Saturday, November 29, 2008

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Future Speakers

Dec 3 2008
Texas State Representative Allan Ritter

Dec 10 2008
Barbara Best, Executive Director, CDF Texas

Dec 24 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY HOLIDAYS"

Dec 31 2008
NO MEETING "HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Upcoming Events

"Holiday Party" December 17th
Dec 17 2008

"Rotary After Hours" December 18th
Dec 18 2008

"30 Something" December 18th
Dec 18 2008

No MEETING-December 24th-Happy Holidays
Dec 24 2008

No MEETING-December 31st-Happy New Year!
Dec 31 2008

RYLA DISTRICT 5910 January 9-11, 2009
Jan 9 2009

2009 "Rotary Large Club Conference" Oklahoma City
Feb 8 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award
Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School"
Mar 18 2009

Lone Star P.E.T.S March 27-29th 2009
Mar 27 2009

District 5910 Conference "2009"
Apr 24 2009

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NO MEETING

NOVEMBER 26th

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

* ROTARY GOES TO WORK

Beaumont Bone & Joint Institute

Host-David Teuscher

Dr. Teuscher hospitably guided the group on a tour of the Institute's patient rooms, lunch room (where a hot lunch was provided), three (3) operating rooms, pre-op and post-op areas, emergency room, MRI and x-ray areas (with additional state-of-the-art equipment currently being installed), examing rooms, doctor's offices, administrative's office and physical and occupational therapy areas. An Occupational Therapist visited with the Rotarians and explained her roll in a patient's recovery. The hospital also has a pharmacy. At each stop on the tour, and at lunch, Dr. Teuscher explained the operation and purpose of the various areas and answered his fellow Rotarians numerous, insightful questions. The Institute currently has fifteen (15) orthopedists and three (3) ophthalmologists using the surgical specialty hospital, and has over two hundred (200) employees, including administrative and nursing staff.

The following Rotarians attended; Ann Scoggins, David Gaultney, Charlie Weinbaum, Terry Bourdier, Fred Kristiansen, Alex Broussard, Thomas F. Williams, Chuck Wall, Brian Schlensinger & Cynthia Wolf.

2009 "RI Convention"
Birmingham, England, UK
Jun 21 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

DAVID TEUSCHER'S SON PFC DEREK J.

First Graduation Ceremony of

Sponsor Pins beginning in December

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BEAUMONT CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

HOST-DEAN CONWELL

Dean gave us a tour and served us lunch at the new Convention & Visitors Bureau building on Willow Street. He explained the many activities of the bureau varying from Grants to activity coordination. He explained that they get an estimated 8 visitors a day from out of town interested in information about conventions and activities available in the area.

Rotarians attended: Richard Funchess, Chris Ayers, Donna Qualls, George Perrett, Dean Conwell, Earl Hines & Bessie Chisum.

Guests: Stephanie Molina, Director of Marketing & Rebecca Woodland, Convention Sales Manager

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BEAUMONT MAIN STREET

Host-Carolyn Howard

Great food and a festive time at Beaumont Main Street, downtown's nonprofit development corporation. Guests splurged on eats from New York Pizza and Pasta followed by homemade ice cream from Suga's. Carolyn Howard, Director of Main Street, gave a presentation on where downtown was and where it is today. We were amazed at the before and after photographs of the Jefferson Theatre, Hotel Beaumont, Crockett Street, the Santa Fe Depot and much more! Let's go back to Main Street!

The following Rotarians attended; Carolyn Howard, Jack Tenner, R.J. Demahy, Ryan Smith, Guy Goodson, Carol Flatten, Uliana Trylowsky & Bruce Walker.

Guests: Tom Bell, President, Beaumont Main Street & Corby Weyler, Director of Community Development, Beaumont Main Street

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BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Host-Michael Clayton

The group was small, but the room was filled with wisdom, wit and wonderful fun! The Better Business Bureau in Southeast Texas and Rotarian Michael Clayton hosted Rotarians Anthony Toups, Past-President Floyd McSpadden, Robert Besser, and Past-President John Quigley. The meeting included a delicious Jason's Deli lunch, a short game of WII Sports, and introductions and Rotary service by each participant. Clayton shared a brief overview of the history, mission, objectives, services, and organization of the BBB, and gave the Rotarians a tour of the BBB offices and introduced each to the BBB staff team. Without question there was a lot of "Rotary smarts" in the room - two lawyers, a pastor, a car salesman, and a BBB man! We couldn't go wrong! What fun!!

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BLUE BELL CREAMERIES

Host - Travis Brewer

Travis Brewer shared a little bit about the history and the philosophy of the company. Everybody wanted to know when their favorite flavor was going to me made. We sampled the newest flavor Butter Crunch. Pat Anderson said he was going to the store on his way home to get some. We walked (short walk) through the cold storage facility were about 500 pallets of ice cream are stored. The temperature in that room is about 20 degrees below zero.

The following Rotarians attended: Lupe Flores, Russ Schultz, Kevin Roy, Erin Lacy, Pat Anderson, Robert Turner, Travis Brewer & Michael Perez.

