



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

May 6 2009

Chris Hebert, Lead
Hurricane Meteorologist
"Impact Weather Inc., Houston"

May 13 2009

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

May 20 2009

Dr. Carroll Thomas
"BISD Bond Construction Update"

Upcoming Events

Rotarian of the Day 5-6-09

Monica Mason

May 6 2009

Spindletop Soap Box Derby

May 16th & 17th

May 16 2009

District Assembly May 16th

Liberty, Texas

May 16 2009

"30 Something" May 22nd M&D

Supply 7:30-8:30am

May 22 2009

Memorial Day May 25th FLAG

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May 25 2009

Board Meeting 5-26-09

May 26 2009

PHF's to be given away before

July 09

May 27 2009

Indoctrination of New Members

5-27-09

May 27 2009

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

MAY 6, 2009

Chris Hebert, ImpactWeather, Inc., Houston

With a B.S. in Meteorology from Texas A&M University and more than 29 years of forecasting experience, Chris Hebert is ImpactWeather's lead hurricane meteorologist.

His duties at ImpactWeather, Inc. include leading the hurricane team year-round. In his spare time, Chris manages product development. One of his main duties during the spring is traveling the country to speak about hurricanes at conventions, seminars and corporate meetings. Topics typically include hurricane awareness/preparedness, ImpactWeather's Hurricane Timeline Tools and reviews of the previous hurricane season.

Our speaker will be introduced by Vernon Pierce, Entergy.

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May 6th HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

***Invocation;** Marleen Swerdlow, Professor of Business Laws, Lamar University

***Pledge;** Jack Tenner, Purchasing Director, Lamar University

***Introduction of Guest;** Alan Sampson, Partner, Benckenstein & Oxford, L.L.P.

Flag Day June 14th - FLAG PROJECT

Jun 14 2009

Perfect Attendance Pins to be given June 17th

Jun 17 2009

Salute to current Ad Sponsors before end of June

Jun 17 2009

Rotarian of the Year Award given out June 17th

Jun 17 2009

"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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NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

EVERYDAY POSITIVE THINKING FOR THE WEEK -Who Said It?

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Elegante Menu will be pot roast, herb roasted chicken, Chef's choice of vegetables

May 6th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS INDOCTRINATED AT OUR APRIL 29th MEETING:



Rudy Beeching, Community Bank President, Wells Fargo Bank, "Finance-Banking-National", **Proposed by: Vernon Pierce**

Dr. William Denman, Owner, Complete Care Chiropractic, "Medical-Chiropractic", **Proposed by: Pat Anderson**

Brenda Gray, Director of Catering, MCM Elegante' Hotel, "Business-Service-Catering", **Proposed by: Donna Qualls**

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

Michael White, Executive Director, AGC of Southeast Texas, "Associations-General Contractors", **Proposed by: Robert Edgar**

Sammy Scoggin, Manager, Coldwell Banker Southern Homes, "Real Estate-Management", **Proposed by: Ann Scoggin**

Shawn Davis, Executive Director, Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, "Associations-Regional Planning Commission", **Proposed by: Bessie Chisum**

OUR CLUB LOOKS FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU BETTER!

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

BOARD APPROVED THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AT OUR APRIL 29th MEETING:

Nancy Davis, Director for Contracts, Grants & Proposal Administration, Lamar University, "Education-University-Grants", **Proposed by: Donald Cotten/ Karen Weller**

Kevin Kunz, Scion Manager, Kinsel Toyota, "Automobile-Sales", **Proposed by: Karen Weller**

Jason Richards, Marketing, Quality Care Services Inc., "Marketing-Health

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Care", **Proposed by: Nancy Carlisle**

Members have 10 days to object, otherwise they will considered to membership.

