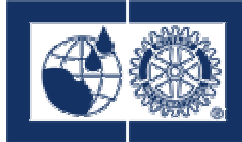


THE BEAUMONT ROTARY CLUB



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PolioPlus



Rotary International

PROGRAM PREVIEW AUGUST 13th

Dr. Max Morley accepted the District 5910 position of Chairman of the Annual Fund for 2007-2009, and has been visiting local clubs throughout the summer giving an update on PolioPlus and how each club can participate in this RI initiative.

He became a Rotarian in 1991, and in 2006-2007, he was elected president of the Nacogdoches Rotary Club. He was named Outstanding Rotarian of the Year in 2007, and he was awarded the Four Avenues of Service Award in 2008.

Max holds Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of North Texas. He came to Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches as a trumpet specialist in 1971. He later served 15 years as Programming and Development Officer in the College of Fine Arts, and he presently teaches music history and literature courses.

Max Morley grew up in Dallas. He and his wife Carolyn have two sons, both living in the Dallas area and five grand children, four girls and a boy, Max, just two years old.

Our program was arranged by Uliana Trylowsky, Beaumont Rotary's PolioPlus Chair which is a component of the International Lane, chaired by Phil Dunlap. For information on Rotary's PolioPlus "*Help eradicate polio worldwide*", <http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/RotarysWork/Pages/ridefault.aspx>



AUGUST 13th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU



***Invocation, Robert Besser, Wesley United Methodist Church *Pledge, Michael Perez, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club * Introduction of Guests, Craig Escamilla, Symphony of Southeast Texas**

Elegante Menu will be Chef's Choice

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

Just as a reminder, points are earned towards your blue badge by participating in events and any Service Projects such as helping at the Wednesday meeting and attending “30 Something Meetings”.

■ UPCOMING PROGRAMS_____

August 13 – Dr. Max Morley,
Nacogdoches Rotary 5910/RI Polio
Plus Initiative
August 20 – Texas Commissioner of
Agriculture Todd Staples
August 27 – Congressman Kevin Brady
September 3 – “Smokey Joe’s Café,” a
broadway musical theatrical revue
September 10 – Texas State University
System Chancellor Charles R.
Matthews, Austin

HAVE YOU VIEWED OUR NEW CLUB RUNNER SITE LATELY?

Little by little we are adding new information to the E-Bulletin. When you go into Club Runner view the new sites that have been added. It’s still a work in progress but should be up and running soon. Any suggestions are welcomed.

IF YOU HAVEN’T BEEN ABLE TO UPDATE YOUR PROFILE YET, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS BELOW.

Remember the first thing you will come to after logging in under www.clubrunner.ca/beaumont is “Welcome to Beaumont Rotary”.

Next, you click on the top right hand corner of the page under “login”. Then you will come to “Login name & Password”. Enter your First name (dot) last name. Then click on “Forgot your password”. The next screen will ask for your “Last Name and email address”. Then hit **SAVE**. It will then send you your temporary password. (If you have any trouble, please email or call Donna Qualls at the Rotary Office). When you receive your temporary password, login again and it will take you to the “Administration Page” where you can click on edit your profile and add all your information. Again, the most important thing you can do at this time is the “Edit my profile, Change my Password and Upload My Photo”.

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS TIME HAS CHANGED

STARTING AUGUST 13TH, OUR WEDNESDAY MEETINGS WILL START PROMPTLY AT 12:15PM.

