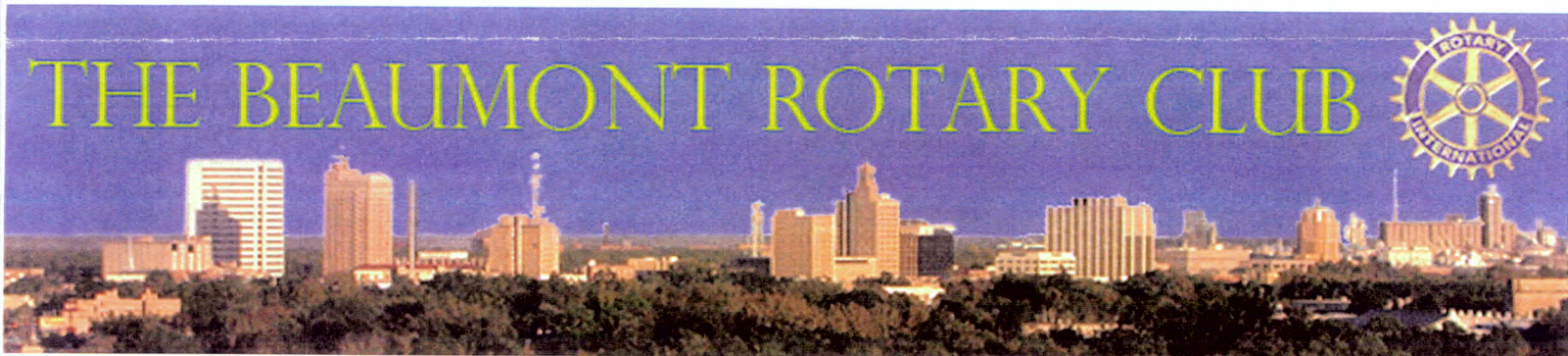


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ROBERT ROBERTSON BEAUMONT HISTORY



Past President Robert J. Robertson, a former member of our club (from 1963 until 2004) and author of *Fair Ways: How Six Black Golfers Won Civil Rights in Beaumont, Texas*,

will discuss the early civil rights movement in Beaumont, covering the desegregation of Tyrrell Park golf course in 1955 and Lamar University in 1956.

Robert is an insurance agent with J.S. Edwards & Sherlock and an Adjunct

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LAST WEEK



Speaker Barbara Clemmons presents District Governor **Chuck Mason** with the official Book-leggers Pin at last Wednesday's meeting.

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HEAD TABLE



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Program Schedule

November
 14th District Governor Chuck Mason
 21st NO MEETING - THANKSGIVING

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

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The Pledge to the Texas Flag

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REVIEW FOR OCTOBER 31st

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Become a "Book-legger." This week we were privileged to learn how Rotary does make a difference, even half-way around the world.

Past District Governor Charlie Clemmons and Rev. Barbara Clemmons are co-founders (2001) of Rotary Books for the World Project which collects out of adoption school books, library books and books from individuals to ship to Africa for distribution to schools and libraries in southern and eastern Africa. Since 2001 there are many participating Texas Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs in 14 other states, books are collected at distribution center in Houston, placed in containers purchased by the project and shipped to South Africa for distribution and selection by teachers there and in neighboring African countries .

The Clemmons described a recent success and what sounds like a miraculous breakthrough in Zimbabwe or perhaps just Rotary magic; "shade tree" schools where the only supplies are a blackboard and chalk; and shipping containers which are then reused in South Africa for workshop centers, humanitarian aide, and small businesses. The examples of adaptive reuse were amazing.

How can we respond to this need in the Rotary Club of Beaumont? Collect books and contribute funds to purchase a shipping container (\$2,000) and cover ocean shipping freight (approximately \$3,600) from the USA to Republic of South Africa. To assist financially on distribution in South Africa plus the USA side is approximately \$7, 700 according to the Clemmons.

President Angela announced that International Lane Chair Phil Dunlap and Rotary Foundation Chair Dr. Russ Schultz will be updating Beaumont club members on our participation

soon. Begin identifying that set of encyclopedia you haven't opened in years and those books (text books, appropriate fiction, maps, etc) in your personal library or company library to contribute to our club's contribution. In the meantime, log on our club website www.beaumontrotaryclub.org for recent "Discover grams" from Charlie and Barbara Clemmons about this project. To contact the Clemmons:

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 PDG Charlie Clemmons
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We thank Past President/District Governor-Elect **Roger McCabe** for introducing our speakers.

