



The Beaumont Rotary Club

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Future Speakers

Jun 10 2009

George Swift-President & CEO

"Strengthening Business & Retention in LA"

Jun 17 2009

President Jim Rich

"Member Recognition Day "

Jun 24 2009

Paula Bothe

"President Jim's Swan Song"

Upcoming Events

Rotary University Awards given out on 6-10-09

Jun 10 2009

New Paul Harris Fellows 6-10-09

Jun 10 2009

**Rotarian of the Day 6-10-08
John Thomasson**

Jun 10 2009

Flag Day 6-14-09 - FLAG PROJECT

Jun 14 2009

Perfect Attendance Pins to be given 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

Paul Harris Fellows; Sapphires & Rubys 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

Indoctrination 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

New Spirit of Rotary Award 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

JUNE 10, 2009



Welcome to George Swift, recently named as one of Ten People who made a difference in economic development in southern states!

Our speaker, George Swift, along with Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, and Louisiana Economic Development Secretary Stephen Moret, has just been named as one of Ten People who made a difference in Southern economic development by Southern Business Development Magazine.

George is President/CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance based in Lake Charles. The Alliance is the umbrella organization of the Chamber/SWLA, the SWLA Alliance Foundation and the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development. George worked to consolidate the Chamber and public and private economic development organizations into one regional organization which represents five parishes (or counties) in Southwest Louisiana: Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes.

He spent over 30 years in sales, marketing and management in the radio broadcasting industry before entering the economic development field. He has served as a community volunteer and was chairman of the boards for several organizations including the Chamber SWLA, Chennault Industrial Airpark, and United Way of SWLA.

George on behalf of Southwest Louisiana has worked in recent years since "Katrina" and "Rita" with Southeast Texas leaders to build a coalition to represent our mutual interests, particularly on federal issues like the Sabine Neches Waterways and Disaster Recovery. As Jim Rich, president of Greater Beaumont Chamber explains: "We have planned

Members to be recognized with Certificates 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

4 Way Test Plaques to be given out 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

Outgoing Officers/Directors recognized 6-17-09

Jun 17 2009

Recognition of RotaryGram advertisers Jun 17th

Jun 17 2009

"30 Something" 6-18-09 Hotel Bmt 7:30-8:30am

Jun 18 2009

2009 "RI Conv." Birmingham, Eng. 6-21 through 6-24

Jun 21 2009

Board Meeting 6-23 @ Beaumont Country Club at 4 PM

Jun 23 2009

Rotary after Hrs. 6-25 Tradewinds Tavern Elegante

Jun 25 2009

Independence Day 7-04-09 - FLAG PROJECT

Jul 4 2009

Patriots Day 9-11-09 FLAG PROJECT

Sep 11 2009

Veterans Day 11-11-09 FLAG PROJECT

Nov 11 2009

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NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

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our trips to Washington together for three years. We have hosted located elected officials from both sides to get better acquainted and identify areas of cooperation. By working together, we have been able to maximize contacts and present unified messages."

A delegation from Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, including George Swift and Jim Rich, recently attended the National Small Business Summit in Washington, sponsored by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce. Being in the nation's capital presented the opportunity for the delegation to have sessions with local Texas Congressmen Poe and Brady, and Louisiana Congressman Boustany (LA) as well as Senators Cornyn (TX), Vitter (LA), and Landrieu (LA).

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June 10th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

***Invocation**; Jim Fuller, Senior Pastor, Calder Baptist Church

***Pledge**; Aaron Brunson, Operations Manager, Centerpoint Entergy

***Introduction of Guest**; Uliana Trylowsky, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity

Elegante Menu will be meatloaf, honey baked chicken & Chef's choice of vegetables

June 10th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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FLAG PROJECT COMING UP

JUNE 14TH, 2009

FLAG DAY

NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!

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COMING UP

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MONTH:

JUNE 10, 2009

- Rotary University Degrees to be given out; Bachelors, Masters or Doctorial
- First Time Paul Harris Fellows to be handed out
- Sponsor Pin to be handed out to Nancy Carlisle
- Rotarians that are Benefactors will be recognized

JUNE 14, 2009

- FLAG PROJECT; **FLAG DAY**

JUNE 17, 2009

- Perfect Attendance Pins to be handed out from 1 year to 52 years
- Paul Harris Fellows to be handed out with Sapphires or Ruby's
- Outgoing Officers & Directors will be recognized with something special
- "4 WAY TEST" PLAQUES will be given out to some members
- Recognition of RotaryGram advertisers
- Some members will be recognized with a Certificate
- Indoctrination
- (New) Spirit of Rotary Award will be given to a special Rotarian

JUNE 18, 2009

- "30 Something" at Hotel Beaumont from 7:30am - 8:30am

JUNE 23, 2009

- Special Board Meeting to be held at the Beaumont Country Club for Officers & Directors



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JUNE 24, 2009

- President Jim's SWAN SONG- held at First United Methodist Church-downtown

JUNE 25, 2009

- "Rotary After Hours" at Tradewinds Tavern at the Elegante' Hotel- 5:30pm until.....

