



# The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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## Future Speakers

**Jun 17 2009**

President Jim Rich

*"Member Recognition Day "*

**Jun 24 2009**

Paula Bothe

*"President Jim's Swan Song"*

## Upcoming Events

**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

**Recognition of RotaryGram advertisers Jun 17th**

Jun 17 2009

**New Spirit of Rotary Award 6-17-09**

Jun 17 2009

**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

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

Jun 18 2009

**June 17, 2009 \*Vol. 97, No. 93**

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**JUNE 17, 2009**

## MEMBER RECOGNITION DAY

**THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HANDED OUT;**

- Perfect Attendance Pins from 1 year to 52 years
- **Special** Recognition for Attendance
- Paul Harris Fellows with Sapphires and Ruby's from 1 to 8 stones
- Recognition of RotaryGram Advertisers (16)
- **(New)** Spirit of Rotary Award
- Some members; a Plaque
- Some members; a Certificate
- Outgoing Officers and Directors; a gift

## **INDOCTRINATION OF NEW MEMBERS**

- 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

### News

- CALL TO ADVERTISE WITH US TODAY!
- NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?
- Quote of the week - June 15th, 2009

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## June 17th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

\*Invocation; TBA

\*Pledge; TBA

\*Introduction of Guest; TBA

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

**June 17th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM**

(The Head Table has changed at the last moment. You will have to attend the meeting to find out who will be seated there).

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THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED FOR RECEIVING THEIR ROTARY SCIENCE DEGREES; **BACHELORS, MASTERS AND DOCTORAL** AT THE JUNE 10th MEETING;



**BACHELORS** OF ROTARY SCIENCE:

**Melissa Hurd, Michael Perez, Brian Schlesinger and Bert Smith**

**MASTERS** OF ROTARY SCIENCE:

**Sharon McCabe**

**DOCTORAL** OF ROTARY SCIENCE:

**Chad Blanchard, Paul Koester, Kim Tompkins and Cindy Westfall**

**OUTSTANDING!!!!!!!!!!**

Thank you to Chairman, Chad Blanchard for arranging this very successful program. With Chad's help, we have recognized **11 members** so far this year with a Rotary Science Degree from Rotary University. **GREAT JOB CHAD!**



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**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE RECOGNIZED WITH A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AT THE JUNE 10th MEETING:**

Jo Ann Block, Vesta Brandt, Steve Doblin, Ed Edson III, Robert Hickman, Paul Skinner, Kim Tompkins, George Crawford, Governor Roger McCabe and Doug Chase was presented with his Father's Paul Harris Fellow, (Russell E. Chase).

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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**FLAG PROJECT**

**JUNE 14TH, 2009**

**FLAG DAY**

**GREAT TURNOUT!! THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!!!!**

THANK YOU TO PAT ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN FOR BEING SO LOYAL & PATIENT THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR MAKING IT ANOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL PROJECT!

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**NANCY CARLISLE**

WAS PRESENTED WITH A SPONOR PIN AT THE JUNE 10th MEETING FOR SPONSORING A MEMBER THIS YEAR

**WAY TO GO NANCY!!!!**

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS FOR BEING RECOGNIZED FOR BEING A **BENEFACTOR WITH WINGS:**



**PAST GOVERNOR & PAST PRESIDENT ALEX BROUSSARD, GOVERNOR ROGER McCABE AND KIM TOMPKINS**



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**THANK YOU GOVERNOR ROGER McCABE  
AND SHARON**

**FOR MAKING 2008-2009**

**"MAKE DREAMS REAL"**

**A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

President Jim presented them with an outgoing gift at the June 10th meeting

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## COMING UP

**YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MONTH:**

### 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

### 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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## OUR LAST SPEAKER OF THE YEAR

**PRESIDENT JIM RICH, VICE PRESIDENT BESSIE CHISUM & OUR SPEAKER, GEORGE SWIFT PAUSED FOR A PICTURE AT OUR JUNE 10th MEETING**

**THANK YOU TO BESSIE CHISUM FOR ARRANGING THE SPEAKERS FOR THE YEAR!!**

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**WE NEED PICTURES FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERS:**

**IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER; UPDATED from June 10th 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, 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 MEMBER** - Mike White

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

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## "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!

**Thank you to Paul Koester, President, Munro's Dry Cleaning for**

arranging all the "30 Somethings" for the year. **FANTASTIC JOB!**

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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](mailto:bcyjgray@yahoo.com) or [cjenkins@rnct.com](mailto:cjenkins@rnct.com).

Thank you, Cy Jenkins

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**PRESIDENT JIM'S SWAN SONG**

**JUNE 24 th 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 OR WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED,  
PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL HARLAND MERRIAM**
- **IT WILL DEFINATELY BE A DAY TO REMEMBER!!**
- 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!**

Thank you to Dean Conwell, Executive Director of Convention & Visitor's Bureau for arranging all the fun "Rotary after Hours" throughout the year. **GREAT JOB!**

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### Speaker review for June 10, 2009

Bessie Chisum introduced this weeks' speaker, **George Swift**. Mr. Swift is the President & C.E.O. of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance. He has been recently named to the Top Ten list, along with Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, by the **Southern Business Development Magazine**. George spent over 30 years in radio broadcasting and management. George has worked extensively with the leaders in Southeast Texas & Southwest Louisiana (Katrina, Rita, Ike) including Senators Cornyn (TX) Vitter (LA) & Landrieu (LA), as well as Congressmen Bustany (LA) and Ted Poe (TX).

George spoke of the many **areas of mutual concern**:

- Dredging of waterways
- Other ship-channel issues
- Hurricane preparation, susceptibility, and recovery
- Coastal-insurance issues

George highlighted several **mutually important issues**, such as the petro-chemical industry and its' accompanying industries, as well as timber, and our mutual interests regarding I-10. George stated that over 8 million folks visit their 4 Casino- entities per year, and that Louisiana would like to see Texans forget about developing the casino industry, and continue to funnel our resources to Louisiana.

We do NOT share the same opinion, on which Region has the best

Gumbo . and George has the right . to be wrong!

With our shared concerns, our shared interests, and our shared goals,  
our Regions are strengthened when we are working together!