



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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Future Speakers

Mar 4 2009

H. Stephen Grace, Jr., Ph.D

"T. Kelsey Lamb & Cliff Dochterman Awards given away"

Mar 11 2009

Scott Hall

"Water Resource Issues, LNVA"

Mar 18 2009

Offsite

"Rotary Goes To School"

Mar 25 2009

Dave Crowl, Exec.

Regional-Vice-President

"Clear Channel Radio; South & West "

Apr 1 2009

President/Chancellor Renu Khator

"University of Houston"

Upcoming Events

Cliff Dochterman Awards March 4th

Mar 4 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award March 4th

Mar 4 2009

Rotarian of the Day David Pecora, March 4th

Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School" March 18th

Mar 18 2009

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MARCH 4th MEETING



H. STEPHEN GRACE, JR., Ph.D

PRESIDENT OF H. S. GRACE & COMPANY, INC.

Dr. Grace's accomplishments encompass over 35 years of Senior Management, Consultant, and Academic experience, including CEO of a major holding company, national director-at-large of a Big Five firm, and university faculty advisor. He holds a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from LamarUniversity, an MBA from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Houston. Dr. Grace is a Distinguished Alumnus at LamarUniversity, and serves on the Board of Advisors of both the Engineering and BusinessSchools. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Council at Jesse H. Jones School of Business at Texas Southern University. He has authored numerous economic and financial articles, including "Effective Governance in an Ethicless Organization."

H. S. Grace & Company, Inc. provides financial and operational advisory services to healthy and troubled companies, assists in commercial litigation, and counsels on issues of corporate governance, oversight, and control. Among those who may not be overly fond of Dr. Grace are Michael Ovitz, formerly with Walt Disney, and First Energy, alleged to have been responsible for the

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

2003 blackout that affected over 50 million people in the Northeast. The H.S. Grace & Company solution is simple: Hit your target. Solve your problem. We are anxious to hear Dr. Grace tell us just how to do that!

Thanks to Rotarian Dr. Henry Venta for arranging this special program.

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MARCH 4th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

*Invocation ; Frank Alegria, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

*Pledge ; Lee Freeland, Owner, Occupational Health Consultant

*Introduction of Guest ; Gene Arnold, Owner Gene Arnold Enterprises

***Elegante Menu will be chicken parmesan, meatloaf & Chef's choice for vegetables ***

MARCH 4th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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*****WELCOME NEW MEMBERS*****



***Robert (Quincy) Bird** - Communications & Public Affairs Specialist with the Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce - "Associations-Chamber of Commerce" - Proposed by: Bessie Chisum

***Taryn Hebert** - Realtor with Remax - "Realtor-Residential" - Proposed by: Gerald Condon

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?

Daylight Savings Time - March 8th 2009

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Aaron Brunson - Operations Manager with Centerpoint Entergy - "Public Utilities-Natural Gas" - Proposed by: Vernon Pierce

Dennis Keene - Owner of Sleep Labs of Texas - "Healthcare-Sleep Lab" - Proposed by: Chad Blanchard

Rosie Delano - Vice President & Trust Officer with BBVA Compass Bank - "Trust Banking" - Proposed by: Joe Fisher

Sharon McCabe - Community Volunteer and Licensed Master of Social Work - "Services Volunteer" - Proposed by: Roger McCabe

Pictured from left to right: Rosie Delano, Aaron Brunson, Sharon McCabe & Dennis Keene

* **Not pictured** : Taryn Hebert & Robert (Quincy) Bird

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***** BREAKING NEWS *****

The following members were approved at our board meeting of February 24th:

Willie Coleman - Insurance Agent with Farmers Insurance - "Insurance-General" -Proposed by: Michael Perez

Shaun Davis - Executive Director of Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission - "Associations-Regional Planning Commission" - Proposed by: Bessie Chisum

David Harris - Assistant Superintendant with Beaumont ISD - "Education-Public Schools-Administration" - Proposed by: Pat Anderson

Kerry Moncla - Realtor with Remax Beaumont - "Real Estate-Home Sales" - Proposed by: Gerald Condon

Michael (Mike) White - Executive Director with AGC (Associated General Contractors) of Southeast Texas - "Associations-General Contractor" - Proposed by: Roger Edgar

Members have 10 days to object to the members above



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**President Jim will be handing out the T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award at our weekly meeting, March 4th.
Program arranged by Jeff Dyson Chairman & President of M&D Supply**

