



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Mar 18 2009

Offsite

"Rotary Goes To School"

Mar 25 2009

Dave Crawl, Exec.

Regional-Vice-President

"Clear Channel Radio; South & West "

Apr 1 2009

President/Chancellor Renu Khator

"University of Houston"

Apr 8 2009

Director Mike Hoke

"Shangri La re-opening & sponsor pins given out"

Apr 15 2009

GSE-Lee Freeland & Bobby Core

"District 5910 Group Study Exchange "

Apr 20 2009

NO SPEAKER-Rotary goes home Apr 20-25th

"Rotarians will open their homes to fellow Rotarians at night"

May 6 2009

Mickey Lee

"Impact Weather, Houston"

May 13 2009

Youth Day

"RYLA, S.A.S, Youth Scholarships, Rotaract Annual Presentation "

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MARCH 18th MEETING OFFSITE

THE ROTARY OFFICE HAS EMAILED INFORMATION TO YOU ABOUT WHAT TO EXPECT AT ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL, ASSIGNED TEAM CAPTAINS & EVERYTHING ELSE IS UP TO YOU. WE HAVE (24) SCHOOLS WITH FIRST GRADE STUDENTS THAT ARE VERY ANXIOUS & EXCITED TO SEE US THIS WEEK. BE PREPARED AND HAVE FUN!

FOLLOWING ARE THE BISD & PRIVATE FIRST GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WE ARE GOING TO THIS YEAR ALONG WITH THE TEAM CAPTAINS OF EACH AND THE MEMBERS THAT WILL BE AT EACH SCHOOL. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL , 4108 Delaware, 77706; Team Captain: Kevin Roy followed by Chuck Heare, Carolyn Oliver, Dorothy Henges & Lacey Withers

AMELIA , 565 Major Drive, 77707; Team Captain: John Neely followed by Roy Huckaby, Sharon McCabe, Larry Beaulieu, Jack Schenck, Paula O'Neal, David Locke & Joyce Hafford

BINGHAM , 5265 South Kenneth, 77705; Team Captain: Cindy Bloodsworth followed by Melissa Hurd & Pat Anderson

BLANCHETTE , 5265 South Kenneth, 77705; Team Captain: Becky Mason followed by Cindy Westfall & Major Floiran Estrada

CALDWOOD , 102 Berkshire Lane, 77707; Team Captain: Cynthia Wolf followed by Doug Conner, John Weitzel & David Heilman

CATHEDRAL , 2350 Eastex Freeway, 77703; Team Captain: Carole Reeves followed by Doug Chase, Monica Mason, Buz Brown & Aarin Chatagnier

CURTIS , 6225 North Circuit Drive, 77706; Team Captain: Ann Scoggin followed by Russ Schultz, Mike Ireland, Charlie Foxworth, Steve Doblin & Taryn Hebert

May 20 2009
Dr. Carroll Thomas
"BISD Bond Update"

Upcoming Events

Rotary "Goes To School" March 18th - "OFFSITE"
 Mar 18 2009

"30 Something" March 19th
Julie Rogers Theater
 Mar 19 2009

Rotarian of the Day (TBA) April 25th
 Mar 25 2009

Indoctrination March 25th
 Mar 25 2009

Rotary "After Hours" at Wine Styles, March 26th
 Mar 26 2009

Lone Star P.E.T.S March 27-29th 2009 Dallas
 Mar 27 2009

Sponsor Pins to be given away April 8th
 Apr 8 2009

Salute to current Ad Sponsors April 8th
 Apr 8 2009

District Assembly April 18th Liberty, Texas
 Apr 18 2009

"30 Something" April 23rd 911/311 City of Beaumont
 Apr 23 2009

Dist. Conf. Bryan/College Station Apr 24-26th
 Apr 24 2009

Roll of Fame Award announced @ D.C. April 25th
 Apr 25 2009

Four Avenues of Service Award announced@D.C. 4-25
 Apr 25 2009

"30 Something" May 21st M&D Supply
 May 21 2009

Memorial Day May 25th FLAG PROJECT
 May 25 2009

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

DISHMAN , 3475 Champions Drive, 77707; Team Captain: Teresa Simpson followed by Joe Fisher, Governor Roger McCabe, Kim Tompkins, Marvin Brailsford, Lois Ann Stanton & George Pate

DUNBAR , 825 Jackson Street, 77701; Team Captain: Beverly Hatcher followed by Ryan Smith & Phil Dunlap

FEHL , 3350 Blanchette Street, 77701; Team Captain: Uiliana Trylowsky followed by Laura Bowman

FIELD , 4315 Concord, 77703; Team Captain: Paul Szuch followed by Connie Szuch & Brad Brown

