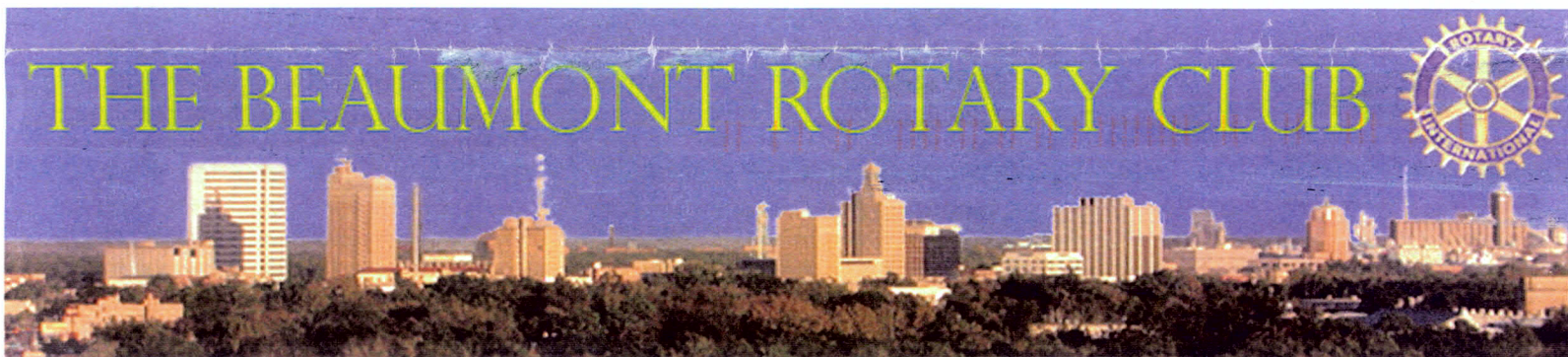


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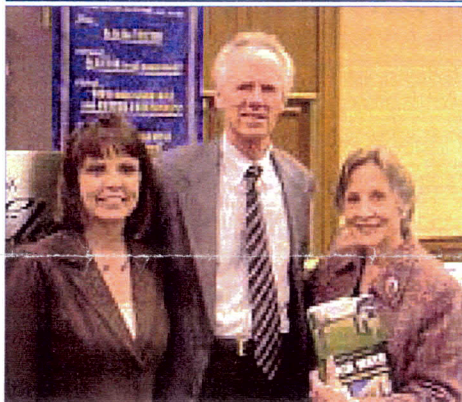
DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISIT



This week we will welcome our District Governor and his Chief of Staff, **Chuck** and **Becky Mason**.

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LAST WEEK



President **Angela** greeted former member, Past President **Robert Robertson**, and our retired Executive Director **Margaret Cherb** at last week's meeting. Robert is an insur-

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November
 21ST NO MEETING - THANKSGIVING
 28TH Billy Tubbs - Lamar University

Make-ups

Monday noon:

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Tuesday noon:

Spindletop Elegante' Hotel
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 Port Neches Pompano Club

Wednesday noon:

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Thursday 7:30 a.m.:

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REVIEW FOR NOVEMBER 7th

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ance agent with J.S. Edwards & Sherlock, an Adjunct Professor of American History at Lamar University, and the author of *Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas*. Robert spoke about the positive changes in gender and race relations that have taken place in Beaumont.

Robert described the strict segregation policies that prevailed in Beaumont and throughout the South during the 1950's. He explained that whites and blacks lived in separate worlds at that time. The courts had ruled in the late 19th century that a "separate but equal" system was acceptable.

Robert suggested that positive changes on these issues were accomplished by four main methods. Some changes occurred by direct action such as those by Dr. Martin Luther King and by Rosa Parks.

Some positive changes such as desegregation of the military were accomplished through presidential action. Congress passed several important laws that led to positive change and some other important changes were the result of court decisions.

Robert illustrated the impact that court decisions can have by telling us the story of how the Tyrell Park Golf Course became desegregated. Six black golfers who were not allowed to play at Tyrell Park won a federal lawsuit in the summer of 1955 which allowed equal access to the public facility.

Robert summarized by saying that this was a good example of people using the rule of law to bring about positive, peaceful change.

We thank Past President **Jerry Nathan** for suggesting the program and **Kathryn Walker** for introducing her next door neighbor and good friend.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Group Study Exchange

To France – Early 2008

We are looking for candidates for a Rotary leader and five persons, non-Rotarians, to be our **out-going team** to travel to France for four weeks in early 2008.

