



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



Friday, April 10, 2009

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Apr 15 2009

GSE-Bobby Core

"District 5910 Group Study Exchange "

Apr 20 2009

NO SPEAKER-Rotary goes home Apr 20-25th

"Rotarians will open their homes to fellow Rotarians at night"

May 6 2009

Mickey Lee

"Impact Weather, Houston"

May 13 2009

Youth Day

"RYLA, S.A.S, Youth Scholarships, Rotaract Annual Presentation "

May 20 2009

Dr. Carroll Thomas

"BISD Bond Update"

Upcoming Events

Spindletop Soap Box Derby

May 16th & 17th

Apr 10 2009

Rotarian of the Day April 15th

Joyce Hafford

Apr 15 2009

Past President - Jim Stokes

April 15th

Apr 15 2009

District Assembly April 18th

Liberty, Texas

Apr 18 2009

Rotarian of the Day April 22, 2009
Chad Blanchard

Apr 22 2009

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

APRIL 15th MEETING



Welcome to the Group Study Exchange Team from District 4920 Argentina.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the early years of their professional lives. A Team is made up of four team members and a Rotarian team leader. For each team member, the Rotary Foundation provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries.

For approximately four weeks, GSE team members experience the institutions, ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced in our area, have the opportunity to develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas with the clubs and club members in District 5910. While in the Golden Triangle, the Argentine team will make presentations to the Spindletop Club, Rotary Club of Beaumont and a combined meeting of Nederland / Port Neches/ Groves / Port Arthur and North Port Arthur clubs. While in Beaumont, the guest team is scheduled to visit Lamar University, Beaumont ISD schools, KFDM Channel 6, Gladys City and downtown Beaumont museum complex and the Tyrrell Historical Library.

For more about **Rotary 4920 Argentina**, log on to http://www.rotary4920.com.ar/2008-2009/index_2008-2009.asp.

Maria "Marita" Cristina Pardo, Team Leader, GSE Team Leader Rotary 4920 Argentina, is an English and French teacher at different grade levels. Maria hopes to visit as many schools and universities as possible while in Texas. She has three grown children, Matias 34, Patricio 31 and Maria 27.

Veronica Mabel Palero, an English teacher, hopes to visit local schools to learn teaching strategies, relationships between institutions, and discipline. Veronica's hobbies include walking, music and is learning to play the saxophone. She is married with two sons, Martin 11 and Tomas 8.

Maria Paz Sastre is a journalist and works for a local television station as a new

"30 Something" Apr 23rd City of Bmt 7:30-8:30am Apr 23 2009
Dist. Conf. Bryan/College Station Apr 24-26th Apr 24 2009
Roll of Fame Award announced @ D.C. April 25th Apr 25 2009
Four Avenues of Service Award announced@D.C. 4-25 Apr 25 2009
Board Meeting April 28th at the Neches Room Apr 28 2009
Indoctrination of new members April 29th Apr 29 2009
Salute to current Ad Sponsors April 29th Apr 29 2009
Rotary after Hours 4-30 Madison's/Dowlen 5:30pm Apr 30 2009
"30 Something" May 22nd M&D Supply 7:30-8:30am May 22 2009
Memorial Day May 25th FLAG PROJECT May 25 2009
PHF's to be given away before July 09 May 27 2009
Flag Day June 14th - FLAG PROJECT Jun 14 2009
Perfect Attendance Pins to be given June 17th Jun 17 2009
Rotarian of the Year Award given out June 17th Jun 17 2009
"30 Something" June 18th Hotel Bmt 7:30-8:30am Jun 18 2009
2009 "RI Conv." Birmingham, Eng. June 21-24th Jun 21 2009
Independence Day July 4th - FLAG PROJECT Jul 4 2009
Patriots Day September 11th Sep 11 2009
Veterans Day November 11th Nov 11 2009

reporter and hopes to become a news anchor someday. She would like to visit as many television stations as possible while in the area. Maria is single and lives at home with her mother and brother. Maria's hobbies include dancing and enjoys classical, jazz and modern music.

