



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



Monday, March 23, 2009

Editor: Donna Qualls

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Future Speakers

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 "

May 20 2009

Dr. Carroll Thomas
"BISD Bond Update"

Upcoming Events

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MARCH 25th MEETING



Dave Crawl is Senior Vice President-Operations of Radio, Southeast & West for Clear Channel Communications. After leaving Oakwood High School as a member of the class of 1972, Dave Crawl attended Bowling Green State University and graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism in 1976. He went into the radio business getting his first job as a salesman at Taft Broadcasting's WLVO-FM in Columbus, Ohio in early 1977. In 1979 Dave was named manager of the station and became a Vice President and General Manager in 1981. In 1984 he moved to Portland, Oregon to manage an FM station acquired by Taft. He then moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1987 to once again manage a new station purchased by the company which had now become Great American Broadcasting. In 1991 Dave was named President of Great American Broadcasting's radio division overseeing the company's 23 stations and moved to Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1996 as the radio industry was consolidating, Jacor Communications purchased Great American now called Citicasters and named Dave the President of the newly combined division of 65 radio stations. Then in 1999 Jacor was purchased by Clear Channel Communications where Dave was named a Senior Vice President continuing to oversee several radio market cluster operations across the country. Over the years Dave has served on the boards of the March of Dimes, Neediest Kids of All, Kicks for Kids, the Media Committee of the Coalition for a Drug Free Cincinnati and he is a member of the Electronic Media Advisory Board for the Division of Electronic Media at the University of Cincinnati. He is a former member of the Ad Council and is the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Radio Advertising Bureau. Dave and his wife Beth reside in Cincinnati with their children Kathryn, Robert and Thomas.

Indoctrination March 25th Mar 25 2009
Rotarian of the Day, Floyd McSpaddin 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
Board Meeting March 31st at the Neches Room Mar 31 2009
Salute to current Ad Sponsors April 8th Apr 8 2009
Sponsor Pins to be given away April 8th Apr 8 2009
District Assembly April 18th Liberty, Texas Apr 18 2009
"30 Something" Apr 23rd City of Bmt 7:30-8:30am 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
Board Meeting April 28th at the Neches Room Apr 28 2009
"30 Something" May 21st M&D Supply 7:30-8:30am May 21 2009
Memorial Day May 25th FLAG PROJECT 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 - FLAG PROJECT Jun 14 2009

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March 25th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

*Invocation; **TBA**

*Pledge; Paul Koester, President, Munro's Dry Cleaning

*Introduction of Guest; Cindy Westfall, Executive Director, Junior Achievement of the Golden Triangle

***Elegante Menu will be shrimp creole with white rice & grilled chicken breast florentine & Chef's choice of vegetables* March 25th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM**

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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

"30 Something" June 18th
Hotel Bmt 7:30-8:30am

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

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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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REVIEW ON "30 SOMETHING FROM (MARCH 19th)

HELD AT THE JULIE ROGERS THEATRE

Hosted By Craig Escamilla, Executive Director Of Symphony of Southeast Texas. Arranged by Paul Koester, President, Munro's Dry Cleaning.

Happenings & the Rotarians that were present; TBA

REMINDER.....

"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

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

Arranged 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



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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 left this week to meet our goal of \$3000.**

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 Rotary Goes to School

March 18, 2009

24 Schools were visited by our Rotarians in place of our regular meeting at the Elegante' Hotel.

The following schools were visited:

All Saints Episcopal: Team Captain; Kevin Roy along with Carolyn Oliver, Chuck Heare & Lacey Withers. **The review read:** The first graders were very excited to receive their "I Like Me" books. The students were very happy to hear their names and the names of their friends. **Amelia:** Team Captain; John Neely along with Roy Huckaby, Sharon McCabe, Paula O'Neal, David Locke & Joyce Hafford. **The review read:** The first graders were broken-up into four separate classes. The team divided up so as not to impede the classes. The children were excited to hear that there was a real book with their own

names printed in them. Each came up & read a brief paragraph that included their names. It was refreshing to see the excitement in the kids. **Bingham:** Team Captain; Cindy Bloodsworth along with Pat Anderson & Melissa Hurd. **The review read:** Cindy & Melissa visit one class of first graders who were enthusiastic about our visit. We read one book out loud & called each child by name to receive their book. Pat was warmly greeted by his group of first graders. The students took turns reading segments of the book and were very proud. **Blanchette:** Team Captain; Becky Mason along with Cindy Westfall & 2 non-Rotarians who volunteered. **The review read:** Cindy & Becky visited the two first grade classes. The children were excited to get the books & eagerly read them aloud. We had recruited two non-Rotarians to join in the fun, & we all really enjoyed the children & seeing their joy from having a book with their own name & their friends names.