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Professor of American History at Lamar University. He has published articles in various history journals covering Beaumont on the eve of the Civil War; French settlers in the Texas Panhandle; Congressman Jack Brooks and the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and Sergeant Travis Moore, WWII Marine from Texas. He has also published another book, *Her Majesty's Texans: Two English Immigrants in Reconstruction Texas*.

He served as 1975-76 President and was editor of the club's 75th Anniversary Special Issue of *RotaryGrams*, a 24-page history of our club. Robert has been very active in our community in other ways as well serving as: director of Texas Commerce/Chemical/Chase/Hibernia Bank; Co-Chair of the Mission Committee, Second Century Project of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce; Vice Chair of the Spindletop 2001 Commission; Chair of the Beaumont History Conference; and president of the Tyrrell Historical Library Association.

He also was member of the Beaumont Library Commission, a member of the Liberal Arts Foundation Advisory Board of the University of Texas and president of the Texas Gulf Historical Society.

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in our club, the International Service Lane is divided into three committees, the Group Study Exchange Committee chaired by **Lee Freeland**, the Youth Study Exchange chaired by **Leenette Wilke** and the Rotary International Foundation Committee chaired by **Russ Schultz**.

BOARD ACTION

Your Board of Directors met on Tuesday, October 30th and approved the following action:

New Member:

Patty Thompson
Director of Development
Legacy Christian Academy
"Education – Private Schools – Development"
Proposed by **Michael Clayton**

New Member:

Carolyn Oliver
Co-Owner
D'Vine
"Retailing - Wine"
Proposed by **Jim Broussard**

Unless written objection addressed to the Board of Directors is received by Friday, November 16th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.

Leave of Absence:

Janice Trammell - 10/1/07- 5/31/08
Work load

BIRTHDAYS

7th Lulu Smith (89)

Retired



Born in Louisiana, she is a graduate of the University of Texas Medical Branch. She and her husband Wesley enjoy gardening and skiing.

Lulu is a Paul Harris Fellow.

8th Chuck Mason, Jr. (82)

President,
Mason Construction



Born in Nacogdoches, he attended Southwestern University and is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife **Becky** are the parents of

Chad and Kristin, and are members of First Christian Church. He enjoys basketball, diving, and choir singing. Chuck is a Paul Harris Fellow.

Classification Changes:

Eric Lawrence
"Retailing - Mattresses"

Dan Parker
"Finance - Banking - National"

Randy Shelton
"Law – Judiciary – Family Court Judge"

Resignation Accepted with Regret:

Brad Tutunjian
Transferred to Houston

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Volunteer Opportunity
Saturday, November 10th
Operation Green Streets - 8 am - 4 pm

Fellowship Event
Tuesday, November 13th
Reception for District Governor
Chuck and Becky Mason
and tour of the McFaddin-Ward House
5:15 - 7:15 pm
\$5.00 per person

9th Tom Barras (93)

Owner,
Barras Insurance Agency



Born in Port Arthur, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Janice are the parents of Jim, and are members of Wesley United Methodist

Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and playing golf.

9th Robert Thompson (84)

President,
Interior Development Concepts



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Lamar University. He and his wife Joyce are the parents of Jeff, Kevin, and Greg. He enjoys sailing scuba diving and traveling. Robert is a Paul

Harris Fellow.

11th Joe Granados (06)

Executive Director,
The Salvation Army Boys & Girls
Club of Beaumont



Born in San Antonio, he and his wife Kelly are the parents of Alexa, Gavin and Lillianna. He enjoys playing the guitar.

13th Joe Domino (05)

President/CEO,
Entergy Texas



Born in New Orleans, Louisiana, he is a graduate of Louisiana State and Lamar University. He and his wife Linda are the parents of Frank and Jennifer, and are members of St. Anthony Basilica. He enjoys being very active in various professional and civic organizations. Joe is a Paul Harris Fellow.

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