



The Beaumont Rotary Club

Club No. 72 - Founded February 28, 1913



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Future Speakers

May 27 2009

Sam Haskell-Best Selling Author

"Proceeds from sales of his book will be donated to Beaumont Rotary Foundation "

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

Memorial Day 5-25-09 FLAG PROJECT

May 25 2009

Board Meeting 5-26-09 at the Beaumont Club

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

Spkr. Comm. Mtg. 6-3-09 in the Tradewinds Tavern

Jun 3 2009

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MAY 27, 2009



Rotary Club of Beaumont welcomes Sam Haskell, best-selling author of autobiographical memoir "Promises I Made My Mother"

"My friend Sam Haskell's journey has taken him from rural Mississippi to the great cities of the world. **Promises I Made My Mother** will tell you exactly how he did it. He had an inspirational mother who 'taught him life's lessons!'" - **Morgan Freeman**

Sam Haskell, former Executive Vice President and Worldwide Head of Television for the venerable William Morris Agency, at age 52, was named in 2007 by TV Week as one of the 25 Most Innovative and Influential People in Television over the last quarter century.

Raised in Amory, Mississippi (Pop. 7,000), Sam resides in Los Angeles with his wife and Ole Miss college sweetheart Mary Donnelly Haskell, a former Miss Mississippi and Beaumont native. They are both University of Mississippi graduates, have two children, Sam, IV and Mary Lane and are building a second home in Oxford, MS.

In this memoir, Mr. Haskell reveals how he kept his pledge to his mother (a school nurse practitioner) to live a decent life-even in the shark-infested waters of Hollywood, where he handled the hottest stars and packaged the highest-rated shows-by refusing to become the cliché of an amoral agent.

His capacity for friendship and his insistence on living his version of the Golden Rule (being "thoughtfully political") allowed him to handle various client crises and the tense negotiations that nearly scuttled the last years of *Everybody Loves Raymond* and the entire existence of *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

When his book was announced, Mr. Haskell recalled, "Since I was a kid, I've been guided by principles that shaped me into who I am today. Mostly I've my Mother to thank for that. She's not here for the telling of this story, of life's lessons learned, promises kept and dreams fulfilled, but I think if she were, she'd be smiling."

Mary and Sam are currently on a nation-wide book tour. In recent weeks, Sam has made appearances on The Today Show, The CBS Early Show, Fox and Friends, "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren/ Fox, Larry King LIVE on CNN, The 700 Club, and Tavis Smiley on PBS. "Promises I Made My Mother" is co-written by multiple New York Times best selling author David Rensin. In the book's forward, former client Ray ("Everyone Loves Raymond") describes the genial Haskell as "Gomer Pyle in a suit."

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 @ Beaumont Country Club at 4 PM

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

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?

Mr. Haskell is donating 100% profits from May 27th book signing and sales to the Beaumont Rotary Club Foundation which funds service projects such as Youth Scholarships, Rotary Goes to School books, Little League Park Restoration, Polio Plus and Paul Harris Fellows.

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May 27th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

***Invocation;** Don Cotten, Executive Director-Research & Sponsored Programs Administrator, Lamar University

***Pledge;** Guy Goodson, Partner, Germer & Gertz, LLP

***Introduction of Guest;** Victor Zaloom, Associate Dean of Engineering & Professor & Chair Industrial Engineering, Lamar University

Elegante Menu will be Chef's choice

May 27th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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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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TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

GOD BLESS YOU..... AND THANK YOU!

AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY

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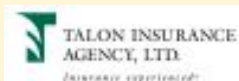


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WE NEED PICTURES FROM THE FOLLOWING LIST OF MEMBERS:

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER; UPDATED from May 20th meeting

Nelson Alter	Tom Barras	Candice Broucher
Thank you	Bill Brown	Andy Burns
Bob Burns	Rod Carroll	Mike Carter
Bobby Celli	Chris Colletti	Doug Conner
R.J. Demahy	Ken Dollinger	Dale Dowell
Vernon Dunn	Frank Eastman	Thank you
Lum Edwards	Lori Falk	Thank you
Donna Ferchak	Richard Funchess	Thank you
Guy Giesecke	Thank you	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
Ralph Martin	Polly Matlock	James McNicholas
Jerry Nathen	Ben Orgain	Hubert Oxford
Dan Parker	John Polk	Larry Porter
John Prewitt	Russell Rand	Ron Reed
Thank you	Ken Ruddy	Elaine Shellenberger
Jeffrey Shelton	Jamie Smith	Lulu Smith
Wyatt Snider	Lois Ann Stanton	Ben Thacker
Patty Thompson	Bruce Walker	Kathryn Walker



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Dan Ward Cheryl Williams

HONORARY MEMBERS

Marie Broussard	Nell Phillips	JoAnn Polk
Smythe Shepherd	Jimmy Simmons	Margaret Turner
Betty Wells	Rosine Wilson	

NEW MEMBERS

Thank you	Thank you	Thank you
Thank you	Thank you	Thank you
Sammy 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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CONGRATULATIONS

The following members were recognized and given their first sponsor pin by President Jim & Governor Roger McCabe at our May 20th meeting;

Robert Edgar, Ann Scoggin, Michael Perez and Donna Qualls

The above members along with other members helped to make it a total of 38 new members to date.

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WOW! What a GREAT turnout (21) at our monthly

"30 SOMETHING"

Jeff Dyson, President of M&D Supply hosted this event April 22nd. The following Rotarians attended:

Paul Koester, Pat Anderson, Aaron Brunson, Sammy Scoggins, William Denman, Brenda Gray, James Grant, Rudy Beeching, Albert Smith, Hsing Wei Chu, Michael Perez, Cindy Cherry, Slate Babineaux, Major Floiran Estrada, Jeff Dyson, Willie Coleman, David Harris, Bruce Hoffer, Marilyn Smith, Roger McCabe & Sharon McCabe. **Paul Koester**, President of Munro's Dry Cleaning arranged this event and said it was a "Great Presentation by Jeff". **WAY TO GO RED BADGES!**

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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!

Arranged by Dean Conwell, Executive Director of Convention & Visitor's Bureau.

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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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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.

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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ATTENTION - ATTENTION - ATTENTION

There will be an estate sale coming up the first week of June in the name of Maurine Gray.

Please email Carol Flatten for more information @ carolflatten@cfsetx.org

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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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SPINDLETOP ROTARY CLUB'S ANNUAL SOAP BOX DERBY

May 16th and May 17th

There were lots of volunteers from our Rotary Club this year to feed all people involved in the Soap Box Derby;

Dan Mikolay, Paul Koester, Karen Weller, Pat Anderson & Donna Qualls, Cindy Westfall, Chad Blanchard, Kim Tompkins & Willie Coleman.

Thank you **Paul Koester**, President of Munro's Dry Cleaning for making arrangements to help Spindletop Rotary Club make the Soap Box Derby a BIG SUCCESS!

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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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Program Review - May 20, 2009

Dr. Carrol A. Thomas, Superintendent of Schools for Beaumont Independent School District was introduced by Randy Fluke. Dr. Thomas came to Beaumont in July 1996 from North Forest Independent School District of Houston. Since that time BISD has gone from being one of the lowest performing districts to being one of the top school districts in the state of Texas under his guidance.



Dr. Thomas shared the results of the 2008 testing which showed that there has been improvement year over year for Beaumont Independent Schools. As of this

report not only are all our schools meeting state standards but they are also exceeding those standards.

Beaumont Independent School District has approximately 20,000 students with 70% of them being classified as Disadvantaged. This number is in comparison to the state's average of 55%. Our attendance rate is 95%. The student to teacher ratio is 13.4 to 1 compared to the state's 14.5 to 1. The District has implemented several improvements in the classrooms with more to come.

Hurricane IKE dealt BISSD a financial blow but repairs have been made and FEMA and insurance will help pay for them. The District is also expecting to receive eight million dollars from the Stimulus Package.

For more information on what is happening with the Beaumont Independent School District please visit their website at www.bmtisd.com .