Rosana Lis Orienti, an English teacher, would like to visit local schools in the area with an interest in disciplinary methods. She enjoys music, arts and crafts, and dancing classical, tango and salsa. Rosana is married with two children, Nadia 15 and Athina 5.

Juan Ignacio Palacio, an English teacher, hopes to visit primary, secondary, and universities in the area. He is interested in recreational sports (hopefully to participate in some) and likes to visit book stores in his spare time and hopes to shop for a few while in Texas. Juan is a newlywed (married in the past couple of months)

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April 15th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

***Invocation**; TBA

***Pledge**; Marvin Brailsford, U.S. Government-Armed Forces-Retired

***Introduction of Guest**; Dessie Richard, Banking Center Manager, Guaranty Federal Bank

Elegante Menu will be beef stroganoff & seafood imperial & Chef's choice of vegetables

April 15th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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The following members were recognized and given their first sponsor pin by President Jim Rich, Governor Roger McCabe, Past President Gerald Condon & Lane Chairman David Locke at our April 8th meeting. There were a total of 23 members who have sponsored a new member into the club so far:



Gerald Condon, Bessie Chisum, Lee Freeland, Teresa Simpson, Vernon Pierce, James "Buz" Brown, Randy Fluke, President Jim Rich, Joe Fisher, Jack Scott, John Thomasson, Karen Weller, David Locke, Paula Bothe, John Quigley, Chad Blanchard, Vesta Brandt, Governor Roger McCabe, Uliana Trylowsky, Richard Bothel, Dan Mikolay, Brian Schlesinger & Pat Anderson.

Note: The following members helped to make it a total of 31 new members into the club so far this year by sponsoring more than one new member:

Gerald Condon sponsored four, Randy Fluke sponsored three, Jim Rich, Roger McCabe & Paula Bothe sponsored two.

GREAT JOB TO ALL OF YOU!!! WE HAVE MORE SPONSORED MEMBERS COMING IN BEFORE THE END OF JUNE 2009.

News

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NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

EVERYDAY POSITIVE THINKING FOR THE WEEK -Who Said It?

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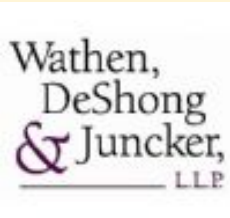
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FRIENDLY REMINDER....

"30 SOMETHING"

April 23rd - 7:30am-8:30am

Will be held at City Hall- Beaumont 911/311 hosted By Becky Ames, Mayor & Executive Director Atria Senior Living Group-Collier Park. Arranged by Paul Koester, President, Munro's Dry Cleaning

Don't miss this one!

"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

April 30th- 5:30pm until

Will be held at Madison's on Dowlen Road, Beaumont. Arranged by Dean Conwell, Executive Director of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau.

It will be lots of fun! Come see for yourself!

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ROTARY GOES HOME APRIL 19th - 25th Sunday through Saturday

President Jim Rich has asked that we start a new program called "Rotary Goes Home". The idea of the program is that Rotarians will volunteer to be host for fellow Rotarians and their spouses to be guest in their homes for a meal and fellowship.

We are planning to do this during the week of April 19 - 25. We have the host identified and now we are coordinating the guests. If you received this by email, I do not have you signed up to be a guest or a host for Rotary Goes Home.

I am sure if you sign up you will have a great time and I know the hosts will love to have you in their home. The hosts have some great ideas. While most are holding this at night, one host will have their event at lunch and one host is wanting to take guests to their farm. I am trying to match when the guest are available to when the host would like to host the event. You may have an opportunity to meet a fellow Rotarian that you did not know. The host will contact you and coordinate the event. Some are having it catered; some will do a pot -luck, etc.



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To sign up please drop me an email at hpierce@Entergy.com and let me know what day between April 19th and 25th you can be a guest in someone's home. I will also have sign- up sheets at Rotary.

Vernon Pierce
Beaumont Rotary Club

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CALL TODAY TO ADVERTISE IN THE ROTARYGRAM

All you need to do is email Quincy Bird @ qbird@bmtcoc.org or call him @ 409-838-6586. You'll need to answer a few questions about your company and then send us your business logo.

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For more information, pick up the phone and call now.

