



## RotaryGram Brief May 21, 2008

**Josmery Ramirez,**  
President, Lamar ROTARACT

### PROGRAM PREVIEW MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>



Josmery "Jo" Ramirez, a 21 year-old Vocal Performance Major, is president of the Rotaract Club of Lamar University for the 2007-2008 year. Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Ramirez and her older sister, Silvia Ramirez, moved to the U.S. when she was just 5 years old under the care of her single mother, Alba Mery Parra. Josmery graduated in the top 10% of her class from Robert E. Lee High School in Baytown, Texas, and will graduate from Lamar University with Honors in May of 2009. As a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Nominee for the 2009-2010 year, Josmery hopes to travel to Spain to study voice and receive the best music education possible. As a performer, she hopes to host concerts and entertainment events for Rotarians and benefactors around the world, raising money for humanitarian projects affiliated with Rotary. She envisions Camp Believe as a global project, and hopes to aid in providing a sound education and excellent professional opportunities for underprivileged children around the world. This is Jo's third consecutive year as a Rotaract member.

### MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> HEAD TABLE and MENU

\* Invocation **Carolyn Oliver**, D'Vine Wine \* Pledge, **Bruce Hoffer**, Law Office of Bruce A. Hoffer \*  
\*4-Way Test, **Marcia Crone**, US District Court \* Introduction of Guests, **Jennifer Nguyen, JN & Associates\***  
Elegante Menu will be Italian selections.



District Rotary members are invited to attend the Installation of **Roger S. McCabe** as  
Governor of Rotary District 5910  
Beaumont Country Club on Saturday, June 7, 2008  
Social 11:15 a.m. \* Lunch at noon  
Installation of District Officers and Governor  
Business Attire \* \$35.00 per person  
Please RSVP to Sharon McCabe by May 27, 2008  
409-892-6948 or email: [smccabe4@mac.com](mailto:smccabe4@mac.com)

### BREAKING NEWS

- Contact **Pat Anderson** to help put out **Flags on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>)** [patrick@beckerprint.com](mailto:patrick@beckerprint.com)
- **President Angela** will return to the podium on May 21<sup>st</sup>!
- Our club's RotaryGram won First Place for 5910 newsletter at District Conference in April. ongratulations to RotaryGram Committee, Editor **Bessie Chisum**, Chisum Resource Management; **Bonita Elias**, KUIL TV FOX 65; **Dessie Richard**, Guaranty Bank; **Dr. Paula Nichols**, Lamar University; **Keith Rogers**, Expert Leadership Solutions; **John Barton**, TXDOT; and Webmaster **Jason Armstrong**, UPS Store.

## Are you wearing a Red Badge?

Join Us May 20th for Monthly **30 Something Breakfast Meeting!**

Where: Ethan Allen Showroom, 4755 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont TX

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2008 \* Time: 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Details: Park in the front lot, main showroom doors will be unlocked.

Please RSVP to Cindy Westfall [jacindy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacindy@sbcglobal.net)

## Welcome New Red Badge Members -

**Tom Jordan,**  
President, US Flag &  
Flagpole Supply  
"Industrial: Flags"  
Proposed by  
Gerald Condon



**Karen Newton,**  
Executive Director  
The Shorkey Center  
"Associations - The  
Shorkey Center "  
Proposed by Paula Bothe



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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May 28 - Congressman Ted Poe

June 4 - Previewing Committees, Rotary Club 2008 -  
2009 with incoming President Jim

June 11 - Daniel Mikolay, U. S. Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement, Resident Agent in Charge

June 18 - Member Recognition Day: Perfect  
Attendance, Paul Harris Fellows, New members

June 25 - President Angela's Swan Song

## PROGRAM REVIEW MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> -

### Beaumont Operations - Eastman Chemical Company

Our guest speakers - **Wanda Valentine, Community Relations Manager** and **Kevin Harbin, Human Resource Manager** - with Eastman Chemical Company gave members a look into the history and mission of Eastman along with the timeline of the new "industrial gasification" plant to be built south of DuPont's Industrial Park off of Hwy 347. Eastman will have a capital investment of 1.6 billion dollars in the project with the start of construction in early 2009 until the plant is operational sometime in 2011. The plant will provide the cleanest process (gasification) for developing chemicals from a solid fuel such as petroleum coke and recovering derivatives like CO<sub>2</sub>, mercury, arsenic, and sulfur. The economic impact to our area will be providing about 2000 direct and indirect jobs and will be the largest customer for Entergy. Eastman will provide 11% to BISD tax base. In mid-year 2009 Eastman will advertise for jobs. Eastman Chemical Company is the world leader in chemicals and develops numerous chemicals from other processes and since 1994 the company has been implementing the latest and cleanest process known as "gasification". Fifty percent of their chemicals are developed through this method. It is important to know that Eastman is totally dedicated to being a good corporate citizen in all their locations and is a firm believer in providing safety, protecting the environment, and providing energy security.