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## **PROGRAM PREVIEW JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>**

### **INTRODUCING OUR NEW PRESIDENT FOR “2008-2009” CONGRATULATIONS JIM!**

#### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**



**Jim Rich  
President**

It is an honor to serve as the President of the Rotary Club of Beaumont for the 2008-2009 program year. I am a second generation Rotarian who joined shortly after the death of my Father in 1996. He was a role model who served as the President of his club in Windber, Pennsylvania when I was a youngster. I know he is looking down from heaven with pride and my vow to him and to my fellow Rotarians is to lead the Beaumont Club to the very best of my abilities. I am assisted by a very capable Executive Director, Donna Qualls, Officers and Board of Directors, and thirty-eight committee chairs. We have the strength of 300-members and 95-years of tradition. We are not afraid to make changes at a time of great change in our society. We have embraced technology, promise meaningful and entertaining weekly programs, inspiring local and international service projects, and fun for our members. This year’s theme “Make Dreams Real” will be embodied in the things we think, say and do. Join us for a weekly meeting and get to know what it means to be a ROTARIAN.

#### **JIM’S BOARD MEMBERS FOR “2008 – 2009”**

##### **OFFICERS**

**Jim Rich (PRESIDENT), Kevin Roy (PRESIDENT-ELECT), Angela Baker (IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT), Gerald Condon (ADVISOR), Bessie Chisum (VICE PRESIDENT), Van Greer (SECRETARY), Stephanie Williams (TREASURER), Lee Freeland (SERGEANT-AT-ARMS)**

##### **DIRECTORS**

**Pat Anderson, Chad Blanchard, Vesta Brandt, Buz Brown, Phil Dunlap, Joe Fisher, David Locke, Vernon Pierce, Brian Schlesinger, Uliana Trylowsky**

## **JULY 9TH HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU**

\* Invocation, **Pat Anderson, Becker Printing** \*Pledge, **Vesta Brandt, Clear Channel Communications**

\*Introduction of Guests, **David Locke, MidSouth Bank**

\*Elegante Menu will be **Southern** food selections\*

### **Amelia Little League Project**

Dan Mikolay is chairing the first service project on July 19. We are partnering with Lyondell Chemical Company to complete a scope of work at the Amelia Little League fields; the work begins at 6:00am and is open to families. Sign ups for volunteers will continue through the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. **Shirt sizes are needed when you sign up.**

### **ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS**

**Just as a reminder, points are earned towards your blue badge by participating in events such as the Amelia Little League Project and any other Service Projects**

#### **■ UPCOMING PROGRAMS\_\_\_\_\_**

**July 9** – New Presidents Installation and Induction of Board Members  
**July 16** – New Lamar Football Coach Ray Woodard introduced by Billy Tubbs  
**July 23** – Running Rotary University & Marvin Dunnam’s Memorial Resolution  
**July 30** – The Plant Doctor, Dr. Dennis Franklin  
**August 6** – OPEN

## ■ PROGRAM REVIEW JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>

This was no ordinary Rotary program. Swan Song? More like For Whom the Bell Told as outgoing president **Angela Baker** rang the Rotary Bell for the last time. **Terry Bourdier** told **Angela**, “there’s no Swan Song because you went one week beyond your reign – As **Terry** lamented over all **Angela** would be giving up, the board members proceeded to dismantle the head table, down to the last chair. Past president **Harland Merriam** and several board members broke into song to the tune of You Are My Sunshine... “53 weeks and its over, you raised our dues, raised the price of lunch, and got rid of staff, it’s time to go....”so please take our Angela away.” **Terry Bourdier** worked the crowd and received comments like: incoming presidents always call on past presidents for advice; **Gerald Condon** said he didn’t mind the calls until they became regular weekly occurrence. **Twila Baker** gave **Angela** a “special medallion, **Jerry White** said **Angela** was notorious for closing the most meetings without asking for questions. **Kevin Roy** remembers **Angela** drilling him each week on who exactly was going to be the next guest speaker. Not to be outdone by the “Sunshine “ boys – **Gerald Flatten** and the Flattenhaus band moved the crowd with an original song penned by **Gerald** reminding **Angela** of all the changes that had occurred during her year as president. They closed the song with this lasting phrase – “After you leave us in care of **Jim Rich**, we’ll remember you as that...Rotary NICE GIRL.” Incoming President, **Jim Rich** looked back on **Angela’s** year as one of transformation. She helped resolve important issues and made the club stronger. “You are loved and respected Angela and we thank you for being a great leader.” A bouquet of red roses, past president’s badge and pin along with a watch were given to Angela by **Donna Qualls** and **Jim Rich**. In describing the past year as president, **Angela** said she could only think of it in terms of the letter C - *controversy, change, conflict & communication*. “I had no idea it would be that way but those issues made us look at who we are as Rotarians.” She applauded the group for their volunteering spirit and service beyond self, beyond Beaumont, and beyond the USA. **Angela’s** last official act was to pass the gavel and pin to **Jim Rich** as Incoming-President.

