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Future Speakers

Jan 21 2009
Marlee Kingsley
"Ambassadorial Scholar 2008-2009 (Australia)"

Jan 28 2009
Dr. Kathryn Bommer
"Lone Star Challenge Blood Drive "

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

Feb 11 2009
Bmt. Mayor, The Honorable Becky Ames
"Memorial Resolution for Maurine Gray"

Feb 18 2009
Paula O'Neal
"Vocational Excellence Awards/ Sponsor Pins"

Upcoming Events

Cindy Cherry, Rotary University Diploma Jan 21st
Jan 21 2009

Bd Meeting at Neches Rm on Crockett Jan 27th- noon
Jan 27 2009

Rotary "After Hours - D'Vine Wine Jan 29th
Jan 29 2009

Give Blood. Save Lives. Feb 4th & 25th
Feb 4 2009

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

Presidents Day February 16th
Feb 16 2009

Vocational Excellence Awards Feb 18th
Feb 18 2009

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Preview Marlee Kingsley

Ambassadorial Scholar for District 5910

Marlee Kingsley is a former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Beaumont Texas. She was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Beaumont-Spindletop and hosted by the Rotary Club of Ginninderra in District 9710. Marlee graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. She recently completed a postgraduate diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language from the University of Canberra. As exemplified by her trips to Quebec, Central and South America, Australia and New Zealand, Marlee loves to travel, experience new cultures, and learn languages. In her presentation, she will discuss her year as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Australia.

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JANUARY 21st

HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

*Invocation ; Lee Freeland, Sergeant at Arms

*Pledge ; Patty Williams, Public Relations, Communities in Schools Resource Development

*Introduction of Guest ; Karen Weller, Sunshine Committee

Elegante Menu will be Chef's choice

JANUARY 21st MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

Sponsor Pins to be given at the Feb 18th meeting
Feb 18 2009

Scholarship Application deadline March 1 2009
Mar 1 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

Memorial Day May 25th
May 25 2009

PHF's to be given away before July 09
May 27 2009

Perfect Attendance Pins before July 09
Jun 3 2009

Flag Day June 14th
Jun 14 2009

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

Independence Day July 4
Jul 4 2009

Patriots Day September 11th
Sep 11 2009

Veterans Day November 11th
Nov 11 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

EVERYDAY POSITIVE THINKING FOR THE WEEK - Who Said It?

Sponsor Pins beginning in January 2009

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REVIEW OF "30 SOMETHING"

January 15th

held at LIT @ MPC (MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER) ON EAST LAVACA & UNIVERSITY DRIVE

Members had a lot of fun touring Lamar Institute of Technology with our Rotary host Paul Szuch, President of LIT. He told interesting facts about one of the best educational jewels we have in our community.

Did you know?: Lamar Institute of Technology traces its roots to March 8, 1923, when the South Park School District in Beaumont authorized its superintendent to proceed with plans to open "a junior college of the first class." On September 17th, South Park Junior College opened with 125 students and a faculty of 14. Located on the third floor of the South Park High School building, the college shared the library and athletic facilities with the high school. In 1932 separate facilities were provided and the name of the institution was changed to Lamar College, to honor Mirabeau B. Lamar, second President of the Republic of Texas and the "Father of Education" in Texas.

The following members attended: Paul Koester, Albert Smith, Michael Perez, Jim Rich, Dan Mikolay, Robert Besser, Ken Arola, Kim Tompkins & Pat Anderson

A BIG THANKS TO PAUL KOESTER, GENERAL MANAGER OF MUNRO'S DRY CLEANING FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

ROTARY "AFTER HOURS"

COMING UP

JANUARY 29TH AT 5:30PM UNTIL

D'VINE WINE ON PHELAN IN BEAUMONT

CAROLYN OLIVER, OWNER OF D'VINE WINE WILL BE HOSTING. ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY DEAN CONWELL, DIRECTOR OF CITY OF BEAUMONT CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

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GIVE BLOOD & SAVE LIVES

The LifeShare Blood Center of Beaumont is hosting a blood drive at the MCM Elegante Hotel February 4th and February 25th. Show your support by signing up to give blood.

Donations begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. It takes about 30 minutes for each member, so be sure to make time to donate!

Contact Ivy Pate, Chairperson at 899-7593 or email her @ ivy.pate@christushealth.org for additional information call the Rotary office. There will be a sign up sheet starting January 14th right outside the Ballroom. You will be able to sign up until February 4th.

UPDATE FROM JANUARY 14th MEETING:

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF **13 SIGNED UP TO** GIVE BLOOD ON **FEBRUARY 4TH.** **WOW!!!!!**

Gerald Condon, Donna Qualls, Jillian Day, Jim Rich, James Grant, Carole Reeves, Karen Weller, John Weitzel, Michael Clayton, Larry Beaulieu, Chris Ayers, Doug Conner & Lois Cornwell

WE HAVE A TOTAL OF **4 SIGNED UP** TO GIVE BLOOD ON **FEBRUARY 25TH**. **GREAT!!!!**

Mary Ellen Robertson, Bruce Hoffer, Floiran Estrada & Cindy Westfall

WE HAVE 23 OPENINGS LEFT FOR FEBRUARY 4th.

