



**ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON**

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## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

**JANUARY 8, 2009**

**David T. Cochrane**

Planning & Commercial Manager  
ExxonMobil Development Co.

**“Energy in the 21st Century”**

*Chair of the Day:*

Boris Lioznyansky

**JANUARY 22, 2009**

**Ron Giroto**

CEO, Methodist Hospital

**“Leading Medicine Vision”**

*Chair of the Day:*

Mac Sharpe

**JANUARY 15, 2009**

**Martin Luther King Day**

**Celebration**

*Chair of the Day:*

Vern Swisher

**JANUARY 29, 2009**

**“A Financial Wake-Up Call  
for America”**

Club Meets Thursdays – The Junior League of Houston

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

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***RCH Foundation Golf  
Tournament Benefiting  
Camp Enterprise***

Tuesday, March 10, 2009  
River Ridge Country Club

Proceeds from this event will be dedicated to funding our Camp Enterprise program. We hope you will support our efforts and ask your friends or business associates to round out your team.

Each year our Club hosts 80 high school juniors in a very special three day weekend program that we call Camp Enterprise. The program is truly a life changing experience for many of Houston's best and brightest high school juniors. Students from throughout the area compete for the limited number of camper slots. Our Rotary Club members and their spouses serve as camp counselors and facilitate the program from beginning to end.

To sign up or for more tournament info, contact the Rotary office at [geraldine@rotaryhouston.org](mailto:geraldine@rotaryhouston.org) or 713-973-9936.

***Rotary Blood Drive***

The Rotary Club of Houston Blood Drive will be held on January 8, 2009 at the Junior League of Houston. A mobile unit will be parked in front of the building. The first 15 days of January are very difficult for the Blood Center and we would like to support their efforts. For more information, contact the Rotary office at 713-973-9936.

***UT Defensive End Brian Orakpo Named 2008  
Rotary Lombardi Award Winner***

One of Brian Orakpo's dreams came true on December 10, 2008 when he was named the winner of the 39th annual Rotary Lombardi Award, presented by Wachovia. Although Orakpo was the 13th finalist from The University of Texas in award history, it has been 24 years since Tony DeGrate took home the award in 1984. Kenneth Sims won the award for Texas in 1981, making Orakpo the third winner from UT. Both Sims and DeGrate were in attendance at the ceremony at the Hilton Americas Hotel.

When asked prior to the award ceremony what winning the Rotary Lombardi Award for UT and himself would mean, Orakpo said, "It would be an honor. Just being a finalist is amazing, but also winning would be amazing because these are the types of things you dream of. You come to the university, you write all kinds of goals you want to accomplish and dreams that you never really realize how much of it can come true by the time it's all said and done. Now I'm a finalist for the Lombardi Award. It's a dream come true."

Founded in the weeks following the 1970 death from cancer of legendary football coach Vince Lombardi, the Rotary Lombardi Award has consistently delivered upon the mission set forth by Marie Lombardi when she granted the use of her late husband's name. Her only stipulation was that all net proceeds from the event be donated to the American Cancer Society. Millions of dollars have been raised since that time.