More information about members:

LEAVE OF ABSENCE ; Glen Bjornaas, Manager, Termimesh, LLC,
RESIGNATIONS WITH REGRET; Karen Newton, Paula Nichols, Earl Brickhouse & Terry Ray

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YOUTH DAY

(Pat Anderson; Lane Chair)

IS COMING UP

MAY 13th

WE WILL HAVE ALL THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS GOING ON THAT DAY:

RYLA (from December 2008) will recognize participants from High Schools who attended Camp. Jolene Ortego & Tillie Hickman; Co-Chairs.

S.A.S. (Youth-Service above Self) Randy Shelton, chairman will announce the High School Seniors who will be nominated & recognized. Email or call Randy for more information at rshelton@co.jefferson.tx.us or 835-8655. **DEADLINE; MAY 4th**

Youth Scholarships - Richard Bothel, chairman will announce and award the RYS recipients.

Rotaract Annual Presentation - Teresa Simpson, chairman will hold their RAP.

RGTS - (Rotary goes to school) - Doug Chase will be recognized from March 2009.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE DISTRICT 5910

CONFERENCE 4-24th - 4-26th, 2009

Our club was recognized with many awards;

- President Jim received the "Presidential Citation" from Governor Roger McCabe along with
- The Rotary Club of Beaumont receiving outstanding performance as the large club with the "Highest Monetary Contribution" to the Rotary Foundation.
- Bessie Chisum, Vice President/Programs received "The "Roll of Fame" award from Governor Roger McCabe.
- Pat Anderson, Service Lane Chair received "The Four Avenues of Service Citation" award from Governor Roger McCabe.
- Donna Qualls received 3rd place in the Large Club Bulletin Competition from Governor Roger McCabe.
- Jillian Day and Donna Qualls were recognized for having the BEST display in the "Fellowship Hall."
- Donna Qualls and Jillian Day were also recognized for having the BEST decorated "Hospitality Room" at the conference. It was decorated in "Hollywood Style" with lots of gold & black stars, black hats, balloons, star shaped lighting, pearl necklaces, champagne glasses, all kinds of decorations hanging from the ceilings with lots of liquor, wine, soft drinks, water, snacks and even had a POPCORN machine. Thanks to Pat Anderson for making all the popcorn for both Friday & Saturday nights. I'm sure he gave hundreds of boxes away. (No one could pass up that smell of popcorn) We had a sign in list to see how many clubs visited our Hospitality room & how many people. We counted approximately 24 different clubs with approximately 159 people. (I'm sure we missed some people though)
- **Thank you** to the following Rotarians that **helped out at the conference**; Jim & Kathy Rich, Alex & Marie Broussard, Pat & Amy Anderson, Bessie & Stewart Chisum, Gerald Condon, Roger & Sharon McCabe, Chuck & Becky Mason & Kevin & Jill Roy.
- **Thank you** to Rotarian's that **helped the day we left for the conference**; Karen Weller for running errands, Laura Bowman who helped fill koozies with goodies and put Beaumont Rotary Club labels on the popcorn boxes, Jim & Kathy Rich, Alex & Marie Broussard, Gerald Condon, Pat & Amy Anderson, Bessie & Stewart Chisum for carrying items to the conference in their vehicles.
- **Thank you** Ivory Harrison with Beaumont Coca - Cola for your donation of 9 cases of can coke products. **Thank you** Henry Strait with Southeast Texas Water Conditioning, Inc. for your donation of 2 cases of bottled water & **Thank you** Duane Mason for the donation of the Popcorn Machine.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTIAL CITATION 2008-2009



To qualify for the citation, club must meet the membership goal of a one-member net increase and carry out a recommended activity and many other categories.

CONGRATULATIONS!

PRESIDENT JIM RICH!

Sharon McCabe handed Jim his Award at the District Conference April 25th

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ROTARY DISTRICT 5910 "ROLL OF FAME"

Requirements to receive a Roll of Fame Award; Serve as Officer or Director of a Rotary Club, be a Rotarian for a minimum of five years, above average attendance, attendance at other Rotary Clubs, attend one District Conference, and one District Assembly, chair or actively serve on several club committees, Outstanding service to Rotary & Not previously enrolled in Roll of Fame in the past among a few other things.

