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Bryan Blake is a native Texan who grew up in League City, TX. He attended and played

Championship and a 12-4 record, he partnered with Doug McGregor, President of the Arena Football League Austin Wrangler to form the af2 Texas Copperheads. After the 2007 af2 expansion season, Bryan stepped away as Head Coach, but still holds a minority ownership in the Cypress based team. Now returning to where his coaching career began, Bryan has taken over the management of the Beaumont Drillers, and brings with him 12 years of successfully Indoor & Arena Football experience.

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football at Clear Creek High School where he was an All-district line-backer. After graduating in 1990, he earned a football scholarship to Tarleton State University in Stephenville Texas, where he finished his college football career as one of the top NCAA Division II linebackers in the state.

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After graduating from Tarleton in 1997, Bryan began his 12 year professional football career playing for the Texas Bullets in the Professional Indoor Football League. He went on to play 4 more seasons in the National Indoor Football League. In 2003, he began coaching as a defensive coordinator with the Beaumont Drillers of the NIFL. In 2004 Bryan took over as Head Coach and led the Driller to an 8-6 record and second place finish in the Pacific South Division. In 2005, his coaching career landed him with the NIFL expansion team Lubbock Gunslingers. After one season with the Gunslingers, Bryan took an ownership roll and founded the NIFL Katy Copperheads. After a successful 2006 campaign where Bryan led his Copperheads to the Pacific South



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UpComing Programs

March 5th: Bryan Blake—Coach of the Beaumont Drillers Football Team

Make-ups

Monday noon:

No. Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69
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Tuesday noon:

Spindletop Elegante' Hotel
 Orange Sunset Grove
 Port Neches Pompano Club

Wednesday noon:

Groves Pompano Club

Thursday 7:30 a.m.:

Hardin County
 Cowboy Reds, Lumberton

Thursday noon:

Port Arthur Holiday Inn Hwy 69

Friday:

Nederland Holiday Inn Hwy 69

On-line: www.rotaryclubone.org
 (limit 3 times in each quarter)

REVIEW FOR FEBRUARY 27TH

Our speaker for the meeting was **Jerry Epstein**, co-founder of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas. Jerry was introduced by club Vice President, Kevin Roy.

The mission of the Drug Policy Forum of Texas is to provide scientific information and expert opinion about drugs and to suggest a path to better policies. The main point of Mr. Epstein's presentation was to encourage open discussion and debate about how to have a more effective and less costly drug policy.

Mr. Epstein opened his remarks by saying that in his opinion our current drug policy would not pass the 4-way test. He stated that there is a growing belief that the drug war may be causing more harm than drugs themselves.

Mr. Epstein made it clear that he believes that drug use is a serious problem and he believes that our drug policies were initiated with the best intentions. His concern is with the lack of results from the policies and the large costs to implement them.

Mr. Epstein cited a number of statistics which indicated that alcohol is by far the most significant problem of all major drugs, affecting over 19 million people. In contrast the statistics show 1.7 million people addicted to cocaine and 300,000 people addicted to heroin. He pointed out that in many ways our current drug policies can be compared to prohibition in the 1920's.

Mr. Epstein encouraged us to keep an open mind, research the facts and to be willing to engage in open discussion and debate on this very sensitive subject.



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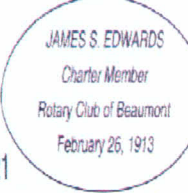


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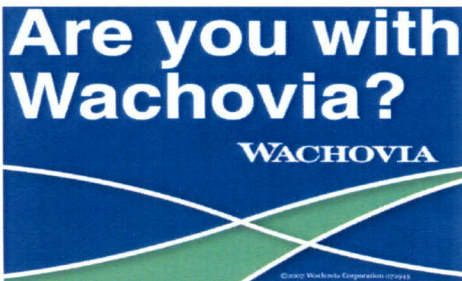
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T. KELSEY LAMB AWARD NOMINATIONS

Know someone who goes beyond the 4-way test? Nominate them for the T. Kelsey Lamb Award. Remember the deadline is March 12th, so get your nominations in now. Forms are available online our website at www.BeaumontRotaryClub.org and will also be provided at each meeting and in the office.

Rotary Goes To School March 19th

Rotary Goes to School is coming up! Don't forget to sign up to go to local schools and participate in this wonderful event where you can help make a difference in children's lives by encouraging them to read.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars now for the District 5910 Conference which will be held in Beaumont, Friday April 25 - Sunday April 27.

The conference will be at the Holiday Inn Plaza, located at 3950 IH-10 South, Beaumont, Texas 77705
Phone (409)-842-5995.

Further details on the conference schedule will be forthcoming and provided by **District Governor Chuck Mason** and the Conference Committee in future RotaryGrams and on our website:
www.beaumontrotaryclub.org.

The Youth Study Exchange students will be attending the conference. Club member host homes are needed for Friday night, April 25th. Contact Leenette Wilke by email (leenette.wilke@gsa.gov) who is the Youth Study Exchange Chair.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Scholarship applications due:
March 3rd

Executive Director of the Rotary Club
Applications due:
March 5th

Rotary Goes to School
March 19th

T. Kelsey Lamb Award
March 26th

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NEEDED

Applications are being accepted for the position of Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. Please contact Advanced Staffing at (409) 924-0586. the deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 5th.

BOARD ACTION

Your board of Directors met on Tuesday, February 26th and approved the following action:

New Member Proposal:

Eric Sullivan, Owner/President
E Sullivan Advertising
"Advertising/Public Relations - Agency"
Proposed by
Pat Anderson

Resignations accepted:

Joe Granados, moved to San Antonio
Gene Hughes, job pressures
Tom Neild, job pressures
Matt White, health.

Deceased:

George Schaumberg

Unless written objection addressed to the Board of Directors is received by Friday, March 7th, the candidates listed above will be considered elected to membership.



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