Caldwood: Team Captain; Cynthia Wolf along with John Weitzel & Doug Conner. **The review read:** The Rotary Goes to school team at Caldwood included 4 volunteers who shared "I Like Me" personalized books with five classrooms of very focused, eager & excited first graders of Ms. dela Rosa, Eglund, Hardwick, Page and Smith. We were warmly greeted by the Caldwood Principal, the staff & the students. We congratulate Jim Melanson on the success of their students! Even more important, we congratulate the students, all of whom were appreciative of their personalized treasures. **Cathedral:** Team Captain; Carole Reeves along with Buz Brown & Aarin Chatagnier. **The review read:** The children were excited and thrilled to receive their own special "I Like Me" book. Just about every student read a page out of their own book. They were thrilled to have the opportunity to read their own book in front of their fellow students. Their teacher, Mrs. Smiley thanked us for taking time out of our schedules to do this for the children. Aarin Chatagnier, a new Rotarian thoroughly enjoyed this project & is already making plans for next year when RGTS. **Curtis:** Team Captain; Ann Scoggin along with Russ Schultz, Mike Ireland, Charlie Foxworth, Steve Doblin & Taryn Hebert. **The review read:** The Rotarians were warmly welcomed by Ms. Kalbrenner's class today. The delight we received by the children's attentiveness & joy as we called their names and read their personalized books to them was remarkable. What a treat it was to experience the thrill they exhibited while their names & the names of their friends were read from the books. We want to say THANK YOU to our Rotary leadership for providing this great opportunity & service project. It was a pleasure to be able to participate in helping them build self esteem & make wise choices. **Dishman:** Team Captain; Teresa Simpson along with George Pate, Kim Tompkins, Joe Fisher, Lois Ann Stanton & Raymond Troy. **The review read:** Six Rotarians attended the RGTS. The students were so excited to read the books out loud and the teachers were also very proud of their students. **Dunbar:** Team Captain; Beverly Hatcher along with Ryan Smith & Phil Dunlap. **The review read:** All Rotarians reported in at the school office & each met the school Principal Mrs. Williams. Mrs. Williams indicated that they were excited to have us & told us that the teachers were assembling in the school library. As we entered the library, the little students were seated on throw rugs and "each" of their little faces were just so precious. We all introduced ourselves. i.e., name, job title/business & each gave a Beaumont Rotary commercial. After each child received their books, the three of us split up into three groups & allowed the children to read their books and respond to our questions. Then the Teachers & Principal took our pictures with the children and our session came to a delightful end. WOW, we had fun. **Fehl:** Team Captain; Uliana Trylowsky along with Laura Bowman & Dan Parker. **The review read:** We had a great visit with the kids. Dan Parker & Uliana Trylowsky each read with the class while Laura Bowman took pictures. The children were very eager to read & had lots to tell us! **Field:** Team Captain; Paul Szuch along with Brad Brown & Connie Szuch. **The review read:** We went to school and all read to three classes, one for each of us. The students were excited & really enjoyed getting their own book to take home. I know we each received more from the children than we gave to them. What a blessing it was to share with them again this year. **Fletcher:** Team Captain; Patty Thompson along with Randy Shelter, Lupe Flores, Floyd McSpadden, Bruce Hoffer, Charles Regenbrecht, Carol Flatten & Joy Regenbrecht. **The review read:** We all enjoyed the school. I had a first grade room. The children were really excited about their new book with their names in them. They listened to the story & was very well behaved. Fletcher has been nominated as a Blue Ribbon school for this year so this is one reason I wanted to go there. **French:** Team Captain; Brian Schlesinger along with Chuck Mason. **The review read:** Both of us were in attendance. Brian brought someone as a volunteer that was not a Rotarian who took an entire classroom by himself. There were only two of

