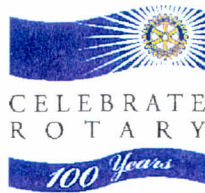


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John Barton - TxDOT



Our speaker this week is John A. Barton, District Engineer for the Beaumont District of the Texas Department of Transportation.

John grew up in a small rural town in north central Texas, before attending college at Texas A&M University where he graduated with honors in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He began working for TxDOT as a summer employee in the Archer City Maintenance Section of the Wichita Falls District in north central Texas while in high school.

He then began working full time for the Texas Department of Transportation as an Engineering Assistant in their Bowie Area office and now has over 18 years of service with TxDOT. He was promoted to Area Engineer in Bowie in 1993, before serving as the Area Engineer in the Gainesville and Wichita Falls Area offices. In these positions John oversaw the design, construction, and maintenance activities of numerous highway and bridge projects throughout the north central Texas area.

In 1999 he was selected as the Director of Transportation Planning & Development for the Wichita Falls District

where he worked with local and regional elected officials and communities to develop and implement region wide improvements to the transportation system. In December 2003, John was named to his current position as District Engineer for the Beaumont District. As District Engineer, John oversees all TxDOT activities in southeast Texas related to the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of a large and diverse transportation network.

Like most TxDOT employees he has worn many hats during his time with

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Roast Beef or Southwest Chicken

**The Rotary Club of Beaumont salutes its
2005 Camp Enterprise Volunteers
See next week's issue**

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Port Neches.....Pompano Club

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Thursday:

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Rotary clubs worldwide observe centennial anniversary

The following article is reprinted from the Rotary International website. Go to www.rotary.org for photos and links to other stories underlined in the text.

"Rotary clubs and districts across the globe are participating in an array of activities and service projects to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Rotary on 23 February.

"There are few organizations that last a hundred years," says Rotary International President Glenn E. Estess Sr. in a centennial video message to clubs and districts. "The fact that Rotary has reached this important milestone is a sign that there is a tremendous need for all that Rotary offers."

"According to the RI president, the outstanding centennial projects and partnerships forged by all the world's Rotary clubs are emblematic of Rotary's service achievements in the past century.

"Centennial projects and partnerships show Rotary at its best," says Estess.

"The hundreds of special projects and events planned for Rotary's centennial birthday include the following:

✘ Rotarians throughout New Zealand will be the first to welcome in the centennial by dedicating 100 centennial service projects, many of them addressing environmental and conservation issues.

✘ More than 1,000 Rotarians in Korea will pack the audience at KBS-TV studios in Seoul for the national broadcast of a one-hour, prime-time tribute to Rotary, which will include the presentation of US\$500,000 collected by Rotary clubs to help victims of the December 2004 tsunami.

✘ Hundreds of Rotary clubs in South Asia will provide vision-screening clinics for schoolchildren at risk for cata-

racts, glaucoma, and other preventable or correctable eye conditions.

✘ In Nairobi, Kenya, Rotarians will host national government leaders and members of the diplomatic community at a luncheon roundtable on world peace and understanding, followed by a party for hundreds of disabled children.

✘ Rotarians in Moscow will travel to a school in the small town of Suzdal, Russia, to donate computers to replace ones that were stolen.

✘ Millions of moviegoers in France will learn about Rotary when a video about the organization runs as a short feature just before the nationwide debut of a major motion picture.

✘ A team of Rotarians in Argentina will get a bird's-eye view of the centennial when they reach the summit of Aconcagua, the highest peak in the Western Hemisphere (22,834 feet). Once at the top, they will plant the flags of Rotary and Argentina.

✘ Clubs in Jamaica have invited 100 Rotarians from around the world to join them for 100 hours of community service, which will include beach cleanups, tree plantings, and care visits to senior citizens.

✘ In Chicago, where attorney Paul P. Harris founded Rotary in 1905, members of the Rotary Club of Chicago will announce their participation in the city's summer youth jobs program. Rotarians have committed to provide 100 paid summer internships, one for each Rotary year, for eligible Chicago Public Schools students.

