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Future Speakers

Jan 7 2009
Robert Pledger

Jan 28 2009
Dr. Kathryn Bommer
"Blood Drive "

Feb 4 2009
Dr. George C. Wright,
President, Prairie View
A&M

Upcoming Events

RYLA DISTRICT 5910 January 9-11, 2009
Jan 9 2009

30 Something - LIT - Jan 15th
Jan 15 2009

2009 "Rotary Large Club Conference" Oklahoma City
Feb 8 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award
Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School"
Mar 18 2009

Lone Star P.E.T.S March 27-29th 2009
Mar 27 2009

District 5910 Conference "2009"
Apr 24 2009

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2009

PROGRAM PREVIEW JANUARY 7th



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: ROBERT E. PLEDGER

Robert E. Pledger: He received his Bachelor of Science in Geology from Lamar University in 1969 and a Masters of Business Administration in Business/Finance from the University of Dallas in 1973. He was formerly President of Benchmark Oil & Gas AB, a Swedish public Company. He is experienced in all phases of oil and gas including capitalization, operations, prospect generation, and purchase of producing properties. His areas of experience include the Gulf Coast of the US, West Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and California and, internationally; France, Tunisia, Peru, Australia, Argentina, Morocco and Spain. Prior employment includes Sun Oil Company, May Petroleum Company, General American Oil Company of Texas, and Shenandoah Oil Corporation. He was a co-founder of Benchmark Oil and Gas Company, Ashford Oil & Gas Company, Energy Securities Corporation and St. Croix Resources, Inc. He has served as a consultant to numerous domestic and international companies. He has extensive experience in the Hackberry embayment of the Texas Gulf Coast, eastern shelf and Permian basin of West Texas, and the Sacramento Basin of California.

He has served twice as Chairman of the Houston Chapter of Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) in 1984 and 1990; on the National Board of Directors in 1983-86 and Chairman of the National Energy Advisor Council in 1987 and Chairman of the Deal Buyers List in 1983 and 2002. He served as District 4 Representative for the American Institute of Professional Geologists from 1983-85. He served as Vice-President of the Houston Geological Society in 2002-2003, and as Chairman of the Continuing Education Committee from 1998 until 2002. He is active in the American Association of Petroleum Geologists having been an alternate delegate to the AAPG, Chairman of the Short Course Committee for the AAPG 2002 Convention, and has been the liaison between SIPES and the AAPG Division of Professional Affairs. He currently serves on the Offshore Technology Conference

2009 "RI Convention"
 Birmingham, England, UK
 Jun 21 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

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Arrangements Committee.

He is a certified geologist (No. 3357) by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG), the American Institute of Professional Geologists (AIPG) (No. 2359) and the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists (SIPES) (No. 829) and is a Registered Professional Geoscientist with the State of Texas. He is an active member of the AAPG, SIPES, AIPG, Houston Producers Forum, Houston Energy Finance Group, the Houston Geological Society, the Geophysical Society of Houston, the Society of Professional Engineers (SPE) and the Society of Exploration Geophysicists (SEG).

His is a member of the Board of Trustees, and Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Department of Space and Earth Sciences at Lamar University. He is past President of the Board of the West Houston Assistance Ministries. He is a frequent speaker to both local and international professional groups on various aspects of the oil and gas business, and serves as a docent for the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

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JANUARY 7th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

*Invocation ; [Judy Kelfstrom, Director of Development, The Salvation Army of Beaumont](#)

*Pledge ; [Albert Smith, Retired](#)

*Introduction of Guest ; [Marilyn Smith, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions Southeast Texas](#)

Elegante Menu will be Chef's choice

NOVEMBER 7TH MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM



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*****BREAKING NEWS*****

Your Board of Directors met December 17th and approved the following proposed New Members. Unless written objections to Board of Directors at the Rotary Office are received by January 12th, these candidates will be considered elected to membership.

1. **James Grant**, Community Clinic & Fund Development Director UBI - Caritas, "Association: Ubi-Caritas", Proposed by: Gerald Condon
2. **Robert Quincy Bird**, Communications & Public Affairs Specialist Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, "Association: Chamber of Commerce", Proposed by: Bessie Chisum
3. **Lacey Withers**, Branch Manager Quantum Employment Services, "Business Service-Employment", Proposed by: Brian Schlesinger
4. **Hsing-Wei (sing-way) Chu**, Department Chair Mechanical Engineering, Lamar University, "Education-University-Engineering", Proposed by: Randy Fluke

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

"2009 - 2010"

PAT ANDERSON, GENE ARNOLD, CHAD BLANCHARD, BUZ BROWN, RANDY FLUKE, VERNON PIERCE, ALAN SAMPSON, BRIAN SCHLESINGER, TERESA SIMPSON & ULIANA TRYLOWSKY

Following were the Board Nominees: Cindy Westfall, George Pate, Charles Regenbrecht & Richard Bothel



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Club Foundation Trustee

S.L. GREENBERG

Following were the Trustee Nominees: Paul Skinner & Steve Grantham

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CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO GO TO ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) CAMP

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE STUDENTS THAT WERE APPROVED: Stephanie Parks, Richard Rosario Jr., Alexis Nelson, Hampton Truong, Thulena Nguyen, Terry Cormier, Brittany Doucette, Bianca Broussard, George Perrett III (Trey), Gatlin Moncla, Kristen Moor, Kemmerley Evans & Lauren Harrington.

