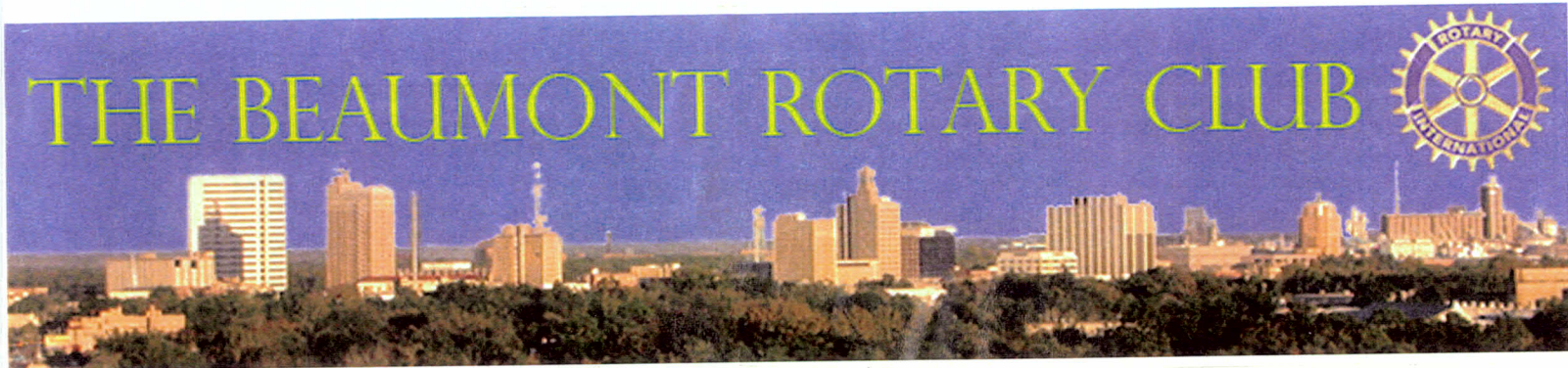


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## OLIVER LUCK - HOUSTON DYNAMO



On December 15<sup>th</sup> 2005, Major League Soccer announced that the city of Houston had been selected as the new home of a professional soccer franchise, the Houston

Dynamo! Oliver Luck was named as the first president and general manager of the new franchise. Within just one season, the Dynamo were able to bring a championship to Houston-the 2006 MLS Cup and in 2007 repeated their success and brought home the 2007

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## 2009-2010 PRESIDENT KEVIN ROY



Past President **Terry Bourdier** announced our President-Elect Nominee **Kevin Roy** at last week's meeting. Kevin recalled asking Past President

**Robert Swerdlow** shortly after he became a member how he could get a gold badge like Robert's. Prophetically, Robert replied that some day when Kevin had completed his year as President, he would have a gold badge, too.

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## HEAD TABLE



INVOCATION  
**CAROLYN OLIVER**



PLEDGE  
**CHUCK KALKBRENNER**



4-WAY TEST  
**JENNIFER NGUYEN**



GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**DAN MIKOLAY**

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**Program Schedule**

26<sup>th</sup> NO MEETING  
 3<sup>rd</sup> NO MEETING

**Make-ups**

**Monday noon:**

No. Port Arthur .....Holiday Inn Hwy 69  
 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

**Friday:**

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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**REVIEW FOR DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>**

Past President **Maurine Gray** hosted this year's holiday party last week. We were treated to a Cajun Holiday Feast and were entertained by the Cardinal Singers.

If you forgot to bring your toys to be donated to Some Other Place, we will collect them this week, too.

Thanks, Maurine, for a great celebration!

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 MLS Cup.

**BOARD ACTION**

Your Board of Directors approved the following actions via email this week:

New Members:

Vernon Dunn  
 Executive Director  
 Communities in Schools  
 "Assns: Communities in Schools"  
 Proposed by **Cindy Westfall**

Cy Jenkins, Sr.  
 Administrator  
 Pine Forest Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
 "Institutions & Hospitals - Nursing & Rehabilitation"  
 Proposed by **Rod Carroll**

David Mayer  
 Owner  
 Champion Construction  
 "Construction - General Contracting"  
 Proposed by **David Pecora**

Donald Newman  
 Store Manager  
 Jason's Deli  
 "Food Service - Retail"  
 Proposed by **Jeff Dyson**

