



# The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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## Future Speakers

**Feb 4 2009**

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

**Feb 11 2009**

Beaumont Mayor, The  
Honorable Becky Ames  
*"And a Memorial Resolution for  
Maurine Gray"*

**Feb 18 2009**

Paula O'Neal  
*"Vocational Excellence Awards/  
Sponsor Pins"*

**Mar 4 2009**

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethic  
Award  
*"H. Stephen Grace, Jr. "*

## Upcoming Events

**Give Blood. Save Lives. Feb 4th  
& 25th**

Feb 4 2009

**2009 "Rotary Large Club  
Conference" Oklahoma City**

Feb 8 2009

**Presidents Day February 16th -  
FLAG PROJECT**

Feb 16 2009

**Sponsor Pins to be given at the  
Feb 18th meeting**

Feb 18 2009

**Vocational Excellence Awards  
Feb 18th**

Feb 18 2009

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## PREVIEW OF

### Dr. George C. Wright

**President Prairie View A&M University**



Dr. George C. Wright, noted African-American scholar, is the President of Prairie View A&M University, the second oldest public institution of higher education in Texas. Offering baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees through nine colleges and schools, Dr. Wright now lead the 130-year old HBCU with an established reputation for producing thousands of African American engineers, nurses and educators. A member of the Texas A&M University System, the University is dedicated to fulfilling its land-grant mission of achieving excellence in teaching, research and service. A native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Wright received his bachelor's and master's degrees in history from the University of Kentucky and his doctorate in history from Duke University. In 2004, Dr. Wright was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters from the University of Kentucky. His teaching experience began in 1977 as an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky. In 1980, he began teaching at the University of Texas at Austin where he would eventually become a full professor and the holder of the Mastin Gentry White Professorship of Southern History. After his first year at UT, he was voted one of the 10 best faculty every year on the annual list of the 10 Best and 10 Worst of 5,000 faculty. He received the top teaching award in both the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, the Jean Holloway Award for teaching Excellence, and the top teaching award for the entire university, Lillian and Tom B. Rhodes Centennial Teaching Fellow, which garnered a \$10,000 prize. In 1993, he joined the faculty at Duke University as vice provost for undergraduate programs, director of the Afro-American studies program and held the William R. Kenan, Jr., Chair in American history. Since 1986, Dr. Wright has held a number of administrative positions and prior to joining the Prairie View A&M University family, Dr. Wright was Provost and Executive Vice-President for academic affairs at the University of Texas at Arlington. To his credit, Dr. Wright has authored three books on race relations and numerous scholarly publications and been the recipient of numerous fellowships, grants and awards. The Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellowship earned him a year at Harvard University to conduct research. Active in his community, Dr. Wright has served on numerous civic boards and is a current member of the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board. He is married to Valerie Ellison Wright, a journalist and together they had two children, Rebecca Ellison Wright, who passed away in March, 2004, and Benjamin, who is a freshman at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

<b>"30 Something" February 19, 2009 - TBA</b> Feb 19 2009
<b>Board Meeting February 24, 2009</b> Feb 24 2009
<b>Give Blood. Save Lives. February 25th</b> Feb 25 2009
<b>Rotary After Hours - Suga's 2-26-09</b> Feb 26 2009
<b>Scholarship Application deadline March 1 2009</b> Mar 1 2009
<b>T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award</b> Mar 4 2009
<b>Introduce By-Laws to Members March 11, 2009</b> Mar 11 2009
<b>Rotary "Goes To School"</b> Mar 18 2009
<b>Lone Star P.E.T.S March 27-29th 2009</b> Mar 27 2009
<b>District 5910 Conference "2009"</b> Apr 24 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>Perfect Attendance Pins before July 09</b> Jun 3 2009
<b>Flag Day June 14th - FLAG PROJECT</b> Jun 14 2009
<b>2009 "RI Convention" Birmingham, England, UK</b> Jun 21 2009
<b>Independence Day July 4 - FLAG PROJECT</b> Jul 4 2009
<b>Patriots Day September 11th</b> Sep 11 2009
<b>Veterans Day November 11th</b> Nov 11 2009

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**FEBRUARY 4th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU**

- \*Invocation ; **Michael Perez**, Executive Director, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club
- \*Pledge ; **Erin Lacy**, Public Relations/Marketing Administrator, Spindletop MHMR
- \*Introduction of Guest ; **Uliana Trylowsky**, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

**\*Elegante Menu will be Chef's choice\***

**FEBRUARY 4th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM**

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS  
INDOCTRINATED AT OUR JANUARY 28, 2009 MEETING**