WE HAVE 32 OPENINGS LEFT FOR FEBRUARY 25th.

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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 paulaoneal1@sbcglobal.net

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

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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 09 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

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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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ATTENTION MEMBERS

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.

NEW INFORMATION

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

1. CLICK ON LOGIN
2. CLICK ON FORGOT YOUR PASSWORD
3. CLUBRUNNER WILL EMAIL YOU STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS.

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.

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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PROGRAM REVIEW - JANUARY 7th
ROBERT PLEDGER

Rotarian Ryan Smith, Executive Director Texas Energy Museum introduced guest speaker Robert Pledger, co-founder and former president of Benchmark Oil & Gas.

Mr. Pledger received his Bachelor of Science in Geology from Lamar Univ. in 1969 and his Masters of Business Administration from the University of Dallas in 1973. He is experienced in all forms of oil and gas including Capitalization, Operations and Prospect Generation. He is a certified Geologist (No. 3357) in the state of Texas and by numerous professional organizations. He is a member of the board of trustees and chairman of the Department of Space and Earth Sciences at Lamar University.

Having grown up in Beaumont Mr. Pledger said that it was great coming back and seeing so many old friends again.

THE THREE MAIN ISSUES FACING SOUTHEAST TEXAS AS IT PERTAINS TO THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY ACCORDING TO MR. PLEDGER ARE:

1. Price volatility will cause lack of capital to be devoted to business.
2. Failure to use proper application of technology will allow it to be shoved to the wayside and available resource reserves will never be exploited.

3. The upper Texas Gulf Coast (RRC District 3) infrastructure needs to be modernized. Eighty percent of the population working in the Oil and Gas Industry is graying, (many are at or past retirement age). There is a shortage of good, young people coming into the industry. He suggested that if any Rotarian knew of a young college student interested in this field to pursue it to the fullest.

Last year there were 1824 drilling rigs in the onshore Gulf of Mexico. Today that number has dropped to 1524 rigs. As prices go down, drilling slows down and independent companies pull back. Ultimately employment in the Oil and Gas industry will suffer.

The amount of oil being recovered from existing fields represents about 1/3 of the oil reserves in place. Low oil prices will cause these to not be recovered.

Sixty percent of oil is consumed by ten percent of the population worldwide. In China, 2 barrels of oil are used per person per year. Each person in the U.S. consumes 24 barrels per year.

Mr. Pledger said that he has tried for the past 20 years to get Washington to in act a comprehensive Oil and Gas policy and said that few on Capital Hill seem to care until the country is in a shortage mode as it has been recently and then panic sets in.

He said we do have an energy crisis on our hands right now and we will continue to see oil shocks (spikes in prices) over and over in the worldwide industry. He expressed concern that it is very difficult trying to get good worldwide data as some countries opt to give the U.S. the data they want us to have, not necessarily the correct data.

He agrees that we must look at alternative sources of energy but that there will always be a demand for Oil and Gas as it is used in medicine, rubber, synthetic fibers and many other products.

His work continues on future projects at Lamar's Earth & Space Department with Jim Jordan.

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PROGRAM REVIEW FOR - JANUARY 14th

The Honorable Al Price Commemorates

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Over the course of his career, Al Price has served his community at the local, state, national and international levels. However, his roots have always been firmly planted in Southeast Texas. A 1946 graduate of Hebert High School in Beaumont, he graduated with honors from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was a school mate of Martin Luther King, Jr. Our speaker enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1951, completed Officer's Candidate School and served in the Strategic Air Command as a B-47 pilot. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1963, having attained the rank of Captain.

Returning to Beaumont in the early '60's, Mr. Price became involved in the political and civic life of the community. He made 3 unsuccessful attempts to be elected to represent the people of Jefferson County in the Texas House of Representatives. Twelve years later in 1976, Price was successful, after the Court case which resulted in Court-mandated Single-Member Districts for the Texas Legislature. He subsequently served 11 terms in the Texas House of Representatives. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter appointed Texas State Representative Price to the official U. S. Delegation attending the Independence Day Ceremonies in Zimbabwe.

Al Price was hired by American Airlines in 1966 and immediately was able to utilize his Certification as Navigator to ferry military equipment to Vietnam. During his career, he was stationed in Chicago, New York and Dallas, flew the Boeing 707, 727, 767 airplanes extensively in the Far East, Europe and the Caribbean and retired from American in 1990.

In 1992, Mr. Price founded the Southeast Texas Save-Our-Sons (SOS) Association, Inc. to work with "at risk" students, incarcerated persons, ex-offenders and their families. In recognition of this work in this area, the Texas State Juvenile Correctional Facility located in Jefferson County was re-named the Al Price State Juvenile Correctional Facility in 2001.

Currently, Mr. Price is chairman of the board of the Southeast Texas Community Development Corporation, Inc. (SETCDC), a community-based organization founded by Mr. Price in 1993. The mission is to empower low-to-moderate income families to achieve a better quality of life. SETCDC has rehabilitated approximately 30 homes, built over 80 new homes and constructed 19 units of multi-family housing. He is the proud father of Anita, a graduate of Harvard, and Jamie, a Rice University and Howard University School of Law (Washington, DC) graduate and his three grandchildren. **Rotary member General Marvin Brailsford (US Army Ret)** introduced our speaker.