



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



Saturday, May 16, 2009

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

Future Speakers

May 20 2009

Dr. Carroll Thomas

"BISD Bond Construction Update"

May 27 2009

Sam Haskell III

Jun 3 2009

Dr. Renu Khator New
Chancellor/President

Jun 17 2009

President Jim Rich

"Member Recognition Day "

Jun 24 2009

Paula Bothe

"President Jim's Swan Song"

Upcoming Events

District Assembly 5-16-09

Liberty, Texas

May 16 2009

Spindletop Soap Box Derby 5-16 & 5-17, 2009

May 16 2009

Sponsor pins to be handed out 5-20-09

May 20 2009

Rotarian of the Day 5-20-09

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May 20 2009

"30 Something" 5-22-09 M&D

Supply 7:30-8:30am

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MAY 20, 2009



Superintendent

Dr. Carrol A. Thomas

Superintendent of Schools

Beaumont Independent School District

Dr. Carrol A. Thomas, author of "T-Notes: Nuggets of Wisdom for Educators," is a highly sought-after educational leader who is renowned for his work in inspiring those in communities and government to achieve the best for those who depend on public education.

Thomas has served as Superintendent of Schools for the Beaumont Independent School District since July 11, 1996.

Thomas came to Beaumont from North Forest Independent School District in Houston, Texas, where his work earned him the Superintendent of the Year for Region 4, and he was one of three finalists for the award of Superintendent of the Year in the State of Texas.

When Thomas came to BISD, the district was one of the lowest performing districts in the state. BISD is now ranked among the top school districts in Texas for improving student performance. The district has gone from only one campus receiving state recognition in 1996, to over one-third of the 32 sites receiving either recognized or exemplary status in recent years. The district also had 12 campuses to receive the prestigious Successful School Award granted by the Texas Education Agency. In addition, the District's Headstart Program received the Program of Excellence Award from the Texas Headstart Association for 100 percent compliance. Also, Odom Academy, serving grades 6-8, and one of the District's magnet schools, was selected as one of Texas Nominees for Blue Ribbon Schools by the United States Department of Education. Several of the schools in the district have received other recognition and honors, including being listed by Texas Monthly as a top 20 school.

In addition to Thomas' duties as superintendent of schools, he finds time for civic and community involvement. He is a member of numerous professional and civic organizations and has received nearly every honor bestowed upon an

Memorial Day 5-25-09 FLAG PROJECT May 25 2009
Board Meeting 5-26-09 at the Neches room May 26 2009
Indoctrination of New Members 5-27-09 May 27 2009
Rotary after Hours 5-28-09 Wine Styles 5:30 until May 28 2009
Changes to By-Laws 6-03-09 Jun 3 2009
Rotary University Awards given out on 6-10-09 Jun 10 2009
New Paul Harris Fellows 6-10-09 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
"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 6-23-09 Jun 23 2009
Spirit of Rotary Award 6-24-09 Jun 24 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

educator in Texas-including Educator of the Month for the Texas School Business Magazine. Thomas was also cited by the Texas Legislature for outstanding leadership as a superintendent, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals recognized him as one of the nation's top administrators. In 1998, Thomas was honored as one of 11 Exemplary Texas Superintendents by the Department of Educational Administration at the University of Texas-Austin. This group of superintendents were recognized because of their outstanding success in increasing student achievement as found by the University of Texas Dana Center study.

Thomas earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&I, his superintendent's certificate from Texas Tech and his doctorate from Texas Southern University. He has recently been named as an Outstanding Alumni of Texas A & M Kingsville and President of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.

He is married to Linda, an Elementary School Principal, father of two daughters, Carol Lynn and Gracie Elizabeth. Both living in Southeast Texas, Carol Lynn is a dentist and Gracie Elizabeth is assistant principal while working on her doctorate.