FLETCHER , 1055 Ave F., 77701; Team Captain: Patty Thompson followed by Floyd McSpadden, Bruce Hoffer, Carol Flatten, Joy Regenbrecht, Charles Regenbrecht, Lupe Flores & Randy Shelton

FRENCH , 3525 Cleveland, 77703; Team Captain: Brian Schlesinger followed by Chuck Mason

GUESS , 8055 Voth Road, 77708; Team Captain: Chris Ayers followed by Lee Freeland & President Jim Rich

HOMER , 8950 Homer Drive, 77708; Team Captain: Cheryl Williams followed by Harland Merriam, Michael Perez & Marilyn Smith

LUCAS , 1750 East Lucas Drive, 77703; Team Captain: Donna Qualls followed by Travis Brewer, Judy Kelfstrom & Jillian Day

MARTIN , 1750 East Lucas Drive, 77703; Team Captain: Marcia Crone followed by Vesta Brandt & Cy Jenkins

OGDEN , 2300 Victoria Street, 77701; Team Captain: Tillie Hickman followed by Jay Johnson & Van Greer

OUR MOTHER OF MERCY , 3390 Sarah, 77705; Team Captain: Angela Baker followed by Aaron Brunson

PIETZSCH-MacARTHUR , 4301 Highland Avenue, 77705; Team Captain: Cindy Cherry followed by Paul Koester, James Grant, Chad Blanchard & Dan Mikolay

PRICE , 3350 Waverly, 77705; Team Captain: Dessie Richard followed by Mary Randall

REGINA-HOWELL , 5850 Regina Lane, 77706; Team Captain: Michael Clayton followed by Gerald Condon, Slate Babineaux, Karen Weller, Robert Hickman, Rosie DeLano & Charlie Weinbaum Jr.

ST. ANNE'S , 375 North 11th Street, 77704; Team Captain: Bobbie Applegate followed by Guy Goodson, David Pecora, Anthony Toups, Quincy Bird, Charles Wall & George Perrett

ST. ANTHONY'S , 850 Forsythe, 77701; Team Captain: Michael Wolf followed

Perfect Attendance Pins before July 09

Jun 3 2009

Flag Day June 14th - FLAG PROJECT

Jun 14 2009

"30 Something" June 18th Hotel Beaumont

Jun 18 2009

2009 "RI Conv." Birmingham, Eng. June 21-24th

Jun 21 2009

Independence Day July 4th - FLAG PROJECT

Jul 4 2009

Patriots Day September 11th

Sep 11 2009

Veterans Day November 11th

Nov 11 2009

News

ARE YOU ADVERTISING WITH US YET OR THINKING ABOUT IT?

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

EVERYDAY POSITIVE THINKING FOR THE WEEK -Who Said It?

First Day of Spring March 20th

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ROTARIANS: WE STILL NEED MANY MORE TO VOLUNTEER. PLEASE CALL THE ROTARY OFFICE TODAY TO FILL IN SOME OF THE SCHOOLS WITH (4) OR LESS. AS THE INFORMATION PAGE SENT BY EMAIL SAYS: YOU DO NOT NEED TO STAY LONG.

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ROTARY GOES HOME APRIL 20 - 25th Monday through Saturday

"Rotary Goes Home" is a new and exciting event that Rotary President Jim Rich has asked our club to implement. It sounded so exciting that I volunteered to help pull it together. We are going to implement "Rotary Goes Home" the week of April 20 to April 25th.

The idea is very much like "Rotary Goes to School" or "Rotary Goes to Work". It is a way to occasionally get members out of the traditional membership meeting. It should help us get to know our fellow Rotarians.

For "Rotary Goes Home" to be successful, Rotarians need to volunteer to host a dinner in their home. We will randomly select other member guests to visit the host's home for dinner. The program has been designed for success with plenty of flexibility for both the host and the guest. "Rotary Goes Home" will replace the regularly scheduled Rotary meeting for that week.

Our goal is for all 300 Rotarians to participate. We will need 60 hosts to accommodate five guest Rotarians and their spouses or significant other in their homes. Here are few suggested guidelines that may help hosts understand;

The host picks the day and time during that week they would like to have guest Rotarians in their home.

The host chooses how to provide the meal such as pot luck, catered, prepared by the host, barbeque/cook out, etc.

Costs will be determined by the host, and whether to collect from the guest, provide it themselves, potluck, etc.

Host is responsible for inviting the assigned guest Rotarians and providing all details. I will provide each host with the random names and contact information of the guests assigned to the host's home.

Please contact me for questions and to volunteer to be a host by calling my office @409-981-2135 or hpierce@Entergy.com

I am very excited about this program; we already have 10 hosts, so we need 50 more. Please let me know if you will volunteer. Thanks,



Vernon Pierce

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CALL TODAY TO ADVERTISE IN THE ROTARYGRAM

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All you need to do is email Quincy Bird @ qbird@bmtcoc.org or call him @ 409-838-6586. You'll need to answer a few questions about your company and then send us your business logo.

