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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

JANUARY 4

John E. Olson

Chief Investment Officer

Sanders Morris Harris

“The First Clue – Enron”

Chair of the Day

Dave Belding

JANUARY 18

Marc Carr

Chief Exec. Officer

Christian Brothers Automotive

“Entrepreneurship &

Corporate Values”

Chair of the Day

Debbie Crofoot-Morley

JANUARY 11

Scott Cowen

President

Tulane University

“Tulane After Katrina”

Chair of the Day

David Khan

JANUARY 25

Suzi Howe

Governor

Rotary District 5890

“The District Governor’s Visit”

Chair of the Day

Vern Swisher

Club Meets Thursdays – The Junior League of Houston

Luncheon 11:45 AM – Program 12:10 PM – Adjourn 1:10 PM

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Heard Around The Table

by Marcus Soper

HOWARD & ANN HOLSENBECK sponsored Russia at the Fortieth Consular Ball at the InterContinental Hotel, the city's only annual white tie event. About 500 attended and entered the ballroom under crossed swords of sixteen Marines and danced to a 21 person orchestra. The Houston Chronicle recently reported that **SANDRA HALTNER**, of Haltner & Associates, received the ASID Award for the design of Kharisma Hair Studio at 2800 Sage. Her efforts earned her a first place award in the commercial/ hospitality category from the American Society of Interior Designers, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter. She accepted the award at a banquet on Sept. 7th. Visiting Rotarian **RUSTY SHEPARD** enjoyed visiting the Houston club recently. He was wearing his grandfather's 1912 Houston Rotary Club 53 charter member pin. He was **EDWIN DALE SHEPHERD, SR.** ("Ed") and his classification was Life Underwriter (he was the Houston general agent for Connecticut Mutual Life, now Mass Mutual). Some of you remember Ed's oldest son, **EDWIN DALE SHEPHERD, JR.** ("Dale"). He was a member of the Houston club until his death in 1991. Dale worked with his father for several years before taking over as Houston general agent. Rusty is a member and director of the La Porte Rotary Club and a third-generation Rotarian; his father, **Russell Sr., (Ed's middle son)** was a past-president of the La Porte club. Dale gave Rusty the charter member pin shortly before his death, so it's been with a Rotarian Shepherd for the past 94 years. Thanks to all for sharing with us and. **Keep the news coming** to soper@flash.net or fax: 713-524-4663.

Rotary House Exhibit Opens January 17th

An impressive new exhibit, entitled "Three Partners – One Vision", will be on display at the Jesse H. Jones Rotary House International beginning Tuesday evening, January 17th.

All Houston Rotarians are invited to join some 200 expected guests at a Dedication Ceremony scheduled for 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., which will formally open the exhibit that contains three panels, each of which profiles the three institutions who became partners in building the extraordinary housing facility for patients and families who travel to Houston to receive out patient treatment at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

At the ceremony, past Rotary Club of Houston president Bill Teague, who led much of the fund raising from our club and other clubs in the district, and from some of Houston's most prominent business and civic organizations, will be joined by Dr. Larry R. Faulkner, president of Houston Endowment Inc, which made the greatest contribution of funds for construction of the building outside of the University of Texas which owns and operates the building, and Dr. John Mendelsohn, president of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

As perhaps the largest project launched by a single Rotary Club in history, Rotary House has been a most successful enterprise that has earned the praise and gratitude of patients and their families from across the country and around the world. To reflect the understandable pride we can feel in this wonderful service project, all members are invited to join representatives of both Houston Endowment and M.D. Anderson – the other two Partners with a single vision - for this history making event.

Baker Tribute a Record Success

More than 800 persons filled the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel on November 20th to witness the presentation to former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III of the Rotary Club of Houston 2006 Distinguished Citizen Award. It was the most successful DCA event in the club's history, with more than half a million dollars being contributed from its proceeds to the Rotary Club of Houston Foundation.

With South Dakota Senator John Thune serving as a very efficient Master of Ceremonies, the first speakers were Baker's sons, Doug and John, who praised their dad for his integrity and patience, and told of his five P's; Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance. Former Secretary of Commerce Bob Mossbacher claimed that Baker's five P's stood for Precise Playing Prevents Paying Partners while he also named Baker as one of the greatest public servants of our time. Bill Bennett, chairman of the Baker Institute at Rice University told of how Baker once said that his value after such high level Washington positions would last only 2 or 3 years, which proved that Baker was no prophet. But Prince Turki of Saudi Arabia disagreed, stating that Baker had 15 years earlier correctly prophesied today's situation in Iraq. The honoree, after receiving his award from president Vicki Brentin and Foundation president Phil Hampton, said that after spending the first half of his life on the sidelines, he suggests that life is more meaningful and satisfying if one gets in the parade.

At a later club meeting, Co-Chair of the DCA event Meredith Iler was presented a Paul Harris Fellowship by president Vicki, an honor recommended by her Co-Chair Michael Barnes, himself a Paul Harris Fellow several times over.