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May 20th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

***Invocation**; Terry Boudier, Executive Director, United Way of Beaumont

***Pledge**; TBA

***Introduction of Guest**; Becky Mason, Safety/Human Resource Director, Mason Construction

Elegante Menu will be bbq brisket, chicken and sausage & Chef's choice of vegetables

May 20th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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WE NEED PICTURES FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERS:

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER; UPDATED

Nelson Alter	Tom Barras	Candice Broucher
James Broussard Jr.	Bill Brown	Andy Burns
Bob Burns	Rod Carroll	Mike Carter
Bobby Celli	Chris Colletti	Doug Conner

News

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NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

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Patty Thompson	Bruce Walker	Kathryn Walker
Dan Ward	Cheryl Williams	
HONORARY MEMBERS		
Marie Broussard	Nell Phillips	JoAnn Polk
Smythe Shepherd	Jimmy Simmons	Margaret Turner
Betty Wells	Rosine Wilson	
NEW MEMBERS		
Rudy Beeching	Thank you	Frank Fuller
Thank you	Dennis Keene	Kerry Moncla



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Mary Scoggin

Thank you

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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MAY 20th, 2009

THE FOLLOWING ROTARIANS WILL BE RECOGNIZED

AND GIVEN A SPONSOR PIN FOR SPONSORING A MEMBER

Robert Edgar, Michael Perez, Donna Qualls & Ann Scoggin

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO BE THERE

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FRIENDLY REMINDER

"30 SOMETHING"

FRIDAY, APRIL 22nd

FROM 7:30-8:30AM @ M&D SUPPLY

Jeff Dyson, President of M&D Supply will be your host. It will be fun & involve lots of fellowship & more fun. Arranged by Paul Koester, President of Munro's Dry Cleaning. **THIS COUNTS AS A MAKE-UP!**

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FLAG PROJECT

MAY 25th, MEMORIAL DAY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED !!!!!

CONTACT PAT ANDERSON AT patrick@beckerprint.com

(THIS COUNTS AS A MAKE-UP)

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Memo to Club Members about Technical Amendments to Club Constitution and Bylaws

We recently submitted to Rotary International our newly-adopted Amended and Restated Constitution and Amended and Restated Bylaws. The RI representative in charge of reviewing such amendments called to our attention a few issues that we need to come back to the club for further amendment of our constitution and bylaws. Your Board of Directors has approved these changes and asks the membership to consider and adopt them.

In our amended and restated constitution, we showed our club's locality to be simply stated as "the City of Beaumont, Texas." We did not consider this to be a change to our existing locality. However, our official locality on file with RI was adopted many years ago. It has specific geographic limitations on the parts of the city of Beaumont included in our club's official locality. Essentially all of Beaumont south of College Street (actually Milam Street) extended to the city limits is excluded. Also everything west of 11th Street, the SPRR tracks, Gulf Street and Old Voth Road is excluded, i.e. everything west of IH-10 and Eastex Freeway is excluded. RI previously required specific locality requirements, but now suggests more flexible descriptions. The RI representative suggested we adopt as our locality, "the city of Beaumont, Texas and the surrounding area." So, we are asking that Article 3 of our amended and restated constitution be amended to use that description as our official locality.

In the past, our club has also referred to a "Rule of 85 member" as a "senior active member". Technically, neither term is properly used as a class of membership. The only two classes of Rotary membership are active members and honorary members. The "Rule of 85" is simply an informal "sub-category" of active membership, in which the member whose combined years of age and years of Rotary membership equal at least 85 years. A member who so qualifies may elect to be exempt from attendance requirements. At any rate, the RI representative objected to our "parenthetical" reference to "senior active" status. So, we are asking that two sentences which use the term "senior active," one in the constitution and one in the bylaws, be deleted. They are the last sentence in Section 3(b) of the constitution and the only sentence in Section 11 of Article 13 of the bylaws.

Finally, our bylaws as amended and restated provide that our annual meeting will be held not later than December 31 in each year (our fiscal year end is June 30). New directors are elected at the annual meeting. The RI representative believed that our statement of when the annual meeting would take place is ambiguous. Maybe it is. So, we are asking that Section 1 of Article 5 of our amended and restated bylaws be amended to provide that the annual meeting for the election of directors shall be held during December in each year at the call of the president. **Please mark your calendars for June 3rd. A Quorum is needed.**

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"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

WILL BE HELD AT **WINE STYLES** ON 4008 DOWLEN ROAD

FROM 5:30 PM UNTIL.....

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

Dean Conwell, Executive Director of Convention & Visitor's Bureau arranged this project.

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HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR ATTENDANCE LATELY?

WE WILL BE GIVING PERFECT ATTENDANCE PINS AWAY JUNE 17, 2009 TO THE MEMBERS THAT HAVE MADE 100% ATTENDANCE FROM: 7-1-08 TO 6-30-09.

Go into your profile & click on "My attendance". See if you are going to get a perfect attendance pin. If you find a discrepancy, please call the Rotary office so we can fix it so you will not be left out.