CONGRATULATIONS!

BESSIE CHISUM, VICE PRESIDENT!

Governor Roger McCabe handed Bessie her Award at the District Conference 4-25-09

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FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATION AWARD



This award is given to a Rotarian that has served on all Avenues of Service; Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service & International Service.

CONGRATULATIONS!

PAT ANDERSON!

Roger McCabe handed Pat his Award at the District Conference April 25th.

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DISTRICT 5910 CLUB BULLETIN & WEBSITE RECOGNITION AWARD

Criteria for winning; appearance & format (50%) which covers; color/picture/design, name of bulletin, club, list of make-up clubs, meeting place, time & date, issue date & many more things. The other (50%) covers; a rotary article every week, past, present and future programs, brief biography of new Rotarians and much more. Donna received 3rd place in the large club competition.

CONGRATULATIONS!

DONNA QUALLS!

Governor Roger McCabe gave Donna her Award at the District Conference April 25th.

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GOVERNOR'S FOUNDATION AWARD

THE ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT

HIGHEST MONETARY CONTRIBUTION IN DISTRICT 5910 TO

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

CONGRATULATIONS!

PRESIDENT JIM RICH!



Governor Roger McCabe handed the award to President Jim at the District Conference on April 26th.

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LOOKING FOR VOLUTEERS

SOUTHEAST TEXAS ALL AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY

(A SERVICE PROJECT OF BEAUMONT SPINDLETOP ROTARY CLUB)

IS COMING UP SOON!

MAY 16th and 17th

For further information contact Paul Koester at pkoester@munrosinc.com

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ROTARY AFTER HOURS at MADISON'S



Following are the Rotarians that attended; Cy Jenkins, Dean Conwell, Donna Qualls, Paul Szuch, Rudy Beeching, Fred Kristiansen, Karen Weller, Cindy Cherry, Michael Perez, Leonard Junker, Sharen Kirksey, Gene Arnold, Paul Koester, Bruce Walker, James Grant, Sharon McCabe, Roger McCabe, Bruce Hoffer, Vesta Brandt, Van Greer, Lacey Withers, Bo Weinbaum along with spouses and friends. This was our largest turnout (27).

Note: We also found out that it was Bruce Hoffer's birthday! We all sang Happy Birthday to him and surprised him with a piece of cheesecake with a candle on it thanks to Madison's.

Thank you to Dean Conwell, Executive Director of Convention & Visitor's Bureau for arranging this event April 30th.

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FLAG PROJECT

MAY 25th, MEMORIAL DAY

CONTACT PAT ANDERSON AT patrick@beckerprint.com

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"ROTARY GOES HOME"

The fun started April 19th and ended April 25th.

Rotarians (guests) went to several different homes that were hosted by fellow Rotarians to eat dinner, get to know each other a little better and for the fellowship and fun! We had an exceptional turnout (especially for our first time). Many Rotarians hope the club decides to make this an annual event.

We had 15 Rotarian Host:

Host: Bobbie & Joe Applegate (8 total)- Guests: Ann Scoggins, Sheri & Eddie Arnold, Jennifer Nguyen, Michael Perez & Cindy Bloodsworth.

Host: Paula & Hoyt Bothe/Bessie & Stewart Chisum (23 total)-Guests: Claudie (Hawkins)Green & Barry Green, Tillie Hickman, Jolene & Dale Ortego, John & Andy Quigley, Jim & Kathy Rich, Kathryn & Bruce Walker, Marcia & Seth Crone, Gerald & Carol Flatten, Bert Smith, Hunter Bothe, Tara McInnis & Amber Tietgen.

