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GUEST INTRODUCTION
GARY COKER



BRIAN LITTLEFIELD UPS DIRECTOR OF SALES SOUTHEAST TEXAS DISTRICT



Brian joined UPS in 1988 in the Oklahoma District as a part-time loader in the package sorting facility or Hub. He was promoted to part-time hub supervisor in 1990 and then accepted the assignment of account executive in 1991 for a territory covering most of Western Oklahoma. Since then, Brian has held positions of increasing responsibility and accepted special assignments in business development. In 1996 Brian was promoted to a National Accounts Manager working out of the SW Region Office in Dallas. In 1998, Brian was relocated to Austin, TX as a national accounts manager responsible for the relationship between UPS and Dell Computer. While in this assignment, Brian was responsible for negotiating a global agreement with Dell and the following year, Brian teamed-up with the Southwest Region Professional Services Incorporated (PSI) team to start

up Dell Dimension operations in Nashville. In 2000, Brian was relocated to Philadelphia as the Director of National Accounts for the East Central Region. This assignment allowed Brian to gain experience in the Logistics business by working with accounts like QVC, Xerox, Kodak, Subaru, and several other household names. In 2003 Brian accepted his current position and relocated back to Texas working with all of the non-national accounts in Southeast Texas. Brian received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma and a Master's in Business Administration from the Oklahoma City University.

Have you invited a new member to come and experience one of the Rotary activities? Take a look at page 2 and bring someone to one of the fun-filled activities. Not only will it help our club possibly gain a new member, but it will help our community see we care. **Remember Service Above Self.**

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Next Week's Program

1/30 U.S Coast Guard

Make-ups

Monday noon:

No. Port ArthurHoliday 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

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Spindletop Ball Park Bleacher
 Restoration Project
 Saturday & Sunday,
 January 26th & 27th

Contact Gerald Condon to
 participate - 338-1118 or
 gcondon999@aol.com

Rotary at the Rink

Thursday, January 31st at 7:05
 Proceeds of ticket sales go to
 the Rotary Foundation

Spindletop Ball Park Bleacher
 Restoration Project
 Saturday & Sunday,
 February 2nd & 8th

Contact Gerald Condon to
 participate - 338-1118 or
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Rotary Women Build!
 Habitat for Humanity
 Saturday, February 16th
 Contact Uliana Trylowski to
 participate --832-5853 or
 uliana@beaumontHabitat.org


Judge Keith Giblin and Leen-
 ette Wilke will co-host the 30-
 Somethings here at the Jack
 Brooks Federal Building on
 Thursday February 21st, 7:30
 -8:30 am.

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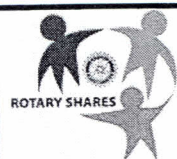


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REVIEW FOR JANUARY 16TH

Rath brings hope... and advice to Southeast Texas

With major plant and refinery expansions coming, Southeast Texas is facing big gains and some big challenges.

Finding qualified workers may be a bigger task than attracting the industries.

Diane Rath, Chair and Commissioner representing the Public for the Texas Workforce Commission says Southeast Texas' looming economic expansion means the area must gear up to meet the needs.

"These are exciting times," said Rath at the January 16 Rotary Club meeting. "This is a great time to be in Texas, especially in this part of Texas."

According to Rath, the region is expected to see up to \$16 billion interjected into the economy due to expansions.

But Rath warned it is vital employers and educators take the necessary steps to bring qualified workers to those new industries.

"There seems to be a continuing upward trend but we are cautiously optimistic," said Rath.

Education is a key factor to making the area successful. According to Rath, keeping kids in school and preparing them for skills needed in today's workforce is critical.

According to Rath, 40% of high school graduates are not prepared to enter the workforce. She stated 20 percent of stu-

dents in two year schools or vocational training programs already have four year degrees; a sign educators may not be preparing future workers for the upcoming job market. Rath also claims future workers will make approximately nine career changes.

If those figures hold true, employers and educators will have to rethink ways of training future workers, and, preparing them for a rapidly and ever-changing workplace.

Rath also stated one of the biggest challenges will be keeping youth from leaving the area and bringing back those who have left.

President Bush recently nominated Rath to serve as Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She is awaiting Senate confirmation.

A special thanks to Kevin Roy for arranging for our guest speaker and representatives and staff from Southeast Texas Workforce Development Board.

Committee News

The Classifications Committee of the Rotary Club of Beaumont will have its monthly meeting NEXT Wednesday, January 23rd, at 11:30 AM in the corner of the ballroom at the Elegante' Hotel. Please make plans to attend, and please be on times. Thanks, my friend!

Michael Clayton
Classifications Committee, Chairperson
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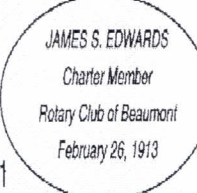
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