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For more information, pick up the phone and call now. He's waiting for your call.

CHECK OUT SOME OF OUR NEW ADS WE ARE GETTING MORE EVERYDAY!

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"30 SOMETHING"

(MARCH 19th) 7:30am - 8:30am

AT THE JULIE ROGERS THEATRE, 765 PEARLE STREET

Hosted By Craig Escamilla, Executive Director Of Symphony

of Southeast Texas

Come join us for FUN, FUN & LOTS of FELLOWSHIP!

"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

**WINE STYLES, 4008 DOWLEN ROAD, BEAUMONT
(March 26th) 5:30pm until...**

Hosted by Dean Conwell, Executive Director

of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Come join the Fellowship, Fun & more Fun!



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**APRIL 24-26, 2009
BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION, TX
RALLY IN THE VALLEY DISTRICT 5910 CONFERENCE 2009**

Fellowship

- **Howdy Party at the Texas A&M Zone Club overlooking Kyle Field**
- **Tours to the George Bush Presidential Library Center, Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Texas A&M University, The Brazos Valley Museum, Downtown Bryan and so much more**
- **Activities for spouses, children and grandchildren**
- **Free-time Saturday afternoon to choose your own adventure**

Updates

- **Learn about District Level Projects**
- **Hear from our Ambassadorsial Scholars**
- **Meet our Group Study Exchange inbound and outbound teams**
- **Hear from the Youth Exchange students**
- **See some of your Club Members receive Awards**

Notables

- **Keynote speaker is Dr. Mouzon Biggs Jr., Pastor of Boston Avenue Methodist Church of Tulsa, OK**
- **Briefings from Rotary International President's Representative**
- **District Awards given for Presidential Citations, Paul Harris fellows and much more**
- **Special Performance by the Texas A&M Singers**

Register now. Go to <http://www.5910conference.org/>
or for questions, email Bunny Pratt @ chair@5910conference.org or call her at
979-779-6697 for more information.

ALL ROTARIANS ARE INVITED INCLUDING NEW MEMBERS!

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A WORD ABOUT POLIO PLUS

President Jim Rich and Donna Qualls went to our Mid Year Assembly at the Lone Star College in Montgomery Texas January 31st for a day.

As we were heading back to Beaumont that afternoon we were going over all the interesting things we had learned during our visit.

President Jim started talking about an easy way to collect money for Polio Plus. When he arrived back at the office he immediately emailed our Chairman that is heading up Polio Plus, Uliana Trylowsky & put there heads together along with my Assistant Jillian Day and came up with a plan that we were really excited about. President Jim & Uliana introduced it to the members at our next meeting which was February 4th to empty your pockets every week with change for Polio Plus. President Jim set a deadline of March 31st to collect our goal of \$3,000. So far, we have collected \$2312. WOW!!!!

We have one meeting offsite this week which puts us one week behind and only one more week left to meet our goal of \$3000.

We need you to come by the office with some change or a check since we will miss this week. We just need \$688 more. For those of you that have given to Polio Plus, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH!** You are saving lives everytime you give.

We still have (4) countries to target; Afghanistan, India, Nigeria & Pakistan.

We can't forget Bill & Melinda Gates for their generous donation of \$100 million in November of 2007 and recently pledged \$255 million to eradicate polio. This is the largest grant Rotary has every received. Rotary is committed to raising an additional \$100 million by June 30, 2012. The total matching effort is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Read all about it in the May issue of "The Rotarian" that will feature an interview with Bill Gates about his contributions to Rotary and the effort to eradicate polio.

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Program Review of Scott Hall

March 11, 2009

Scott Hall is the General Manager of the Lower Neches Valley Authority. Scott was appointed by the LNVA Board of Directors. Scott is a native of Beaumont and earned his Bachelor of Science (Civil Engineering) from Texas Tech and Masters of Business Administration from Lamar University. Scott is a member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont and was introduced by former LNVA Commissioner and Rotarian Bill Clark.



Scott shared with us the three (3) key points for the future of water supply in Southeast Texas:

Conservation Resource Protection Meeting regional needs

The Conservation and Reclamation District created by the legislature includes the following counties:

Tyler, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty and Chambers

LNVA funding is a "fee-based service." (LNVA has no taxing authority and is a non-profit entity).

Protecting our water rights is included in the Permit Amendment Pending (TCEQ) to remove subordination of water rights which is being protested by the City of Dallas.

B.A. Steinhagen Lake has lost much of its capacity to aquatic vegetation deposition (silt, etc.). The goal is to revitalize Steinhagen Lake. We have plenty of water to meet the needs over the next year and beyond. Partnership with the Devers Canal System and LNVA enables LNVA to acquire, own, operate, maintain and improve the canal system.