Host: Gerald & Jennifer Condon- Guests: TBA

Host: Marcia & Seth Crone- Guests: Nancy Carlisle, James Grant & Albert Smith

Host: Phil & Georgia Dunlap- Guests: TBA

Host: Bruce & Carey Hoffer (6 total)- Guests: Beverly & Stanley Hatcher, Terry & Karen Bourdier

Host: Gillian Maness & Will Jenkins- Guests: TBA

Host: Paul Koester- Guests: TBA

Host: Evelyn & Sam Lord (5)- Guests: John Neely, Melissa Hurd & Steve Doblin

Host: Becky & Chuck Mason (18)- Guests: Cy & Barbara Jenkins, Travis & Claudene Brewer, David & Connie Teuscher, Floyd McSpaddin, Chuck & Janie Heare, Jim & Kathy Rich, Kim & David Tompkins, Joyce Hafford, Monica & Brad Mason.

Host: Ted & Barbara Moor- Guests: TBA

Host: Vernon & Sheree Pierce- Guests: TBA

Host: Mary & Jim Randall (8)- Guests: Pat & Amy Anderson, Joe Fisher, Donna & Tom Qualls & Bonita Elias

Host: Paul & Connie Szuch- Guests: TBA

Host: John & Donda Thomasson- Guests: TBA

Thank you to Chairman Vernon Pierce for arranging this event and ALL the Host for opening their homes to us. FANTASTIC JOB!

NOTE: Please remember that if your name is not on the list above, you will not get credit for your attendance on April 22, 2009 unless you did a make-up. Thank you, Donna

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Rotary in Review - April 29, 2009

Rotarian Cynthia Wolf introduced her long time mentor and friend Rabbi Jack Segal, who for 31 years, presided over Congregation Beth Yeshurun in Houston, the largest Conservative synagogue in the United States. He retired from that congregation in 1996 and is presently the Rabbi Emeritus.

Since his retirement Rabbi Segal has published four books and lectured at numerous universities and colleges throughout the United States. A frequent speaker at Rotary Clubs today's presentation was his 97th. Accompanying Rabbi Segal was his wife, Toby who shared that this was her first visit to a Rotary Club.

Focusing on a few chapters in his latest book *"Two Roads to God, The Moses Road and the Jesus Road"* Rabbi tried to explain, from his perspective, the differences between Judaism and Christianity as they relate to forgiveness. He began by saying, "This country was founded on Judeo- Christian values. We are different yes. I don't tolerate persons of different religions, I respect them."

Rabbi Segal quoted the writings of Reverend Tom Pace, senior pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston in an article Pace wrote for the Houston Chronicle titled *"Forgiving the Torturer."*

The Rabbi gave several graphic examples of innocent persons being tortured including his own son Michael being at the wrong place at the wrong time in 1981 during an armed robbery and the thousands of innocent Jews tortured during the Holocaust and how those of us left behind were able or not to forgive the torturers, and the bigger question, are we obligated to forgive them.

The Christian answer to forgiveness he said is found in Matthew 6:14,15 *"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

According to Jewish beliefs the Rabbi said, "no one can forgive crimes committed against people. If you want forgiveness you must ask the person personally for forgiveness." He quoted his understanding from the book of Ecclesiastes 3:8 "there is a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

Judaism and Christianity, two roads to God, the Moses Road and the Jesus Road.

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HAPPY 65th ANNIVERSARY

Our Rotarian, Louis Beard and wife, Carrie will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on May 6, 2009. At the time of their marriage in Virginia Beach, VA on May 6, 1944, both were serving in the United States Navy. Louis served as executive officer aboard ship in the South Pacific for twenty months making invasions of Morati, Leyte, and Lingayen in the Philippines. Louis has been a Rotarian for a total of fifty-three years-seven years in the West Beaumont Rotary Club where he was elected president and forty-six (46) years with this Club. He has served as chairman of most all of the committees, and has served on the board of directors. Louis is a Paul Harris Fellow. Louis practices law with our members S.L. Greenberg, Phil Dunlap and John Quigley. Louis and Carrie are the parents of three children, grandparents of ten, and great



grandparents of eight.

Note: Thank you Louis Beard for letting the Rotary office know of this amazing celebration. We all CONGRATULATE you and wish you many more to come!