Tuesday, December 16, 2008

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Future Speakers

Dec 24 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

Dec 31 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Jan 7 2009
Robert Pledger

Jan 28 2009
Dr. Kathryn Bommer
"Blood Drive "

Feb 4 2009
Dr. George C. Wright, President, Prairie View A&M

Upcoming Events

"Holiday Party" December 17th
Dec 17 2008

Tentative Board Meeting Dec 17th before meeting
Dec 17 2008

"Rotary After Hours" December 18th Bistro LeMonde
Dec 18 2008

"30 Something" December 18th Collision & Classics
Dec 18 2008

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DECEMBER 17th

ANNUAL ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY!

Terry Bourdier says its "Just like going to Grandma's house"....

Roasted Turkey with Cornbread Dressing, Virginia Baked Ham, Tom Turkey Gravy, Cranberry Orange Relish, Candied Sweet Taters, Homestyle Mashed Taters, Green Bean Casserole, Garden Green Salad, Holiday Relish Tray, Deviled Eggs, Punkin Pie, Pecan Pie, Chocolate Pie, Rolls & Butter, Starbucks Coffee & Tea.

Also - Coffee Cordial Station which includes cider, egg nog & liqueurs. (Maybe even better than Grandma's house).

You'll be entertained by... Toby Castro Jazz Trio

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Slide show of Rotarians as youngsters! (This alone will be worth the price of admission).

Wednesday, December 17th, MCM Elegante' 12:00 pm (Noon).
Price per seat - $30.00 - Must purchase in advance!

Pay for your meal by cash, check or credit card (MC or Visa). After December 10th, call and give credit card number over the phone or come by the Rotary Office between 8:00-5:00pm Friday.

DEADLINE is Close of Business Day December 12th.

No MEETING-December 24th-Happy Holidays
Dec 24 2008

No MEETING-December 31st-Happy New Year!
Dec 31 2008

RYLA DISTRICT 5910 January 9-11, 2009
Jan 9 2009

2009 "Rotary Large Club Conference" Oklahoma City
Feb 8 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award
Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School"
Mar 18 2009

Lone Star P.E.T.S March 27-29th 2009
Mar 27 2009

District 5910 Conference "2009"
Apr 24 2009

2009 "RI Convention" Birmingham, England, UK
Jun 21 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

Sponsor Pins beginning in December

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DECEMBER 17th

(NO HEAD TABLE-Members will be called to the microphone)

* Invocation; Floyd McSpaddin, Partner, Benkenstein, Norvell & Nathan L.L.P

* Pledge; Laura Bowman Director of Vocational Service St. Giles Work Source & Day Activity Center

Elegante Menu (SEE ABOVE)

DECEMBER 17th HOLIDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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DON'T FORGET

"30 SOMETHING"

December 18th @ 7:30am

Collision and Classics, 550 IH-10 South with Gerald Condon, President

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"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

December 18th @ 5:30pm until

Bistro LeMonde

3199 Dowlen

with Dean Conwell, Director of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Center

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ERIN LACY

GREAT JOB!

AT THE DECEMBER 10th MEETING, ERIN WAS PRESENTED A DIPLOMA FROM ROTARY UNIVERSITY AND WAS HANDED A BLUE BADGE TO REPLACE HER RED ONE BY CHAIRMAN CHAD BLANCHARD OF ROTARY UNIVERSITY. SHE IS THE FIRST IN OUR CLUB TO RECEIVE HER BACHELOR OF ROTARY SCIENCE DEGREE FOR COMPLETION OF REQUIRED STUDY.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Following were the Board Nominees: Cindy Westfall, George Pate, Charles Regenbrecht & Richard Bothel

Club Foundation Trustee

S.L. Greenberg

Following were the Trustee Nominees: Paul Skinner & Steve Grantham

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

The Paul Harris Fellowship is named after Paul Harris, who founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for a contribution US$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of The Rotary Foundation. Those programs include an array of projects that save and invigorate the lives around the world and enhance international friendship and understanding. Foundation programs provide educational opportunities, food, potable water, healthcare, immunizations, and shelter for millions of persons. These activities are funded, implemented and managed by Rotarians and Rotary Clubs around the globe. Rotarians also designate a Paul Harris Fellow to recognize another person whose life demonstrates a shared purpose with the objectives and mission of The Rotary Foundation to build world understanding and peace.

For as little as $87.00/month you too can become a Paul Harris Fellow.

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Any events happening in the lives of our Rotary Club members, whether it be happy or sad, where a Congratulations or Sympathy is needed contact our Chairperson Karen Weller at 409-782-0374.

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This is the website link to the NEW ClubRunner Website: www.clubrunner.ca/beaumont. Once we finish the new website, we will no longer have the old one. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE NEW WEBSITE.

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SPONSOR PINS

All club members who have sponsored a new member since July 1, 2008 will be awarded a Sponsor pin starting in January 2009.

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Program Review of Barbara Best

December 10, 2008

Barbara Best, a Duke University magna cum laude graduate, demonstrated why she has been profiled as one of 20 international advocates, and the only American, by the World Health Organization as part of the "Voices from the Frontline" web series on international efforts to improve access to health care.

Ms. Best, who serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Children's Defense Fund based in Houston, works to ensure access to affordable health coverage for every Texas child. She stated that Texas has the highest rate of uninsured children, (1.5 Million), in the United States. Even more informative was that the reason for that high number is that 90% of the parents are employed but either can not afford the employer sponsored plans or the employer does not provide a plan.

The cases she presented of children who have suffered because they had no insurance were very compelling. The most disappointing of them was where a child died from cancer, though his mother, who had been approved for Medicaid, had applied with CHIP (Children Health Insurance Program) but did receive an approval. It seems the paperwork was lost in the system because of what Ms. Best feels was caused by the biggest problem for the CHIP, Red Tape. Even incomplete forms could cause costly delays in having an application approved.

> The presentation included documented statistics on why it would be more cost effective, in Texas, for uninsured children to receive preventative treatments through the CHIP program than to have to receive emergency care.
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> Regina Rogers, board member of CDF of Texas, introduced our speaker. For more information on the Texas Children's Defense Fund: http://www.cdftexas.org/ .