- Slate Babineaux**, Vice President, Air Comfort Inc., "Air-Conditioning-Commercial", **Proposed by: Gerald Condon**
- Cindy Bloodsworth**, Executive Director, Dispute Resolution Center of Jefferson County, "Government-County-Mediation", **Proposed by: Lee Freeland**
- Hsing-Wei Chu**, Department Chair, Mechanical Engineering Lamar University, "Education-University-Engineering", **Proposed by: Randy Fluke**
- Tom Elliott**, Director of Communication & Organizational Development Brock Services, LTD., "Industrial Contractors-Maintenance", **Proposed by: John Thomasson**
- James Grant**, Director of Development, UBI Caritas Community Clinic & Health Center, "Associations: UBI-Caritas", **Proposed by: Gerald Condon**
- Raymond Troy**, Resident Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Agency, "U.S. Government-Drug Enforcement", **Proposed by: Dan Mikolay**
- Aarin Chatagnier**, Development Coordinator, Lamar University, "Education-University-University Development", **Proposed by: James (Buz) Brown**
- Frank Fuller**, Rector, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, "Religion-Episcopal", **Proposed by: Karen Weller**
- Melissa Hurd**, Development Coordinator Sr., Lamar University Foundation, "Education-University Development", **Proposed by: John Quigley**
- Christopher Plaunty**, Realtor, Remax-Beaumont, "Real Estate-Internet Marketing", **Proposed by: Uliana Trylowsky**
- Lacey Withers**, Branch Manager, Quantum Employment Services, "Business Service-Employment", **Proposed by: Brian Schlesinger**

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

**THE BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING JANUARY 27, 2009 & WAS ANNOUNCED AT OUR JANUARY 28th meeting:**

**Aaron Brunson**, Operations Manager, Centerpoint Energy, "Public Utilities-Natural Gas", **Proposed by: Vernon Pierce**

**Taryn Hebert**, Realtor, Remax-Beaumont, "Real Estate-Home Sales", **Proposed by: Gerald Condon**

**Sharon McCabe**, Retired, LMSW, Licensed Master of Social Work, "Services-Volunteer", **Proposed by: Rober McCabe**

**Resignations received with regret:** Twila Baker, Bill Benning, Gerald Flatten, Tom Jordan, Jack Koch, Barbara Metzinger, Linda Moore, Jerry Nathan, Janice Trammell & H.F. Weatherly

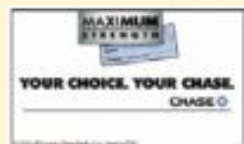
**Leave of Absence:** Paula Nichols, Executive Director, Lamar University

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**GIVE BLOOD. SAVE LIVES.**

**REMINDER.....FEBRUARY 4th.....THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE SIGNED UP FOR:**

10:30am	10:45am	11:00am	11:15am	11:30am
Gerald Condon Clayton	James Grant	John Weitzel	????????	Michael
Donna Qualls	Carole Reeves	Terry Ray	????????	George Pate
Jillian Day Williams	Karen Weller	??????????	????????	Patty
Jim Rich Bothel	Slate Babineaux	??????????	????????	Richard
1:15pm	1:30pm	1:45pm	2:00pm	
????????	Thomas Williams	????????	????????	
Chris Ayers	Cindy Bloodsworth	????????	????????	
Doug Conner	Phil Dunlap	????????	????????	
Lois Cornwell	????????	????????	??????	



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WE HAVE **16 SPOTS LEFT TO FILL FOR FEBRUARY 4TH**

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF **(9) SIGNED UP TO GIVE BLOOD ON FEBRUARY 25TH.** Travis Brewer, Van Greer, David Gaultney, Mary Ellen Robertson, Bruce Hoffer, Floiran Estrada, Roger McCabe, Larry Beaulieu & Cindy Westfall **GREAT!**

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**ROTARY "AFTER HOURS"**

**WAS JANUARY 29TH**

**D'VINE WINE ON PHELAN IN BEAUMONT**

It was a record turnout (29). A BIG THANK YOU TO Carolyn Oliver, owner of D'Vine Wine for hosting this event. She did an OUTSTANDING job. Everyone had a great time, wine tasting, having lots of fellowship, fun, wine tasting, fellowship, fun, wine tasting, and lots of FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

The following Rotarians, spouses & friends attended; Jim Rich, Donna Qualls, Carolyn & Dale Oliver, Kim & David Tompkins, Karen Weller, Lacey Withers, Gene Arnold, Chad Blanchard, Fred & Barbara Kristiansen, Tom Elliott, Roger & Sharon McCabe, John Weitzel, Cy Jenkins, James Grant, Bruce Hoffer, Phil Dunlap, Cindy Bloodsworth, Patty Thompson, Kathryn Walker, Jennifer Nguyen, Gary Underwood, Paul & Connie Szuch, Sharen Kirksey & Leonard Junker.