us scheduled to show up. Everything went fine. I gave the school secretary and the teachers' Tillie Hickman's email address for the few students that have transferred into the classes this year. All in all things went great! **Guess:** Team Captain; Chris Ayers along with Lee Freeland & Jim Rich. **The review read:** We all had the great pleasure of visiting Guess Elementary. We read the "I Like Me" book to five first grade classes. We are appreciative of the teachers & students for allowing us to come & introduce ourselves to them. We can't wait until next year to do this again. **Homer:** Team Captain; Cheryl Williams along with Marilyn Smith & Michael Perez. **The review read:** All three classes were gathered in the school library. The children sat together on the floor & were very proactive. They were well behaved. Marilyn Smith & Michael Perez were very helpful & did a great job in presenting the books & reading to the children. Michael especially was fantastic in his reading. He also explained what Rotary is & even asked who would like to join Rotary when he/she grows up. Cheryl says Marilyn, Michael & the teachers were awesome. **Lucas:** Team Captain; Donna Qualls along with Jillian Day, Travis Brewer & Judy Kelfstrom. **The review read:** We all signed in at the front office & received our badge. Ms. Brewer was one of the first grade teachers that met us at the office to take us to the the first grade classrooms. Ms. Johnson was very excited to see us. On the way she stopped & let us meet the Principal. She was very nice. We then split up into three classrooms. Me & Jillian went to Ms. Johnson's classroom, Travis went to Ms. Brewer's class & Judy went to Ms. Dotson's classroom. This was mine & Jillian's first time to participate in RGTS. Ms. Johnson's students were very well behaved. Ms. Johnson had a gigantic rocking chair waiting for me to sit in & talk to the kids. Jillian also had a chair sat out for her to sit in. The teacher had all the kids sitting on the floor. Me/Jillian passed out the books to the students by calling their name out one by one. They were so excited but I think we were more excited than them. The teacher decided it would be better for the readers to all read a page each. There were three kids without a book but it didn't matter because they shared with the other students. It was so amazing how well they read. Jillian took a group picture of the kids & myself & then I took a group picture of the kids & Jillian. They all loved getting their picture taken. The kids kept saying thank you, thank you, thank you. We can't wait until next year! **Travis** said Ms. Brewer's classroom went very smoothly. He read the names of each of the children & they came up to get their book. He then read one page from each of their books as they rotated them to him. They were all excited to get their book. One girl mentioned that her older sister got her book last year and now she has her own. **Judy** said Ms. Dotson's class was a delight. When she read the name of the child we had that child come to the front & take part in the reading. She just read a few pages of each child's book so everyone had a chance to come up front. She had the entire class join when she read the part about their school & city. Everyone was so proud & they said they would keep their books in a safe place so that when they are grown, they could find the book & read all about their time at Lucas Elementary. She can't wait to go back next year. Thanks for the opportunity Rotary. **Martin:** Team Captain; Marcia Crone along with Vesta Brandt, Cy Jenkins & four volunteers that Marcia Crone brought with her. **The review read:** Upon arriving at the school, my team & I divided up & went to four first grade classrooms. We were warmly greeted by the teachers. We passed out a book to each child reading a portion of the personalized story about each student. Then we walked around & alternatively read & were read to by the students while Vesta circulated & took photographs. The children were adorable & seemed thrilled with both our presence & the books. Some of us even received artwork from some of the kids. Everyone who went really seemed to have a great time. **Odgen:** Team Captain: Jay Johnson along with Van Greer. **The review read:** The kids were well behaved. It was a good group. **Our Mother of Mercy:** Team Captain; Angela Baker along with Aaron Brunson. **The review read:** Angela said she & Aaron had the smallest first grade class. They arrived at the School & were greeted by the Principal Dolores Fulton. The school has 60 students from pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. Ms. Booker's first grade class has 4 students (all boys!) and what polite boys they were! Two of the students read for us and Aaron and I were amazed! They were reading at a level much higher than first grade...words like lottery, practically, recipe, frozen....WOW! Aaron & Angela agree that Our Mother of Mercy is a well kept secret - they left the school smiling & inspired! Note: one thing you don't know is that when Angela & Aaron arrived at the school they were met by the Principal that informed them that the "I Like Me" books came in months ago and were handed out to the kids and they took them home. (Just in case you were wondering where

the words like lottery, practically, recipe & frozen came from :) **Pietzsch-MacArthur:** Team Captain; Cindy Cherry along with Chad Blanchard, Paul Koester, Daniel Mikolay & James Grant. **The review read:** We visited seven first grade classrooms, passed out books & read to the children. In some classrooms, we read one book out loud while the children followed along in their own book. In other classrooms the children took turns reading. All of the children were excited to hear their names & their friends names read out loud. We were all impressed with the quality of teacher in the first grade at Pietzsch-MacArthur. The children in the classes were well behaved & eager to learn. **Price:** Team Captain; Dessie Richard along with Mary Randall. **The review read:** We visited with three first grade classes. All of the children were very excited about having their names & their friends names in the books. We had several of them read pages & were impressed with how well some of them did. **Regina:** Team Captain; Michael Clayton along with Karen Weller, Charlie Weinbaum, Gerald Condon, Robert Hickman, Slate Babineaux & Rose DeLano. **The review read:** Principal Hardy welcomed our team of seven Rotarians with a bright smile. The group divided into three teams & quickly went to two classrooms each to read the "I Like Me" books with all the young, eager, and courteous students. It was obvious that the children & teachers were ready & excited as we arrived. They were happy to hear & see their names and those of their friends printed in their very own book. It was a very meaningful & memorable experience for everyone. **St. Anne's:** Team Captain; Bobbie Applegate along with Robert Thompson, Anthony Toups, George Perrett, Quincy Bird, David Pecora, Charles Wall & Guy Goodson. **The review read:** We met with the first grade classes & had a great time! **St. Anthony's:** Team Captain; Michael Wolf along with Fred Kristiansen & Alan Sampson. **The review read:** St. Anthony's first grade class of seventeen were wonderful, well behaved & all could read fairly well. Susan Lavergne was very helpful & is an excellent, dedicated teacher. What a pleasure for us to have each child read a portion of their book to us. The children were very excited.

Well there we are. Rotarians went to 24 different schools & made each Child, Teacher & Principal's day because we chose to think "Service above Self"! Thank you to all the Rotarians that worked so hard to make this a very successful RGTS for another year!

Thank you to Lane Chair, Pat Anderson, Chairman, Tillie Hickman & Jolene Ortego for arranging this project & all the other wonderful people involved in making this a **BIG SUCCESS!**

There were so many fantastic pictures of the first grade students that we decided to put them under pictures on the home page. (Work in progress for now)