**

John Newhouse
Publisher
Beaumont Enterprise
"Newspapers – Publisher"
Proposed by **Gene Hughes**

John Weitzel
CEO/President
Petrofuels Corporation
"Mineral Oil Industry –
Wholesale Distributor"
Proposed by **Toby Castro**

Unless written objection addressed to the Board of Directors is received by Friday, August 17th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

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women under the Violence Against Women Act.

Alma Garza Cruz is a native of Beaumont. Alma graduated from Forrest Park High School and has continuously worked to better the lives of the people of our community. Most recently, Alma was appointed by Bishop Curtis Guillory to serve as the Legalization Coordinator for the Diocese of Beaumont.

BIRTHDAYS

10th Charlie Jabbia (04)

Owner,
N&T Construction



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Northeast Louisiana University. He and his wife Elaine are the parents of Lauren Ashley and Spencer

Charles, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys playing golf, reading, history and the outdoors.

12th Danny Babineaux (98)

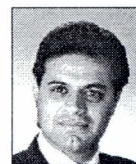
President,
Air Comfort



Born in Orlando, Florida, he is a graduate of Lamar Institute of Technology. He and his wife Charlene are the parents of Bret and Slate, and are members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He enjoys hunting and playing tennis.

12th Azim Keramati (86)

President, Van Deventer Furniture
Rentals/Boomtown Furniture



Born in Iran, he is a graduate of Texas Southern University and is studying for master's degree at the University of Houston. He and his wife Marie are the parents of Layla, Kristina and Cameron, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys traveling with his family, playing golf and fishing. Azim is a Paul Harris Fellow.

14th Glenn Shoemake (05)

Executive Director,
Calder Woods



Born in Fort Worth, he is a graduate of Houston Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Sharon are the parents of Daniel and Angela, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys playing golf and fishing.

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