



Rotary Club of North Port Arthur

HIGHGEAR

Saturday, August 25, 2007



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Aug 26 2007

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This week's program

by George, Dub

was brought to us by PAISD Superintendent Dr. Johnny Brown.



Using a student style show video he presented the Dress for Academic Excellence Dress Code for the District. The primary purpose of the dress code is to ensure every campus is positive and focused on learning and to support safety, student identification, violence prevention and help parents with affordability of school-wear.

After August 27, 2007 all students are expected to wear the following:

Navy blue, light blue or white polo style shirts (*long or short sleeved*)
and

Blue, navy or khaki pants (no jeans), skirts, or knee length shorts.
(*Baggy pants are expressly prohibited and will not be tolerated.*)

A student whose clothing violates the dress code will be assigned to in-school suspension either for the remainder of the day or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school.

Repeated dress code offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action. Appropriate discipline procedures shall be followed in all cases in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

The school is asking for donations to help families who find the dress code a financial problem.

See PAISD Dress Code Pictures On Home Page

The Governor Is Coming

by George, Dub



Join us Sunday evening to meet Chuck and Becky Mason, then Monday bring your spouse the meeting to hear the District Governor's message.

Chuck and Becky Mason have lived in Beaumont, Texas for most of their lives. While attending rival high schools, they found each other while performing in a musical program and have not been able to lose each other since. After both graduated from Lamar University, they decided Beaumont would remain their home.

Charles E. Mason, Jr., better known as 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 250 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 10,000 middle school students in over 20 school districts throughout Southeast Texas. Becky has a similar inclination, 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 Frank Devlyn's "Action Team" in 2000-2001. Highlights of the year included Rotary humanitarian trips to Nicaragua and Haiti, and starting an "I Like Me" book project, but his most significant accomplishment was convincing Becky to join Rotary. Since that time, she has been elected to the board and served as lane chairman over all Youth activities.

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.

Aug 20th Rotary Meeting

by Dub George

Guests - Absences - Makeups - Birthdays - Anniversaries**Visiting Rotarian**

Dr. Johnny Brown

Guests

Denise Munoz - guest of Zulema Escobedo

Mrs. Reid - guest of Tracy Gabriel

Make Ups

Stuart Salter - 2

Yoshi alexander

Buster Ellisor - 3

Michael Trahan

Barry Davis

Absent

Tony Aguilar

Janet Cline

Don Falke

Tom Fontenot

Larry King

Bobby Martin

Gary Stretcher

Anniversaries

Charles & Norma McBee - Aug 21st

Stuart & Patti Salter - Aug 22nd

Janet & Ray Cline - Aug 23rd

Club Anniversary

Charles McBee - Aug 19th - 39 yrs

Return

Why I Am A Rotarian*by George, Dub*

Little do we know when we are leaving a lasting impression on a young person! Years later that same child, turned busy adult, parent, career person, and volunteer, was asked to join Rotary. Without hesitation the answer was "Yes "!

Who was that original Rotarian who made such an impression? It was my dear friend's father, Joe (Mr. G to me then).

Rotary was, oh, so important to him! Even as an elementary student where my world seemed to revolve around recess, piano practice, spelling sit-downs, and riding my bicycle within the allowed perimeters of our neighborhood, I was unknowingly impressed. When Joe couldn't pick us up at noon from school and take my friend and I home for lunch, it was because "this is Rotary Day".

I soon learned Rotary must be something very important in his life. Joe was a busy business owner but everything seemed to step aside that special hour each week. He was a man of great character. Move ahead 40 years: I was proud and honored to be asked to be among the first wave of women Rotarians.

What an impact this wonderful organization has had on my life! Service Above Self! Service acts that I cannot do alone can be accomplished because I am a part of this powerful, caring, successful, and highly respected organization. I can hold my head high and say...
"I helped to"

- Eliminate Polio,
- Educate thousands of students,
- Build numerous houses, schools, medical clinics.
- I am helping promote peace and global understanding.
- I am doing all of this because I am a Rotarian!

Rotary cares for others. Rotary is a leader in our community and worldwide. Rotary allowed me to develop new leadership skills and responsibilities. Rotary broadened my circle of friends. Rotary doesn't just talk about doing good work...Rotary does the work! Rotary Shares! Rotary Leads The Way! I am proud of this organization and my membership.

This is why I am a Rotarian!

Mary Q. Garrison

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