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR NEW ADS WE ARE GETTING MORE EVERYDAY! **I WAS TOLD BY THE ADVERTISING COMMITTEE THAT WE HAVE 16 SO FAR!**

THANK YOU QUINCY AND VESTA FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK!

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APRIL 24-26, 2009 BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, TX RALLY IN THE VALLEY DISTRICT 5910 CONFERENCE 2009

Fellowship

- Howdy Party at the Texas A&M Zone Club overlooking Kyle Field
- Tours to the George Bush Presidential Library Center, Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Texas A&M University, The Brazos Valley Museum, Downtown Bryan and so much more
- Activities for spouses, children and grandchildren
- Free-time Saturday afternoon to choose your own adventure

Updates

- Learn about District Level Projects
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Hear from our Ambassadorial Scholars

- **Meet our Group Study Exchange inbound and outbound teams**
- **Hear from the Youth Exchange students**
- **See some of your Club Members receive Awards**

Notables

- **Keynote speaker is Dr. Mouzon Biggs Jr., Pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church of Tulsa, OK**
- **Briefings from Rotary International President's Representative**
- **District Awards given for Presidential Citations, Paul Harris fellows and much more**
- **Special Performance by the Texas A&M Singers**

Register now. Go to <http://www.5910conference.org/> or for questions, email Bunny Pratt @ chair@5910conference.org or call her at 979-779-6697 for more information.

ALL ROTARIANS ARE INVITED INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS!

We will have a display of some of the projects our club is proud of in the "Fellowship Hall" and we will have a "Hospitality Room" Friday & Saturday night. Drinks & snacks will be served....fun, fun, fun.

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This is an invitation sent to the Rotary Club from Josmery Ramirez, Former President of Rotaract.

The Honor of Your Presence

is Requested at the

Senior Recital

of

Josmery Ramirez

Thursday, April 16, 2009

7:30 p.m.

Dishman Art Museum

Lamar University

Beaumont, Tx

"A Woman's Love & Life"

Reception to Follow

Please read this special note that Josmery emailed when she attached her invitation to the Rotary Club; In her words.....

"This recital is so much more than a performance. This is a culmination of four years of hard work, and I have poured my blood, sweat, many tears, and above all, my heart into its conception. This recital is truly a look into my own personal experiences while being here at Lamar University. As a Vocal Performance major, this recital acts as my "final exam", if you will. As an Honors Student, this is part of my Honors Thesis. Your involvement, in effect, will aid my grade! And, if that isn't enough incentive, it's the perfect relaxing getaway after a hard-day's work, so please, come and enjoy yourself! The entire program will last approximately one hour, with a short reception to follow. Please forward this invitation to anyone you feel may be interested in experiencing the performance of a lifetime! Cardinal Pride, Josmery Ramirez

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REVIEW OF MICHAEL (MIKE) HOKE

Our speaker was Michael "Mike" Hoke, Managing Director of Shangri La Botanical Garden and Nature Center, of Orange, Texas. Mike was introduced by Rotary's own Vice President of Programs Bessie Chisum. Mike stated that Shangri La is a "top of the line" Botanical Garden, made possible by the benevolence of the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation, of Orange, Texas.



Mike received the Presidential Award of Merit, from President George H. W. Bush, in 1989. The Award came with a stipend which Mike used to help support a youth program, The Nature Classroom which in turn led into the development of the Nature Center at Shangri La.

Mike stated that the Gardens & Center were submerged in 2005 by Hurricane Rita causing ecological damage. They were submerged again in 2008 by Hurricane Ike causing flooding & structural damage. Repairs from Hurricane Rita required 5 months and 7 daysthen came Ike. Fortunately, the surge was

not of the destructive salt-water variety, yet all buildings flooded.

Since the original opening, 42,570 people have visited the Center, with visitors representing every state in the Union. On May 25th - Memorial Day @ 2:00 PM, Shangri La will honor those who gave their lives for our Country.

Mike showed a presentation which highlighted the beauty and vibrancy at Shangri La. He welcomed all Rotarians to visit Shangri La with their families, and encouraged all Rotarians to become season ticket-holders.

Please visit Shangri La at their web site: <http://www.shangrilagardens.org> .