



# The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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

## Future Speakers

**Apr 8 2009**

Director Mike Hoke

*"Shangri La re-opening & sponsor pins given out"*

**Apr 15 2009**

GSE-Lee Freeland & 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

**Sponsor Pins to be given away**

**April 8th**

Apr 8 2009

**Past President - Jim Stokes**

**April 15th**

Apr 15 2009

**District Assembly April 18th**

**Liberty, Texas**

Apr 18 2009

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

### APRIL 8th MEETING



### MICHAEL W. "MIKE" HOKE

Michael W. "Mike" Hoke is Managing Director of Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center, having joined the Nelda C. and H.J. Lutcher Stark Foundation on August 1, 2002.

He is founder and director of numerous science and nature programs, including Bios, A School on Wheel, a program which for three decades provided environmental educational experiences for children throughout the U.S; DuPont Science SuperStars which provided science education programs for more than 100,000 students throughout the golden-triangle from 1995-2008; and, The Nature Classroom Program which was the preecursor of the Nature Center at Shangri La. More than 80,000 students took part in this program from 1996-2002. Michael received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching from President Bush in 1989. The funds from this award were used to start the Nature Classroom Program in turn lead into the development of the Nature Center at Shangri La. He holds advance degrees in science, education and educational supervision. For more than 30 years prior to his association with the Stark Foundation, he served as an educator, teaching Pre-K to college levels. He is married to Sandra Hoke, a retired teacher and superior Shangri La Volunteer.

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### April 8th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

**\*Invocation;** Mary Randall, Secretary/Treasurer, Jemari Enterprises,LLC

**\*Pledge;** George Perrett, VP Strategic Marketing, Mobiloil Federal Credit Union

**\*Introduction of Guest;** George Crawford, Vice President General Manager for Lamar Advertising of Beaumont

**\*Elegante Menu will be smothered chopped steak, parmesan baked chicken breast & Chef's choice of vegetables\***

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

## April 8th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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### \*\*\*\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*\*\*

**THE BOARD MET MARCH 31st AND APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

**Rudy Beeching**, Community Bank President, Wells Fargo Bank, "Finance-Banking-National", **Proposed by: Vernon Pierce**

**Luz Dayrit**, Owner, Triangle Wellness, "Business Service-Wellness Center", **Proposed by: Stephanie Williams**

**Dr. William Denman**, Owner, Complete Care Chiropractic, "Medical-Chiropractic", **Proposed by: Pat Anderson**

**Brenda Gray**, Director of Catering, MCM Elegante' Hotel, "Business-Service-Catering", **Proposed by: Donna Qualls**

**Sammy Scoggin**, Manager, Coldwell Banker Southern Homes, "Real Estate-Management", **Proposed by: Ann Scoggin**

**Dayna Simmons**, Realtor, Coldwell Banker Southern Homes, "Real Estate-Residential", **Proposed by: Ann Scoggin**

**Members have ten days to object, otherwise they will be considered elected to membership.**

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### IT'S THAT TIME TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SPONSORED A MEMBER THIS YEAR SO FAR

The following members will be recognized and given their first sponsor pin at our **April 8th meeting**. Please MARK your CALENDARS. You will have a reserved table up front. A group picture will be taken afterwards. Following are the **22** we have 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.**

**Note:** During President Jim's year, some of the above members have brought a total of **31** to the club by sponsoring more than one member. **WOW... and the year is not even over yet!**

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"30 SOMETHING"

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

Will be held at City of 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!

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"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.

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.



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Vernon Pierce  
Beaumont Rotary Club

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**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!**

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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**
- **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](mailto: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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## **YOU EMPTIED YOUR POCKETS AND MADE IT HAPPEN FOR POLIO PLUS!**

Members, you made it possible to meet our (*one month*) goal of collecting **\$3000.00** (*just by passing a jar around at four meetings*) to **eradicate polio**. For those of you that gave to **Polio Plus** and are still giving, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** You are saving lives everytime you give.