We, the Rotary Club of Beaumont, will be hosting the **in-coming team** during the District Conference here in Beaumont – April 25th through April 27th.

We need six Rotarians to house them during this time. This is a great opportunity to learn the culture of France first hand. When the team's exact arrival and departure times are

available I will immediately contact interested Rotarians. Questions? Please contact me, Lee Freeland, freelandlt@earthlink.net or 866-9406.

Fellowship

Thirty Rotarians, their family and friends enjoyed watching Pete Sampras and Anna Kournikova exhibit their skill on the tennis court last Friday. They made it look so easy!

Join us Tuesday, November 13th at the Reception for District Governor Chuck and Becky Mason and tour the McFaddin-Ward House 5:15 - 7:15 pm. Admission is \$5.00 per person. Please contact the Rotary Office (842-1913 or rotarybmt1@yahoo.com).



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Chuck is the president of Mason Construction, Ltd., a civil contractor serving the petrochemical complexes around Beaumont, Texas. Founded by his grandfather in 1939, the company now employs in excess of 300 workers, including his brother, sister, niece, nephews, wife Becky (Safety Administrator) and their son Chad. Their daughter Kristin lives in New York City and works in the corporate office of the New York Times.

Although Chuck and Becky enjoy traveling, their real hobby is community involvement. Chuck has held leadership roles in the Rotary Club of Beaumont, the Lamar University Foundation, Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Beaumont Community Players, United Way, and Family Services, to name a few.

One of his prouder moments was as a founder and first president of the Jason Alliance of Southeast Texas, which provides science programming to 8,000 middle school students in over a dozen school districts throughout Southeast Texas. Becky has similar inclinations, having served as president of such organizations as the Symphony of Southeast Texas, Junior League of Beaumont, Young Audiences of Southeast Texas, and Beaumont Community Players.

Since 1983, Chuck has been active in the 300 member Rotary Club of Beaumont. After chairing many of the club's Youth and "hands on" projects, he was fortunate to be club president as part of RI President Frank Devlyn's "Action Team" in 2000-2001.

Highlights of the year included Rotary humanitarian trips to Nicaragua and Haiti, starting an "I Like Me" book project, and being voted off the island in a "Survivor" Swan Song.

BIRTHDAYS

15th Bonita Elias (06)
General Manager, Fox 64



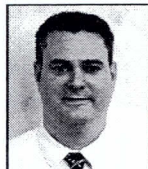
Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she is a graduate of Northwestern University Kellogg School of Business and Journalism. She enjoys volunteering with charity and media organizations.

15th Elias Sarkis (03)
President, Tri-Con



Born in Lebanon, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He is a member of St. Michael's Greek Orthodox Church and enjoys running, fishing and photography.

15th Brad Tutunjian (05)
District Manager,
Centerpoint Energy



Born in Bloomington, Minnesota, he is a graduate of Texas Tech University. He and his wife Robbie enjoy hunting, fishing, cooking and grilling. Brad will be leaving us soon as he has been transferred to Houston.

17th Donna Qualls (06)
Born in Covington, Kentucky, she attended Lamar University. She and her husband Tom are the parents of Chad and Sara, and are members of

But Chuck's most significant accomplishment as Rotary president was convincing Becky to join Rotary.

Over the last several years, Chuck and Becky have become increasingly more involved in Rotary beyond the city limits of Beaumont. In addition to local and district activities, they have attended six international conventions and have both become major donors to The Rotary Foundation.



19th Jeff Beaver (94)
Vice President, Schaumburg & Polk



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife D'awn are the parents of Robert, Jeffrey, Lauren, John and Joseph, and are members of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He enjoys camping, snow and water skiing and spending time with his family.

20th Jim Broussard, Jr. (88)
Co-CEO, Broussard's Mortuary



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Science. He and his wife Paula are the parents of James and Jayme. He enjoys raising cattle.

20th Richard Funchess (98)
Portfolio Manager, Texas State Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He and his wife Becky are the parents of Allison, Jennifer and Ric, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting and playing golf.

20th Tim Gaddis (02)
Vice President, Wells Fargo Bank



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Sherrie are the parents of Katie and Tyler, and are members of Calvary Baptist Church. He enjoys running and reading.

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