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## NEW DIRECTORS & TRUSTEE

On Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we elected four new Club Board Directors and one new Club Foundation Trustee who will serve from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011:

### Directors



**Chad  
Blanchard**



**Vernon  
Pierce**



**Brian  
Schlesinger**



**Uliana  
Trylowski**

### Trustee



**John  
Quigley**

Congratulations, everyone!

## DR. MARY KELLY SPINDLETOP - GLADYS CITY MUSEUM



Dr. Kelly will discuss Beaumont and Texas immediately prior to Spindletop, specifically January 1, 1901 (the start of

the 20<sup>th</sup> century and 10 days before the Lucas gusher). She will focus on the changes to Texas, this Region and Beaumont as a result of the discovery of "Texas

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We welcomed two new members on December 19<sup>th</sup>:



**Craig Escamilla**  
Executive Director  
Symphony of  
Southeast Texas  
Proposed by:  
**Russ Schultz**



**Terry Ray**  
District Manager  
Verizon Wireless  
Proposed by:  
**Andrew Jay Johnson**

## HEAD TABLE



INVOCATION  
**FRANK ALEGRIA**

PLEDGE  
**BOBBIE APPLIGATE**



4-WAY TEST  
**KEITH GIBLIN**

GUEST INTRODUCTION  
**TERESA SIMPSON**



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Charter Member  
Rotary Club of Beaumont  
February 26, 1913

# REVIEW FOR DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>

Our speaker for the meeting was Oliver Luck, President and General Manager of the Houston Dynamo. Mr. Luck was introduced by Club Vice President **Kevin Roy.**

Mr. Luck explained that Major League Soccer (MLS) had its beginnings in the USA in 1996. The soccer World Cup was held in the USA in 1994 and to the surprise of many, it was an overwhelming success. The profits from that event were used to start MLS.

In late 2005, Houston was selected as the new home for the professional soccer franchise from San Jose, California. Oliver

Luck was named as the first president and general manager of the franchise and the team was named the Houston Dynamo.

Mr. Luck gave us some very interesting insights into the world of professional soccer. For example average player salaries are less than \$100,000 allowing ticket prices to remain affordable for fans. Professional soccer is a sport that is played by people of average size. Some of the best players are in the 5 foot 7 inch, 150 pound range. Progression for the players is similar to other sports, college players are drafted into the league.

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oil." The beginning of the petrochemical industry not only changed Texas, but also changed the world.

Dr. Kelley is an assistant professor of history at Lamar University in Beaumont and the academic advisor to Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown.

She was a Fulbright Scholar to Germany and has published *The Foundations of Texan Philanthropy* (2004), soon to be published: *New Women Who Shaped Modern Texas* (Harlan-Davidson), and numerous scholarly articles.

She is also co-editing a book with Dr. John Storey titled *Twen-*

*tieth-Century Texas: A Social and Cultural History*, which is due out in March 2008. Her teaching interests include Texas history, women and gender, and the U.S.: 1890-1945.

Dr. Kelly will be visiting to help celebrate the reopening of Spindletop-Gladys City Museum at Lamar University on January 12. After more than two years of closure because of Hurricane Rita damage and reconstruction, the Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum will reopen its doors to the public with a ribbon-cutting and special grand reopening event Saturday, January 12, 2008. Activities will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be open to the public without charge.

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