If you don't quite have perfect attendance but are very close, do any of the following make-ups so you will be recognized for perfect attendance this year & for years to come;

- **Visit another Rotary club;** go to the home page to find out where & when
- **Go on-line to "e Club One";** go to the home page to find email address
- **Go to a "30 Something";** this is usually the NEXT To The Last Thursday of each month. You visit a Rotarians business from 7:30-8:30am. Read the RotaryGram or go to our weekly meeting to find out where it will be.
- **Go to a "Rotary after Hours";** this usually happens on the LAST Thursday of each month. It starts at 5:30 pm until...Read the RotaryGram or go to our weekly meeting to find out where it will be.
- **Volunteer to work a project such as the "Flag Project".** We have 6 special holidays that the flags are delivered in Beaumont. Read the RotaryGram or go to our weekly meeting to find out when the next one will be. You start at approximately 5:30am to 7:30am. You can also contact Pat Anderson @ patrick@beckerprinting.com for more information on where to meet.
- **Go to a "Rotary goes to School";** this happens annually. You go to an assigned elementary school to read a book to a first grader. You start approximately 11:30am - 12:00pm.
- **Go to a monthly Board Meeting;** This happens the LAST Tuesday of each month. It is from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm. Read the RotaryGram to find out where it will be.
- **Go to a "Rotary goes to Work";** this happens annually. You go to an assigned Rotarians business which usually starts at 11:30am to 12:30pm.

- **Go to a "Rotary goes Home";** this happens annually. You go to an assigned Rotarians home for Dinner.
- **Volunteer to sit at the Head Table** each week to do the Invocation, Pledge or Introduction of Guests. Read the home page under Rotary Forms & Lists. Click on Lane Chair list to find out who handles this or anything else you may be interested in.
- **Volunteer to help at the weekly meetings;** Be a greeter, work the credit card machine, take pictures of the meeting, sit at the registration desk, scan members badges, count plates, work the lap top when a speaker needs it, unload the buggy, reload the buggy to go up to the Rotary office.
- **Volunteer in the Rotary office;** The Rotary office is open to anyone to come visit or to volunteer from 8:00am to 5:00pm M-F. We can always find something for you to do.
- **VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT THE SOAP BOX DERBY THIS WEEKEND, MAY 16th & 17th**

NOTE: The above make-ups are very easy and can be used whenever you need to make-up for a day you couldn't make it to the meeting. You will find that you will get to know fellow Rotarians better when you volunteer or go to any of the above things.

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WHAT DOES THE ROTARY FOUNDATION ACCOMPLISH WITH YOUR GIFT?

Contributions to The Rotary Foundation support our goal of advancing international understanding, goodwill, and peace. Your participation in the PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY is an especially meaningful and significant commitment.

Your annual contribution of US\$1,000 can help provide:

- A well for clean water to a community in India
- Equipment for a children's library in Ecuador
- Polio vaccine for numerous children
- Playground equipment, musical instruments, and therapeutic toys for rehabilitating orphans and other children in the Czech Republic
- Eyeglasses for needy adults in the Philippines
- Funding for a portion of a Group Study Exchange

These programs can only be sustained with the ongoing support of dedicated Rotarians. Thank you for making The Rotary Foundation your charity of choice.

ABOUT PAUL HARRIS

The Paul Harris Society is named after Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International. Paul Harris formed the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905. His intention was to recapture in a professional club the same friendly spirit he had felt in the small towns of his

youth. Today, Paul Harris Society contributions to The Rotary Foundation support a wide range of humanitarian grants and educational programs that enable Rotarians to bring hope and promote international understanding throughout the world. Become a member of the Paul Harris Society today and make a lasting difference.

TO LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET YOUR FIRST PAUL HARRIS FELLOW, CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER LISTED ON THE HOME PAGE OR CALL THE ROTARY OFFICE.

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD !!!!

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OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE STILL WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY RUSS SCHULTZ

The latest news came to the Rotary office May 14th from Russ himself. He had Neck Surgery May 13th. He says he doesn't have much use of his arms at this time. He will be doing rehabilitation for 2-3 weeks and we won't be seeing him for 5-6 more weeks. If you would like to contact Russ, please pull up his phone & address information under ClubRunner.

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THERE ARE MORE PHOTO'S TO LOOK AT !!!!