✘ In Anaheim, California, USA, more than 500 district governors-elect from around the world will break from their International Assembly sessions to roll up their sleeves at Second Harvest Food Bank, where they will box 58,000 pounds of food for distribution to needy

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Large Club Conference

Did you know that the Rotary Club of Beaumont is the 60th largest club in the world?

That is one of the facts President-Elect **Terry Bourdier** and I learned when we attended the 44th Western Division Large Club Conference hosted by the Rotary Club of Tulsa, February 14th through 17th, along with the Presidents-Elect and Executive Directors of thirty other clubs. These thirty-one clubs represent 12,362 Rotarians. This annual event provides training for the special problems large club presidents may face during their year in office as well as fellowship opportunities.

Other clubs attending (rank - number of members) were: Seattle (1 - 689), San Antonio (2 - 684), Fort Worth (3 - 612), San Diego (5 - 537), Baton Rouge (6 - 508), Sacramento (9 - 475), Tulsa (11 - 468), Little Rock (12 - 467), Oklahoma City (17 - 426), Wichita (19 - 416), San Jose (21 - 410), Kansas City (23 - 401), Houston (26 - 385), Los Angeles (27 - 385), Salt Lake City (29 - 383), Denver (30 - 381), Tacoma (35 - 358), Honolulu (36 - 357), Memphis (38 - 343), Portland (40 - 339), Long Beach (46 - 331), Spokane (48 - 328), Fresno (52 - 322), Omaha (54 - 318), Oakland (56 - 314), Corpus Christi (61 - 306), Austin (63 - 304), Albuquerque (65 - 301), Dallas (91 - 260) and San Francisco (98 - 248).

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TxDOT, including construction project inspector and manager, laboratory technician, surveyor, designer, planner, Assistant Area Engineer, Area Engineer, District Design Engineer, District Bridge Engineer, Acting Deputy District Engineer, and now, District Engineer.

John and his wife, Sheryl, have two daughters. He is an active member of the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Kiwanis Club, and enjoys singing, volunteering for service work in the community, ranching, fishing, hunting, and camping.

Birthdays

9th Kip Lamb (96)

The Law Office of Kip Lamb



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of Baylor University and Baylor Law School. He and his wife Isabel are the parents of Isabel and Nicholas. He enjoys scuba diving, traveling, bicycling and motorcycles.

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families.

✕ Thanks to the efforts of Rotarians in Hungary, Rotary club members around the world will be able to attend a virtual Rotary club meeting online at central.rotary.hu.

✕ The Rotary Club of Frankfort, Kentucky, USA, will re-enact the first meeting of [Rotary's founders](#).

"[Rotary began](#) on the evening of 23 February 1905, when Harris met with three business colleagues in hopes of recapturing in a professional club the same friendly spirit they had experienced growing up in small-town America. They called their club the Rotary Club of Chicago, after the early practice of rotating weekly meetings among members' offices. As the Rotary movement grew and clubs were chartered around the world, Rotarians took up [community service projects](#) and promoted [ethical standards](#) in business.

"A century later, over 1.2 million men and women are members of more than 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries united under the banner *Service Above Self*. Through the numerous humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs of Rotary International and [The Rotary Foundation](#), Rotary clubs work to realize Rotary's vision of improving the human condition and to advance [world understanding](#) and [peace](#)."

10th Leonard Juncker (79)

Partner,

Wathen DeShong & Juncker



Born in Beaumont, he is a graduate of the University of Texas. He is the father of Jill and Brian, and he and his wife **Sharen Kirksey** are members of

Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys playing golf and tennis and building models. Leonard is a Paul Harris Fellow.

12th Rod Carroll (02)

President,

Stat Care EMS



Born in Yonkers, New York, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He and his wife Kate are the parents of Matthew and Brooke.

13th Rich Bennett, Jr. (63)

Retired,

Lamar University



Born in Orange Grove, he is a graduate of Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. He is the father of Richmond and Vicki Lynn, and is a member

of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys hunting, fishing and boating.

13th Rix Garey (83)

General Sales Manager,

KFDM-TV Channel 6



Born in Milford, Delaware, he is a graduate of the University of Tennessee. He and his wife Brenda are the parents of Angela and

Susan, and are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. He enjoys gardening and playing the gui-

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