Patty Williams  
 Resource Development/Public Relations"  
 Proposed by **Cindy Westfall**

Unless written objection addressed to the Board of Directors is received by Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Resignations Accepted with Regret:

Allison Nathan Golias  
 Business Pressure

Ramona Hutchinson  
 Moved out of area

Willis Mackey - Business Transfer

Prior to accepting this new position, Oliver Luck served for five years as CEO of the Harris County Houston Sports Authority, the governmental entity that provided the financing, construction and management of the three newest sports and entertainment venues in Houston: Minute Maid Park, Reliant Stadium and the Toyota Center.

Before joining the Sports Authority, Luck was a top-ranking executive with the National Football League (NFL) for over ten years working as Vice President of Business Development and President and CEO of NFL Europe.

Luck, a record setting quarterback at West Virginia University, also played with the Houston Oilers for five seasons. He was selected in the second round of the 1982 NFL Draft.

He earned his B.A. degree from West Virginia University, graduating with highest honors and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In 1987, he received his Juris Doctor degree with honors from the University of Texas School of Law. A two-time Academic All-American while in college, he was recently inducted into the Academic All-American Hall of Fame.

During his free time, Luck is actively involved as a coach for youth sports.

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 Kevin joined our club in September of 1994, proposed by Robert.

Most recently he served as Chair of the Rotary Goes to School Committee for two years and currently serves as our Vice President.

Congratulations, Kevin!!!

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# BIRTHDAYS

## 20<sup>th</sup> Chuck Ege III (99)

President,  
Wachovia Bank



Born in Kansas City, Missouri, he is a graduate of Lamar University and the University of Colorado. He and his wife Leslie are the parents of Chris and

Kendle. He enjoys the beach, snow skiing and travel.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Jerry Duty (88)

Retired



Born in Lufkin, he is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University. He and his wife Kathie are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys jogging.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Frank Eastman (81)

President,  
Royalty Corp. of Beaumont



Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he is a graduate of the University of Colorado. He and his wife Kay are the parents of Ross, and are members of St. Marks Episcopal Church. He enjoys playing golf, hunting and travel. Frank is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## 29<sup>th</sup> Peg Towers (87)

Retired



Born in Beaumont, She is a graduate of the University of Texas. She is the mother Jim Jr. and Mary Jane, and is a member of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. She enjoys volunteering in the non-profit sector.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Ryan Harkey (02)

Partner,  
Pollans & Cohen



Born in Austin, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Ronda enjoy hunting and fishing. Ryan is a Paul Harris Fellow.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Mike Carter (84)

President,  
Carter & Company



Born in Vinita, Oklahoma, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Denise are the parents of Dawn, Jennifer and Brian, and are mem-

bers of Bevil Oaks Baptist Church. He enjoys playing basketball and baseball.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Ron Clark (04)

Federal Judge,  
U.S. District Court



Born in Caripito, Venezuela, he is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and the University of Texas School of Law. He and his wife Joanna are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys fishing, hiking and camping.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Williams (02)

Partner,  
Stephanie Williams, P.C.



Born in Houston, she is a graduate of the University of Texas. She and her husband Chad are the parents of Tara, Tiffany, Brooke and Grace, and

are members of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. She enjoys boating and fishing.

## 6<sup>th</sup> George Crawford (94)

Vice President & General Manager,  
Lamar Advertising of Beaumont



Born in Jackson, Mississippi, he is a graduate of the University of Mississippi. He is the parents of Brooke and Kristen, and are members of Calder Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

**THIS WILL BE OUR LAST MEETING  
OF 2007.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

# BOARD NOMINEES

This week we will elect four new Club Board Directors and one new Club Foundation Trustee from the following candidates:

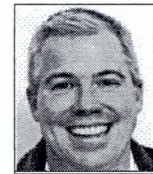
## Director Candidates



Chad Blanchard



Marvin Brailsford



Rod Carroll



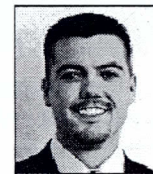
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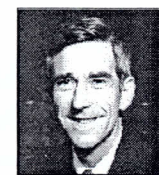


Uliana Trylowski

## Trustee Candidates



Paula Bothe



John Quigley



Randy Shelton

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