A BIG THANK YOU TO DEAN CONWELL, DIRECTOR OF CITY OF BEAUMONT CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU FOR MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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**VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

TO BE GIVEN OUT TO ROTARIANS OR NON-ROTARIANS ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009

**DEADLINE TO TURN IN NOMINATION FORM IS FEBRUARY 12th**

Paula O'Neal, Chairperson says on February 18th the Beaumont Rotary Club will recognize those who have exhibited Vocational Excellence in their chosen profession. Nomination forms for those to be honored first appeared on the lunch tables at the January 7th meeting. Please be thinking of those you come in contact with in your daily living that enhance your lives by the services they render. This is an excellent way to say "thank you" to those who serve us on a regular basis....We look forward to getting your nominations....thank you from the Vocational Excellence committee. Please contact Paula O'Neal at 832-7976 or email her at <mailto:paulaoneal1@sbcglobal.net>

Note: the Vocational Excellence forms will continue to be on the lunch tables up until February 11th.

**HURRY MEMBERS, TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

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**A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS**

**WHO USE THEIR VALUABLE TIME TO HELP ROTARY WHENEVER  
ASKED**

**WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT U**

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**PAUL HARRIS FELLOW**

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

**ANYONE THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED AT LEAST \$1000 TOWARDS  
A PHF WILL BE ANNOUNCED BEFORE OUR JULY 2009  
MEETING**

**MAKE YOUR DONATIONS NOW TO ROTARY FOUNDATION. MAIL  
CONTRIBUTION TO THE ROTARY OFFICE**

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.

**DON'T FORGET, THIS IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

**CALL PHIL DUNLAP, OUR LANE CHAIR OR JOHN NEWHOUSE,  
OUR CHAIRMAN OR THE ROTARY OFFICE TO FIND OUT HOW  
CLOSE YOU ARE TO GETTING A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW. HAVE  
YOU CHECKED LATELY? YOU MAY BE CLOSER THAN YOU  
THINK!**

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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.**

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

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

## NEW INFORMATION

MEMBERS: IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE GETTING INTO CLUBRUNNER TRY THIS...

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## PLEASE READ BELOW - VERY IMPORTANT

**NOTE:** THE ROTARY OFFICE WILL BE CALLING ALL MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR PROFILE. OUR GOAL IS TO GET ALL INFORMATION NEEDED BY END OF JANUARY AND HAVE EACH OF YOU A MEMBERSHIP ROSTER BY FEBRUARY 2009

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT ANY CHANGES NEEDED, WILL NEED TO BE CHANGED IN "EDIT MY PROFILE" BY YOU.**

**ANY CHANGES PERTAINING TO YOU CHANGING BUSINESSES NEEDS TO BE CALLED INTO THE ROTARY OFFICE ASAP SO THE CLASSIFICATIONS COMMITTEE CAN ASSIGN YOU A NEW CLASSIFICATION AND WE CAN CHANGE YOUR BADGE AND ADJUST OUR RECORDKEEPING.**

**HAVE YOU READ THE "HOME PAGE" LATELY??**

## SPONSOR PINS

**All club members who have sponsored a new member since July 1, 2008 will be awarded a Sponsor pin starting in February 18, 2009.**

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## Review for Speaker

### January 28, 2009



Our speaker was **Dr. Kathryn Beth Bommer**. Dr. Bommer is the Medical Director of Laboratory Services, for CHRISTUS St.Elizabeth and St.Mary Hospitals. Dr. Bommer was introduced by our own Terry Bourdier. Dr. Bommer joined the team at Christus in 1995, and is the Director of the local Christus Blood Bank.

In her presentation entitled "Giving the Gift of Life", Dr. Bommer stated that blood is broken down into four categories:

- Red blood cells
- Platelets
- White blood cells (Leukocytes)
- Plasma

Blood-banking began after World War I, pioneered by Dr. Karl Landsteiner (1868-1943). Blood banks are first responsible for **keeping blood safe**. The process is two-fold:

1) Screening the donor which includes:

- risk factors
- medical history
- behavior
- travel

2) Testing the donor

- HIV
- HCV (hepatitis C)
- HBV (hepatitis B)
- syphilis , other

Dr. Bommer described the Christus Transfusion Process:

- blood retyped
- patients' blood type & screened
- compatible units screened
- patient-donor cross matched
- patient is transfused

Blood usage at Christus, for 2008 was 14,129 units:

- 30% trauma
- 30% oncology
- 30% surgery
- 10% other

Older donors are not being replaced fast enough. Every one of you, in Rotary, can make a **real** difference, for patients and their families.

Please sign up, to become a donor before or after Club Meetings on February 4th or

February 25th.

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