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WE NEED PICTURES FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERS:

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER; UPDATED from June 3rd meeting

Nelson Alter, Tom Barras, Candice Broucher, Bill Brown, Andy Burns, Bob Burns, Rod Carroll, Mike Carter, Bobby Celli, Chris Colletti, Doug Conner, R.J. Demahy, Ken Dollinger, Dale Dowell, Vernon Dunn, Frank Eastman, Lum Edwards, Lori Falk, Donna Ferchak, Richard Funchess, Guy Giesecke, Robert Hambright, Ryan Harkey, Kyle Hayes, Dorothy Henges, Carolyn Howard, Benny Hughes, Mike Ireland, Kathleen Jackson, John Johnson, Leonard Junker, Azim Keramati, Sharen Kirksey, Tommy Lamb, J.D. Landes, Frank Maida, Arthur Martin, Polly Matlock, James McNichols, Jerry Nathen, Ben Orgain, Hubert Oxford, Dan Parker, John Polk, Larry Porter, John Prewitt, Russell Rand, Ron Reed, Ken Ruddy, Elaine Shellenberger, Jeffrey Shelton, Jamie Smith, Patty Thompson, Bruce Walker, Kathryn Walker, Dan Ward

HONORARY MEMBERS

Nell Phillips, JoAnn Polk, Smythe Shepherd, Jimmy Simmons, Margaret Turner, Betty Wells, Rosine Wilson

NEW MEMBERS

Sammy Scoggin, Mike White

Email your **colored head shot** in jpg, jpeg, bmp or gif format to admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org or have your picture taken at the next meeting.

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NEXT

"30 SOMETHING"

To be held at The Hotel Beaumont on Orleans Street from 7:30am - 8:30am on June 18th. Hosted by Monica Mason, Development Director, Hotel Beaumont.

Come enjoy the updates Hotel Beaumont has made and of course the fellowship, fun & more fellowship!

Arranged by Paul Koester, President, Munro's Dry Cleaning.

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Special Note :

June 23rd,'09, OPEN HOUSE -

"Ribbon Cutting" via Chamber.

**Jefferson Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3840 Pointe Parkway, Beaumont 77708**

We will be inviting a number of Assisted Living & Retirement facilities; Home Health agencies; Hospices and area Hospital Discharge Planners and Physicians. EMT's from both "STAT Care" and "Priority One" will be in attendance. We expect representation from a number of local churches (some of which are already visiting congregation members who are short term residents), etc. etc.....For more information please email or call Cy Jenkins at 409-892-6811 Ext. #11 or bcyjgray@yahoo.com or cjenkins@rnct.com.

Thank you, Cy Jenkins

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JUNE 24th MEETING WILL BE HELD AT

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 701 CALDER, DOWNTOWN
BEAUMONT. PLEASE PARK ON PEARL STREET. (THERE IS PLENTY OF
ROOM)**

- MEETING WILL START AT 12:00 NOON TO 1:00 PM
- GUESTS ARE WELCOME
- LUNCH IS \$15.00/PERSON (YOU CAN USE YOUR BLUE TICKETS)
- IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL HARLAND MERRIAM
- MORE INFORMATION TO COME....

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"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

WILL BE HELD AT TRADEWINDS TAVERN AT THE ELEGANTE' HOTEL JUNE 25th

FROM 5:30 PM UNTIL.....

THERE WILL BE LOTS OF FUN, FELLOWSHIP, FUN & FELLOWSHIP! SEE YOU THERE!

Arranged by Dean Conwell, Executive Director of Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

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REVIEW OF JUNE 3RD, 2009 MEETING

Phil Dunlap, Rotary International Lane Read the Revised Memo to Club Members about Technical Amendments to Club Constitution and Bylaws

President Jim Rich said we had a Quorum. Phil Dunlap made a motion to accept; Gerald Condon seconded; motion passed.

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ROTARY PROGRAM REVIEW FOR JUNE 3, 2009

Rotarian Judge Marcia Crone, a University of Houston Law School graduate introduced **Dr. Renu Khator**, the first woman chancellor and the first Indian immigrant to head a comprehensive research university in the United States. Dr. Khator assumed the dual appointment as president of the University of Houston and Chancellor of the University of Houston System in January of 2008.



Dr. Khator oversees a University of Houston system with an annual operating budget that exceeds one billion dollars and serves more than 59,000 students. Khator said the University of Houston is a very diverse campus with a student population of 21% Asian, 21% Hispanic, 13% African American, 10% International and 35% White.

The University of Houston has experienced record-breaking student enrollment and private support since her appointment just a year ago and one of its academic programs - Entrepreneurship in the College of Business - ranked #1 in the nation.

Dr. Khator's primary focus today was on the need to develop the University of Houston into a top research university, on the level of the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station and to gain the status of a Tier 1 University which would ultimately bring more federal research dollars into this region. "Everybody wants to be in Texas", she said "but we need the funds necessary to attract the brightest and the best." Khator reported that currently the University of Houston has 88 engineering faculty compared to several hundred at other Tier 1 Universities.

Universities vying for this distinction must meet four of six criteria to qualify. The University of Houston along with Texas Tech University, University of North Texas and four UT campuses are all identified as emerging research universities by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Texas Legislature has set up a \$680 million budget that would allow seven state-designated "emerging" universities to become the next major research institution and voters will be asked in November to approve a \$425 million referendum. Half of the funding would be through State appropriations and the other half would be raised by each institution.

Dr. Khator said that she grew up in a Rotarian home. Her dad was a district governor and so she was honored to speak before the Beaumont Club, her first visit to Southeast Texas. She would hope that Beaumont would "buy into the vision and help support University of Houston's hopes of becoming a Tier 1 University which would ultimately benefit this entire region."

To learn more about the University of Houston visit: <http://www.uh.edu/>.