Listed below are former winners:

- 1995-1996 Thomas K. Lamb, Jr. - 1996-1997 Benny Hughes, Jr.
- 1997-1998 Lum Edwards, Jr. - 1998-1999 Douglas E. Steinman, Jr.
- 1999-2000 Dan Hallmark - 2000-2001 Roberta (Bobbie) Applegate
- 2001-2002 Floyd McSpadden - 2002-2003 Floyd McSpadden
- 2003-2004 Charlie Weinbaum, Jr. - 2004-2005 Alex & James Broussard
- 2005-2006 Jeff Dyson - 2006-2007 Earl Hines
- 2007-2008 Larry Beaulieu
- 2008-2009 ?????? (Come see who we will be Congratulating this year!)

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REVIEW OF "30 SOMETHING" (FEBRUARY 19th)

HOSTED BY SLATE BABINEAUX, VICE PRESIDENT OF AIR COMFORT, INC.

The following Rotarians attended: Chad Blanchard, Cindy Cherry, Slate Babineaux, Michael Perez, Brian Schlesinger, Pat Anderson & Chris Ayers

Everyone enjoyed the tour very much! Thank you **Paul Koester**, President of Munro's Dry Cleaning for making the arrangements.

REVIEW OF " ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

SUGA'S DEEP SOUTH CUISINE & JAZZ BAR (February 26th)

The following Rotarians attended: Jim Rich, Paul Koester, Dean Conwell, Brian Schlesinger, John Weitzel, Quincy Bird, James Grant, Pat Anderson, Bruce Hoffer, Roger & Sharon McCabe, Cy Jenkins, Karen Weller, Kim Tompkins & Marcia Crone

Thank you **Dean Conwell**, Executive Director of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau for making the arrangements. It was lots of fun, fellowship & fun!

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~ ~ GIVE BLOOD-SAVE LIVES ~ ~

We are not quite sure how many Rotarians gave blood at our first blood drive of President Jim's year held on February 4th & February 25th, but we do know it was over 30 and thanks to you, you are ALL going to SAVE LIVES! THANK YOU ALL!

Ask Cindy Bloodsworth if it hurt. She looks like she is doing just fine, just like many others. If you were not able to give blood due to being on medications, sick etc..., hopefully we will have another blood drive before the year ends. We will have to ask Ivy Pate! **Thank you Ivy Pate, Chairman** for arranging this blood drive with LifeShare Blood Center.

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ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL, CLUB NO. 72 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

A limited number of college scholarships are awarded annually through funds made available by the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, Inc. Awards are based on demonstrated service to others, as this is a foundation of Rotary.

Richard Bothel, Chairman of Youth Scholarships has had these applications on the tables for the last 3 weeks. **Please notify Richard if you have any questions. Please fax applications to the Rotary office at 409-842-5613.**

Note: **All information must be received by March 1st for consideration.** A scholarship recipient is eligible to re-apply each year for these awards. Upon re-applying the scholarship application form should be updated accordingly.

(You can go to the Home page to print out an application)

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**A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS
WHO USE THEIR VALUABLE TIME TO HELP ROTARY WHENEVER
ASKED
WE COULD NOT DO IT WITHOUT U**

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SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Any events happening in the lives of our Rotary Club members, whether it be happy or sad, where a Congratulations or Sympathy is needed contact our

Chairperson Karen Weller at 409-782-0374.

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~*EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!*~

We have finally put some past **RotaryGrams** on our website! You may view or download RotaryGrams from **July 2008 to January 2009**. Don't worry! More will come soon!

Click the link below to go to the RotaryGram page: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/DxProgramHome/programhome.aspx?cid=3775&pid=30140>

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Scouting Awards & Recognitions

Rotary International Cliff Dochterman Award



This Award will be given away at the March 4th meeting.

Last years winners were:

2007-2008 Joe Domino & Alan Sampson

2008-2009 ???? (Come see who the next two will be)

Award Information and Requirements ... Read all about it on the Home page.

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February 25, 2009 Review

President Jim called the February 25th meeting a business meeting for members to discuss and approve the revised by-laws and club constitution. Rotarian of the day, Guy Goodson gave a "one Minute" update on the Port of Beaumont and the significant positive impact it continues to have on the growth of the economy in Southeast Texas. Governor Roger McCabe reported that the biggest issue concerning Rotary Clubs across the state is that of membership. All clubs are being challenged to bring in as many new members as they can by Aug. 31st. He challenged all Rotarians to sponsor at least one new member by then.

