

THE BEAUMONT ROTARY CLUB



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**Texas Department of Agriculture
TODD STAPLES, Commissioner**

INTRODUCTION

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has an outstanding record of getting things done. While serving first in the Texas House of Representatives and later as a state senator, Staples was a recognized leader on such critical issues as worker's compensation reform, private property owners' rights, natural resources, school finance and education just to name a few. The Commissioner is a native of Palestine in deep East Texas and graduated with honors in agricultural economics from Texas A & M in 1984.

As Agriculture Commissioner, he continues to pursue policies that enable economic strength, youth development, healthy lifestyles and consumer protection. He is charting a course to bring job creation to rural Texas, further the promotion of Texas products around the world, and help farmers and ranchers face tomorrow's challenges and increase profit margins through the use of new technologies and value-added processing.

The Rotary Club of Beaumont welcomes the 11th Commissioner of Agriculture, Todd Staples to our podium. The program was arranged by David Teuscher.



AUGUST 20th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU



*Invocation, **Robert Besser, Wesley United Methodist Church***Pledge, **Gillian Jenkins, Transit Mix Concrete & Materials*** Introduction of Guests, **Stephanie Williams, Stephanie Williams, P.C.**

Elegante Menu will be Chicken Rigatoni & Pork Chop Marsala Selections
August 20th meeting will be held in the BALLROOM

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”.

30-Something Fellowship



**Thursday August 21, 2008
7:30 – 8:30 am
Verlo Mattress Factory Store
5904 Eastex Freeway
Next to Toys R Us “In Beaumont”**

Come check out our brand-new state-of-the-art facility - the first store in Texas in the Verlo Mattress Factory Stores family! Eric and Phyllis Lawrence would like to invite all Rotary members to their Verlo Mattress Factory Store for our **first 30 something fellowship** of the 2009 Rotary year.

A glimpse into Verlo's past exemplifies its unique presence in today's marketplace. Verlo's Craftsman-Direct® "made-just-for-you" philosophy has stood the test of time and still means you will receive the highest value for the lowest cost. Since each store is locally owned, you will receive the personal attention and assistance in selecting just the right sleep set for you. Avoiding the 'cookie-cutter' mattresses of our competition, we make the mattresses right in our factories and sell them directly to our customers. Our skilled Craftsman works with you to discover your personal preferences and sleep support needs. **Please RSVP Paul Koester as soon as possible at pkoester@munrosinc.com.**

■ UPCOMING PROGRAMS_____

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
September 17 – Rotary 5910 District Governor Roger McCabe
September 24 – “What can YOU Do For Beaumont?”

YOU'RE PROFILE INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL!!!!!!!

SOON THE NEW ROTARY GRAM

E-BULLETIN WILL BE EMAILED DIRECTLY TO ALL MEMBERS WEEKLY. YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS IS NEEDED.

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

Charlie Wienbaum Jr.	(1983-84)	July 30 th (see review in Club Runner)
Wilton White	(1986-87)	August 6 th (see review in Club Runner)
Floyd McSpadden	(1999-00)	August 20 th
Terry Bourdier	(2005-06)	Sept 10 th



Chairman of Rotarian of the Day, Brian Schlesinger

"ROTARIAN OF THE DAY"

Chris Ayers - Ayers Patton & Associates (August 6th)

Jerry White - White Tire Supply Inc. (August 13th)

Angela Baker - Past President, Rita Recovery (August 20th)

Terry Ray - Verizon Wireless (August 27th)

DUTY ROSTER FOR AUGUST 20th MEETING

Where are the volunteers for the August 20th meeting??
Please contact Steve Lucas or John Thomasson

REQUEST FROM SPINDLETOP ROTARY

Chanez Bouzit from France will be this years Rotary Youth Exchange participate. She is flying into Houston August 17th and the Pierce Harrington family will be her host family for the first half of her visit. She will be attending West Brook High School. A request has been made for a second host family for Chanez to stay with for the remainder of her visit. She has had 5 years of English classes so she is easy to talk to. Contact Pierce Harrington with Spindletop Rotary for more information.

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■ LOOKING AHEAD _____

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.

**ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS TIME HAS CHANGED.....
OUR WEDNESDAY MEETINGS WILL START PROMPTLY AT 12:15PM.**

REVIEW FOR AUGUST 13TH PROGRAM

Our speaker today was **Dr. Max Morley**, Associate Professor of Music History and Literature at Stephen F. Austin State University, in Nacogdoches, Texas. Dr. Morley holds three degrees from North Texas State University. Dr. Morley is the Chairman of the Rotary International **Annual Fund for Polio-Plus** for District 5910 and he was introduced by our own Uliana Trylowsky, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity. Dr. Morley spoke about the extensive progress that has been made, to eradicate polio, through Rotary and Polio-Plus. As he spoke, his presentation/slides demonstrated the need to strengthen our Club, via the ***Four Pillars of Service: sustain and increase membership, implement successful service projects, support Rotary Foundation & develop leaders beyond club-level.*** “When these pillars are strengthened, we strengthen the culture of Rotary, in your club.” Rotary International has been influential in shaping public policy, worldwide. While polio is still present in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria, it has been reduced by 98% worldwide! We can all be proud of the contribution that Rotary has made. For more information on Rotary International and the effort to end polio, visit www.rotary.org.