



## RotaryGram Brief May 14, 2008

### PROGRAM PREVIEW MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> – KEVIN HARBIN, HR MANAGER, BEAUMONT OPERATIONS OF EASTMAN CHEMICAL COMPANY



The Rotary Club of Beaumont welcomes Kevin Harbin on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Kevin is a 1991 B.S. Industrial Engineering graduate of the University of Tennessee and a certified Professional in Human Resources (PHR). Kevin has been with Eastman for over 15 years and has held positions in Management Engineering Services, Personnel Services, Employee Benefits, Staffing, served as HR Manager for the Utilities Division and Information Technology, and most recently managed the Corporate Workforce Planning and Equal Employment Department. He previously worked at Texas Instruments in Johnson City, TN as an Engineering Co-op and then as a Manufacturing Manager until plant closure in 1992. Kevin is an active volunteer with United Way and Junior Achievement. He is also active in SHRM, the Society for Human Resources Management. Kevin is married to Jennifer. They have two sets of twins; Ethan and Elaina, who are 7 years old, and Natalie and Caroline, 4 years old. Kevin and his family are active in their church, especially in the music programs. Kevin's other interests include golf, photography, hunting and fishing.

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup> HEAD TABLE** – Invocation **TBA** \* Pledge, **Jamie Smith, Jefferson County Clerk's Office**  
\* 4-Way Test, **Keith Giblin, U. S. District Court** \* Introduction of Guests, **TBA**.

#### **INSTALLATION OF ROGER MCCABE AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5910** **"Make Dreams Real"**

Remember to make your reservations for the installation of Roger McCabe as District Governor on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please return your RSVP card in envelope provided in your mailed invitation along with your check payable to: Rotary District 5910 or just send check to 835 Belvedere, Beaumont, TX 7706. Contact Donna in Rotary office for more information.

RI President-elect Dong Kurn Lee announced the 2008-09 RI theme, *Make Dreams Real*, to incoming district governors at the 2008 International Assembly.

## Rotary New Members...For you!

### Join Us for the May 30 Something Breakfast Meeting!

Where: Ethan Allen Showroom

4755 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont TX

When: Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Time: 7:30 am – 8:30 am

Details: Park in the front lot, main showroom doors will be unlocked.

Please RSVP to Cindy Westfall [jacindy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jacindy@sbcglobal.net)

### PROGRAM REVIEW MAY 7<sup>TH</sup> –

#### PROGRESS OF BISD CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO BOND ISSUE

Our guest speakers Wyntress Ware, President of WARE & Associates, Inc. and Bobby Menefee, Program Manager of Parsons gave members a look into the BISD construction project for the Golden Triangle area and the participation of minority and women owned businesses. WARE was hired to help reach and get the word out to local minority and women owned businesses so that they can participate in the \$388 million that is earmarked for construction of the BISD projects. Ideally, WARE would like to see 25% of these funds to go to our local qualified businesses. WARE has been successful in their Best Practice approach so that projects they have represented in the past have grown from \$50,000 toward minority businesses to \$14 million after a four year stint. Bobby Menefee, shared with us a wealth of information including details of the construction of the high quality modernized pre-fabricated buildings which should house students in the autumn of 2008. A total of 80 classrooms along with support facilities, such as restrooms, will have state of the art equipment and constructed materials. In addition, a state of the arts athletic and natatorium structure is a part of the Golden Triangle school plans. The good news, Bobby stated, is that foundations for 3 of the structures have already been developed for the 3 locations to open this fall. Parsons was awarded the contract as project manager for the BISD and they have agreed to provide their services for a flat fee of \$9 million. You can read more about Parsons at [www.parsons.com](http://www.parsons.com), more about WARE & Associates, Inc. at [www.warepr.com](http://www.warepr.com) and keep up with BISD's Bond construction at <http://www.beaumont.k12.tx.us/binfo.htm>.



### Batter Up on May 4<sup>th</sup>!

Congrats to Lamar Rotaract softball team players - Josh Bucklew , Madison Bunde , Morgan Bunde, Ritchie Acosta, Jennifer Mikel, Bala Gottimukkala Mansaar Kandukwi, Eric Elizondo (Community Service Chair), Josmery Ramierez, Laura Whitmore, Josh Ware, Deante Coleman and Teresa Simpson, Beaumont Rotary advisory to Lamar Rotaract Chapter. Final Score: 9 to 5.