The Mission of RYLA: To offer the highest quality, state of the art leadership program focused on high school juniors. We will have succeeded in our mission when graduates of RYLA improve the quality of their respective environments and organizations.

District 5910 RYLA: Since its inception in 1991, RYLA has developed a reputation as one of the premier leadership development programs for young adults in Texas. More than 1200 young people from more than 50 different high schools across Deep East and Southeast Texas have graduated from the program. RYLA is highly regarded as an intensive and energizing program, which is open to any high school junior interested in producing extraordinary results in an organization while also developing a commitment to lead with a high level of integrity.

Many thanks to Service Lane Pat Anderson and Co-Chairs Jolene Ortego & Tillie Hickman for putting this together and a big thanks to Rod Carroll for arranging transportation.

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named after Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution US\$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, healthcare, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

For as little as \$87.00/month you too can become a Paul Harris Fellow.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Any events happening in the lives of our Rotary Club members, whether it be happy or sad, where a Congratulations or Sympathy is needed contact our **Chairperson Karen Weller at 409-782-0374.**

*******ATTENTION MEMBERS*******

This is the website link to the NEW ClubRunner Website: www.clubrunner.ca/beaumont. Once we finish the new website, we will no longer have the old one. **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW WEBSITE.**

*******NEW INFORMATION*******

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- 2. CLICK ON FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD**
- 3. CLUBRUNNER WILL EMAIL YOU STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS.**

SPONSOR PINS

All club members who have sponsored a new member since July 1, 2008 will be awarded a Sponsor pin starting in January 2009.

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"30 SOMETHING"

COLLISION & CLASSICS

550 IH10 South in Beaumont

DEC 18, 2008

The following members turned out at 7:30am for a tour of Collision & Classics hosted by Gerald Condon, President & CEO. He served them breakfast and walked them through his facilities. Everyone enjoyed themselves.

Paul Koester, Michael Perez, Cindy Cherry, Jim Rich, Gerald Condon, Dan Mikolay, Bruce Hoffer, Kim Tompkins & Pat Anderson

Thank you to Paul Koester for putting this together. GREAT JOB!

ROTARY "AFTER HOURS"

AT BISTRO LEMONDE

3199 DOWLEN ROAD IN BEAUMONT

DECEMBER 18, 2008

5:30pm until

The following members attended: Jim Rich, Donna Qualls, Bruce Walker, Kathryn Walker, Karen Weller, John Weitzel, Paul & Connie Szuch, Vernon & Sheree Pierce, Roger & Sharon McCabe, Pat Anderson, Brian Schlesinger & James Grant

We had fun, fellowship & more fun! Can't wait for the next one!

Thank you to Dean Conwell for putting this together.

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by Terry Bourdier

Review of Holiday Party 12/17/08



The 2008 Beaumont Rotary Holiday Party was a smashing success as over 130 Rotarians and their guests celebrated the season. Upon entering the ballroom, we were treated to the sounds Toby Castro's jazz trio, playing traditional jazz tunes and jazzy interpretations of holiday favorites. What a group of pros! Thank you, Toby, for this fine addition to the day. The trio was also featured on three numbers after the meal. Great music!

While waiting for the buffet line to open, attendees enjoyed coffee cordials and delicious eggnog, and the food was worth the wait - turkey and dressing, baked ham, sweet potatoes, etc, just as promised!

As the meal ended, the program continued with the festive sounds of what had been touted as the World Renown Rotary Chorus. Harland Merriam did a great job of putting together a wonderful group of choristers to sing seasonal songs and get the party off to a grand start. Thanks so much, Harland and members of the chorus! Congratulations on a fine job.

Terry Bourdier then kicked off his slide show of photos from various Rotarians' childhood, challenging everyone to identify the Rotarian from their youthful photographs. Very few were able to be identified, but they were all cute. (Well, most of them, anyway.) As he warned us, Terry also included some funny shots of what certain Rotarians *may have* looked like when they were kids.

By the end of the party, everyone was full of good food, had many good laughs and heard much good music. We all departed in high spirits, ready for the remaining events of the season. Thanks to all who helped to make this a success!