Donna Qualls welcomed 6 new members into Rotary. After several brief announcements President Jim called Phil Dunlap to the podium to explain the revisions the committee made to the by-laws and constitution so that they could be presented to the full body for approval. (Prior to this meeting all Rotarians had the opportunity to review and comment on both documents.) The committee included Phil Dunlap, President Jim Rich, Gerald Condon, Angelia Baker, Kevin Roy and Donna Qualls.

The last revisions were made in 1993 and at that time the by-laws and the constitution were combined. The committee decided to work with the current model adopted by Rotary International and decided to do an amendment and re-statement of the by-laws and constitution.

The Beaumont Club is a little different from other clubs because it is an older club (our constitution and by-laws were adopted before the current model was adopted by Rotary International). Our club is one of the largest in the state. We have more committees, a larger board, and an executive director, which most clubs do not have. The Beaumont Club has its own Foundation so there must be a separate budget process and this too is different from most other Rotary Clubs.

The committee made three (3) changes to the constitution. 1. Officers are not elected at the annual meeting directors are. 2. Article 10, section 3, Board action is final. Decisions of board are final subject to being appealed to the club membership, provided that no decision of the board in personnel matters shall be appealed to the club membership. 3. Rule 85 dealing with senior active status. Once the combined number of a members age and years in Rotary equal 85 that member may apply for senior active status excusing him/her from regular attendance. There were numerous other changes made to the by-laws dealing with nominations, elections and committees. There were no objections to these changes and were approved by the membership.

The Club Runner website was discussed briefly and Vesta Brant explained how businesses can advertise in the Rotary Gram. Due to limited time this topic will be

addressed at length another time.

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What is the "RULE OF 85" & who qualifies for it?

A Rotarian is exempt from attendance requirements if:

1 . The aggregate of the members years of age and years of membership is 85 years or more. 2. The member notifies the Rotary Office to let us know that you have a desire to be excused from attendance.

NOTE: The "Rule of 85" does not exempt a member from payment of dues. Rule of 85 members are still considered active members and are highly encouraged to continue in attendance at regular meetings and community service events.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ANTHONY TOUPS

PRESIDENT JIM HANDED ANTHONY'S **BLUE BADGE** IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS RED BADGE

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ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL

SIGN-UPS FOR THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SO FAR STARTING AT THE FEBRUARY 25th MEETING:

All Saints; Chuck Heare - **Amelia;** John Neely, Roy Huckaby, Sharon McCabe, Larry Beaulieu, Jack Schenck, Paula O'Neal, David Locke & Joyce Hafford - **Bingham;** Cindy Bloodworth - **Blanchette;** No One - **Caldwood;** Doug Conner - **Cathedral;** Carole Reeves - **Curtis;** Ann Scoggin, Russ Schultz & Mike Ireland - **Dishman;** Joe Fisher, Roger McCabe & Kim Tompkins - **Dunbar;** Ryan Smith - **Fehl;** Uliana Trylowsky & Laura Bowman - **Field;** Brad Brown - **Fletcher;** Floyd McSpadden & Bruce Hoffer - **French;** No One - **Guess;** Lee Freeland, Jim Rich & Chris Ayers - **Homer;** Harland Merriam & Michael Perez - **Lucas;** Travis Brewer & Judy Kelfstrom - **Martin;** Marcia Crone - **Odgen;** Jay Johnson - **Our Mother of Mercy;** Angela Baker - **Pietzsch-MacArthur;** Cindy Cherry, Paul Koester & James Grant - **Price;** No One - **Regina-Howell;** Gerald Condon, Slate Babineaux, Karen Weller, Michael Clayton, Robert Hickman & Rosie Delano - **St. Anne's;** Guy Goodson, David Pecora, Anthony Toups, Bobbie Applegate, Quincy Bird & Charles Wall - **St. Anthony's;** Alan Sampson, Bo Weinbaum & Fred Kristiansen.

Note: These sign-up sheets will remain outside the Ballroom until March 11th. Please contact Doug Chase, Tillie Hickman, Jolene Ortego or the Rotary office if you would like us to add you to one of the lists.