"PAST PRESIDENT'S MINUTE" (REFLECTIONS OF DAYS-GONE-BY)

Wilton White (1986-87) August 6th

Review of Past President Wilton White History Minute from August 6th

My term as President was 1986-1987. Times were good 21 years ago and Rotary was strong. Jim Stokes who was the Executive of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce was the President before me and Larry Beaulieu was President after. Our Club had been designated as a LARGE club for about 4 years and our membership was not as stable as we wanted so we set three goals. 1. Increase membership to 400 members. 2. Have GREAT programs. 3. Enjoy fellowship with each other by giving back to the community through Projects. We did not meet the 400 goal but we did have 23 new members that became Rotarians. I asked Robert Swerdlow to be in charge of programs and we had some GREAT programs. My favorite was a talk by Rabbi Hyman. I hope some of you remember, he talked about LIFE. He was Outstanding. We wanted to continue Camp Enterprise and we had an outstanding group of young People (over 100) plus a great turnout by Rotarians. The Club took on a building Project at Schlesinger and we had 50 Rotarians Working over two weekends to complete the project. My year was the last for an all male Membership. National finally voted to allow ladies. We were quick to respond with our election of our Executive Director Margaret Cherb to become our First Female member. Looking out in the audience right now, it looks like we made a good decision. In closing you can never be sure how the weekly meetings will flow and some thing's we might like to take back. I had one of those. One meeting I opened the meeting with "WELCOME KIWANIS". Well I think everyone will always remember that, as I still have Rotarians come up to me today and ask me if I know what I am now, a Kiwanis or a Rotarian. ☺ Have a Great Week.

"ROTARIAN OF THE DAY"

Chris Ayers - Ayers Patton & Associates

August 6th

None Available

August 13th

■ **LOOKING AHEAD** _____

August 21st – "30 Something" meeting at Verlo Mattress Factory @ 7:30AM

August 28th – "Rotary after Hours" at Easy's on Calder from 5:00-6:30pm

Week of October 1st – "Rotary Goes Home" (offsite). Contact Vernon Pierce to host evening dinner in your home for club members during this week.

November 19th – "Rotary Goes to Work" (offsite). Contact John Weitzel to host club members at your workplace.

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 13TH MEETING

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Buggy Setup	Craig Escamilla
Buggy Breakdown	Randon Clark
Give meal tickets & take cash	John S. Scott
Take credit cards & give receipts	Barbara Brookner
Registration Table	Laura Bowman
Greeter (one)	Chris Ayers
Attendance/Scanner	Donna Qualls



REVIEW FROM AUGUST 6TH PROGRAM

Rotarian and County Commissioner Eddie Arnold introduced our guest speaker, Texas State Representative Joseph Deshotel, representing the 22nd Legislative District which includes part of Jefferson and Orange counties. Deshotel said that this was his third time to speak before the Rotary Club of Beaumont and he was glad to see the club had a “recycling program.” As Chairman of the Texas House Economic Development Committee in Austin, Representative Deshotel will be able to help insure that job creation as well as increased vitalization of the local technology industry of SETX does not get overlooked during the legislative process. According to Deshotel there will be several issues of great importance to SETX during the 81st Legislative session in Washington;

1. The National Foundation of Independent Business/Texas wants the small business exemption raised from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000 in gross receipts. Small business is the backbone of the society and should be properly supported.
2. Must address the poor educational system in our correctional facilities with the Texas Youth Commission (TYC). His staff is working with IEA to address this issue. He says it makes more sense to support and work on the front end rather than the back end of the system. Texas spends \$50,000 per youth after they have gotten in trouble as opposed to spending \$5,000 per youth before the trouble begins. “Most adults in the system don’t even have a GED. We are working harder toward seeking better preventive measures and we must support legislation that will change the criminal justice system that will affect juveniles.”
3. Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) – the Light House Project in Port Arthur is one program using fine money to weatherize homes in the area. When refineries are in violation of TCEQ regulations they are fined and that money goes into the state’s general fund. The state allows some of that money to be used for programs through SEP’s. The Gift of Life applied to TCEQ and was denied. Deshotel would like to see more programs like the Gift of Life take advantage of SEP funds.
4. Developing Coalition with Southwest Louisiana business development public/private sector, elected officials and Congressional delegation to convey the interest of SW Louisiana and SE Texas and Washington.

To offer feedback to Representative Deshotel, he can be contacted at jddeshotel@firstam.com.