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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

**Friday:**

Nederland.....Holiday Inn Hwy 69

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 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

**REVIEW FOR FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Mr. Michael Truncale, introduced by Mr. Jimmy Simmons, President of Lamar University, is no stranger to Beaumont or Lamar University. In fact he grew up at Lamar where his parents were members of the music faculty. He played cello in Lamar's orchestras and attended the first football game in Cardinal Stadium.



Mr. Truncale, a senior partner with the firm of Orgain Bell & Tucker LLP graduated from Lamar with high honors in 1978, earning a degree in economics. He earned a master in business administration from the University of North Texas in Denton and a law degree from Southern Methodist University.

October 4, 2007 Michael Truncale took oath of office as a regent of The Texas State University System for a term that will end February 1, 2013.

According to Truncale, many of the goals chosen by past presidents in 2000 for Lamar have been accomplished. He stated that two words-work and education-elevate one's position in society. Students are responsible for the work but we are responsible for providing them with an educational opportunity.

Forty-eight hours from the time of our meeting, Truncale will be making a motion to bring football back to Lamar. This announcement was well received by his audience. He said that the return of football should bring at least 2,000 students to the school.

Truncale said that Lamar transforms lives and asked if we could imagine Beaumont, Port Arthur or Orange without the University's presence.

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**The Final four Students...RYLA in their own words!**

**Kierra Washington, an honor student at Central Medical Magnet,** expressed her great appreciation for the people at the conference for helping her understand the importance of a good attitude. "After all," she said, "What good does it do us to work hard, but not smart? Nobody wants to take on a task with another who has a bad attitude, or a poor work ethic. The conference brought this home loud and clear!" Kierra is an avid golfer who realizes that all really important decisions are made on the golf course. So she plans to apply what's she's learned at RYLA while putting. Good advice for all of us...

**Shauna Walker, a top-notch West Brook student,** is a dancer and expert swimmer who says her physical conditioning helped her keep up with the others at RYLA. She observed they were quite an active bunch full of energy and excitement and generated lots of healthy competition during activities. The interaction with her peers helped her grow both personally and professionally, Shauna explained. "I went there looking for better knowledge of opportunities out there for us, and found so much more during the conference. I feel so much more confident about myself and my aspirations. Maybe I've set realistic goals, after all!"

**Ross Carrington, Honor student at Ozen Magnet High school,** aspires to be a Chemical Engineer some day. Ross said that his RYLA experience provided him the "venue" to interact with a more diverse group. Ross attends a high school with predominately one race, so he was excited about the possibility of visiting with others from different backgrounds and different perspectives. He was not disappointed. "I met so many interesting people who at the end of the day had the same goals and dreams as I do---we all want to be the best we can be and continue growing throughout life. To stop learning is to stop living...It is essential we try to learn what we can

about people from all walks life because this knowledge will enrich us and make us whole. RYLA leadership training reinforced our positive skills and strengthened the weaker or latent ones. Becoming a successful engineer will require me to call on everything I got from the conference," said Ross.

**Nathan Stockie, a Kelly High School student,** thanks the club for sponsoring him for this weekend of leadership activities. According to Nathan, "The weekend was a very fun-filled and busy weekend. I came away with some new ideas about what leadership is and I think I learned a lot. It really taught me to listen to the quiet ones in the group. The speakers were very good - got a lot out of it. The youth leaders were outstanding. The Rotary Club leaders were very easy to talk to and had a lot of knowledge to share. I hope Rotary continues this great work - it brought out leadership abilities in me that I never knew I had and am proud to have discovered them. Thank you once again. "

All 7 participants expressed their sincere gratitude for Rotary's providing this life-altering experience. They say they feel more "grown-up" now! For more information about RYLA, contact **Jolene Ortego and Tillie Hickman.**

**IMPORTANT DATES  
TO REMEMBER**

- Scholarship applications due:  
March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Rotary Goes to Scholl  
March 19<sup>th</sup>
- T. Kelsey Lamb Award  
March 26<sup>th</sup>

**Know** someone who goes beyond the 4-way test? Nominate them for the T. Kelsey Lamb Award. Remember the date is March 26th, so get you nominations in now. Forms will be provided at each meeting and in the office.

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