We still have (4) countries to target; Afghanistan, India, Nigeria & Pakistan. We still can't forget Bill & Melinda Gates for their generous donation of **\$100 million** in November of 2007 and recently pledged **\$255 million** to **eradicate polio**. This is the largest grant Rotary has every received. Rotary is committed to raising an additional \$100 million by June 30, 2012. **The total matching effort is called Rotary's US\$200Million Challenge**. Read all about it in the May issue of "The Rotarian" that will feature an interview with Bill Gates about his contributions to Rotary and the effort to **eradicate polio**.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**Craig Escamilla**, Executive Director, Symphony of SE TX was recognized at the April 1st meeting for earning his **BLUE BADGE**. Chad Blanchard, Chairman of Rotary University & President of Munro's Uniform Service presented it to him.

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## CONGRATULATIONS again!



**Erin Lacy**, Public Relations/Marketing, Spindletop MHMR was presented with her **MASTERS** of Rotary Science Degree from Rotary University. She just received her Bachelors 3 months ago. WOW! Chad Blanchard, Chairman of Rotary University & President of Munro's Uniform Service handed Erin her badge with a MASTERS sticker on it.  
**FANTASIC JOB ERIN!**

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## A Special Surprise for Donna Qualls!

After reading the prospective members approved by the Board, President Jim asked our Executive Director Donna Qualls to hang around the podium. He then presented her with her first Paul Harris Fellow and she received a certificate and a medallion and lapel pin.

Donna was completely surprised to have been honored in such a way and graciously accepted the award.

She wants to thank the persons involved in helping her achieve such an esteemed award.

You deserve it Donna for all that you do for the club and its members!

## Congratulations!

\*Note: This message was written by the Executive Assistant Jillian Day.

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## MEMBERS

Dr. Renee Khator, President of the University of Houston was scheduled to speak at our April 1st meeting but was not able to due to uncontrollable circumstances. She will be speaking at our club on June 3rd. Thank you.

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## PREVIEW AND REVIEW FOR MARILYN SMITH

### WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, SOUTHEAST TEXAS

During our April 1st Rotary Meeting, we were addressed by Marilyn Smith, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions of Southeast Texas. Marilyn has been a fellow Rotarian of our own Rotary Club since October of 2008. Marilyn, a graduate of Lamar University, has worked for Workforce Solutions for over 25 years. She has lived in Beaumont for 32 years and a native of Southeast Texas. Ms. Smith reported that the mission of the Southeast Texas Texans with skills and knowledge that meet the needs of employers to foster the region's economic growth.

The Board is comprised of local elected officials, representatives from private sector businesses, organized labor, community-based organizations, local government agencies, and local education agencies. Workforce Solutions has gone through a number of transformations and name changes over the years, recently separating from the Regional Planning Commission (SETRPC) and becoming its own entity in 2002 and most recently changing its name to the current "Workforce Solutions" title.

Workforce Solutions provides services through three main components: Workforce Centers, Procuring & Certifying Other Vendors and Providing Childcare for children of clients so that they can go to work. These components have played a large significant role in the recovery effort after both Hurricane Rita and Ike. In the aftermath of Rita, they assisted the surrounding communities with twenty seven million dollars in assistance, providing among other things, temporary jobs for over 900 residents. An additional \$7 million dollars was used to provide assistance after Ike.

Marylin noted the growing problem of matching qualified job applicants to available jobs in the area. She mentioned Workforce Solution's numerous training programs being implemented and coordinated in a wide variety of fields such as nursing, pipe fitting and process operating to name just a few. Marilyn also noted through her presentation and through answers to questions from the audience that there are other requirements that are being demanded of job applicants recently such as security clearance and heightened levels drug testing, making it even more difficult for many Southeast Texas residents to find work.

Marilyn also announced their Summer Youth Initiative that will serve approximately 700 youth ages 14-24 this year by placing them in jobs in both the private and public sector during the summer. Our speaker was introduced by President Jim. For more information [www.setworks.org](http://www.setworks.org).