JILLIAN HAS A GOOD TIME PUTTING THESE PICTURES IN THE ROTARYGRAM.

CHECK THEM OUT. GO TO THE HOME PAGE AND CLICK UNDER PHOTO'S.

HAVE YOU EVER CHECKED OUT OUR "ROTARIANS OF THE DAY"?

GO TO THE HOME PAGE AND CLICK ON "ROTARIAN OF THE DAY".

CHECK OUT OUR "PAST PRESIDENT'S MINUTE".

GO TO THE HOME PAGE AND CLICK ON "PAST PRESIDENT'S MINUTE".

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE ROTARYGRAM?

CALL THE ROTARY OFFICE TODAY.

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~ ~ A BIG THANK YOU ~ ~

TO **VESTA BRANDT** FOR GIVING US THOUSANDS OF PSA'S (30 MINUTE SPOTS ON THE RADIO) FROM FEBRUARY 12th AND WILL EXTEND IT UNTIL AUGUST 31st.

WE APPRECIATE YOU AND CLEAR CHANNEL BROADCASTING INC. (KLVI-AM, KYKR-FM, KKMV-FM, KIOC-FM & KCOL-FM)

~ ~ SERVICE ABOVE SELF ~ ~

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ATTENTION RED BADGES

Are you ready to get rid of that red badge and get you a blue badge? Well, this is how you can do it..... Go to the Home Page under Forms & Lists and then click on Rotary University to find out how you can get a **BLUE BADGE** before you know it. You can also contact Chad Blanchard @ cblanchard@munrosinc.com or the Rotary office.

Degree requirements:

Requirements for the degrees are listed below. When you have completed the requirements for your Bachelor's Degree, have your form approved by the Club President and fax or email it to the Rotary office. The office will prepare your Degree Certificate and badge sticker and send them to the President for presentation at the weekly meeting. Keep the same form and continue to work on your Master's and Doctoral Degrees.

BACHELOR OF ROTARY SCIENCE DEGREE - Maintain 100% attendance consecutively for 2 months. See home page for more information on this degree.

MASTER OF ROTARY SCIENCE DEGREE - Maintain 100% attendance consecutively for 4 months. See home page for more information on this degree.

DOCTOR OF ROTARY SCIENCE DEGREE - Maintain 100% attendance consecutively for 6 months. See home page for more information on this degree.

NOTE: If you received your **RED BADGE BEFORE July 1, 2008**, then all you need to do is volunteer for 10 hours total, fax your sheet showing how you volunteered to the Rotary office at 409-842-5613 and you will become a **BLUE BADGE**. These were the requirements **BEFORE** we started Rotary University. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Rotary office.

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HAVE YOU PROPOSED A MEMBER TODAY?

Go to the Home page under Rotary Forms & Lists, then click on "How to propose a new member", print it out and fax to the Rotary office.

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Speaker Review for May 13th, 2009

Several Youth Groups were formally recognized that perform "service above self" volunteer activities, in our Community. I ntroduced by **Uliana Trylowsky** , Executive Director of Habitat For Humanity, and assisted by Lane Chair **Pat Anderson** , the following youth were recognized for their Volunteer Work **(Service Above Self):**

Blake Comeaux
Abigail Mejia
Caitlin Chesson
Katherine Vincent
Amber Chambers

Laura Whitmire, Rotaract President, reported that Rotaract had an exciting year, as the group directed their focus (this year) to community efforts. Laura also provided a video-greeting, from Fred Oreo of Club 4250 Corozal Rotary (Belize).

Laura introduced **Richie Acosta**, Rotaract International, Project Chair, who highlighted the following "service above self" activities:

Books to South Africa	Cardinal Village Cleanup
Polio Plus	Putting On The Pink
Jason Project	Hurricane Helpers
Relay For Life	District Conference

Engineers Without Borders

Cardinal Swap (the exchange of positions with President Jimmy Simmons and one very lucky student)

David Harris presented two \$ 8000 Scholarships to the following (grateful) recipients (and parents) :

Christopher Dolan
Jonathan Tekell

Rotary Club of Beaumont, President Jim Rich announced that 13 youth had been sponsored for RYLA, by Rotary Club of Beaumont.

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!

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CONGRATULATIONS !!!!!!!!!

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Rotaract, Vice President Jennifer Mikel recognized Past Governor Chuck Mason with a framed certificate for Rotaract's appreciation for all his help and support.