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CLEAR CHANNEL RADIO

Host - Vesta Brandt

Vesta Brandt, General Manager hosted the Rotary Members as identified on the sign in sheet. The meeting began with a gracious deli combination of a variety of sandwiches, chips, fruit, cookies and cold colas. Vesta began the meeting with discussing the structure of Clear Channel and how are here to provide exemplary customer service to their clients. The clientele was defined into two areas: listeners and advertisers. Discussion continued on with regards to the past vs. the present in Radio. Soon discussion turned to the websites for Clear Channel and each stations web stream. The members were brought up to speed on HD which is CD quality sound.

Open discussion was encouraged:

Jay Johnson asked about political ads given this being a presidential election year. Vesta informed the group that because Texas was not a swing state that Radio in Texas had been more proactive for candidates for their listeners.

Buz Brown commended Clear Channel for their excellent coverage during Hurricane Ike; all in attendance agreed.

The following Rotarians attended; Jay Johnson, Vesta Brandt, Teresa Simpson, Buz Brown, Katrina Brent, Kevin Dodson, Craig Escamilla & Major Floiran Estrada.

A tour of Clear Channel wrapped up the meeting. All in attendance appreciated seeing firsthand the many wonders of Radio.

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COLLISION & CLASSICS

Host - Gerald Condon

Gerald Condon hosted a fun Rotary Goes to Work lunch for his guests, serving various Pizza's and Italian salad. The guests were surprised and amazed at the lastest technology used at Collision & Classics in the reconstruction of vehicle collision repair. A few members even scheduled a repair date for their cars!

The following Rotarians attended; John Neely, Mary Ellen Robertson, Bobbie

Applegate, Jack Schenck, Chuck Heare, George Crawford, Gerald Condon, Mike Ireland & Victor Zaloom.

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D'VINE WINE

Host - Carolyn Oliver

Carolyn talked for about 15 minutes on how the winery works, where they get their juice, gave a tour and answered questions. We all had a very good time!

The following Rotarians attended; Jack Scott, Lee Freeland, Angela Baker, Gene Arnold, Karen Weller, Ed Edson, Kim Tompkins, Harland Merriam, John Weitzel, Patty Williams, Ben Thacker, Bruce Hoffer & Carolyn Oliver.

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ENTERGY

Host - Vernon Pierce

Twelve Rotarians joined for lunch in the Entergy Command Center. While the group was enjoying lunch, Entergy personnel gave a presentation on Hurricane Ike recovery effort. Then there was a tour of Entergy's command center. Then we toured the Distribution Operations Center and our Transmission Operations Center. At the Command Center the group learned how Entergy restores service during a major event. At the Distribution Operations Center, we learned how when a customer calls to report their lights are out how they are restored. At the Transmission Operations Center the grouped learned how the transmission lines are controlled all the way to Baton Rouge and we observed the two story interactive board that shows which lines are energized. The following Rotarians attended; Cindy Cherry, Larry Beaulieu, Dan Milolay, Toby Castro, Charles Regenbrecht, Joy Regenbrecht, Marvin Brailsford, Robert Edgar, Jennifer Nguyen, Sheri Arnold, Janet Walker & Vernon Pierce.

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HERMANN MEMORIAL BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Host - Guy Giesecke

SORRY, INFORMATION & PICTURES TO COME.

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MUNRO'S DRY CLEANING COMPANY

Host - Paul Koester

The group that attended Munro's Rotary Goes to Work had a good time and plenty of questions. I intern had all their answers and great food! After the tour of the plant, we had an excellent meal and good fellowship.

The following Rotarians attended; James Broussard Sr., Alan Sampson, Charles Glass, Paul Koester, Jerry White and Chad Blanchard.

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VERLO MATTRESS FACTORY

Host - Eric Lawrence

Eric Lawrence educated our group on the workings of a comfortable mattress.
Verlo mattresses are made in Eric's store and can be customized to your personal comfort level. The mattresses are made with their quality products. Naturally, more expensive components go into the higher end mattresses. We were able to watch an employee use a special sewing machine to stitch the sideband onto a mattress. After hurricane Ike Verlo Mattress Factory sent a truckload of mattresses from the Eric's store. The factory was able to put a lot of mattresses together in a short period of time to send to Eric's store. If they would have had to be made here, it would have taken quite a bit longer to complete. The demand for mattresses after hurricane Ike has been huge, putting a strain on supply.

Along with mattresses, the store sells lustrous pillows and beautiful headboards for all bed sizes. Eric and his wife, Phyllis were great hosts and we appreciate their hospitality.

The following Rotarians attended; Steve Doblin, Phil Dunlap, Frank Maida, Carole Reeves, Michael Wolf, Eric Lawrence & Shiv Bagri.

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THANK YOU CHAIRMAN JOHN WEITZEL

FOR PUTTING "ROTARY GOES TO WORK"

TOGETHER THIS YEAR. GREAT JOB!!!

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DON'T MISS THE...

ANNUAL ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

COMING UP

DECEMBER 17th!

WHERE'S YOUR PICTURE?????

Price per seat - $30.00 - MUST PURCHASE IN ADVANCE

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD Before or After the meetings of December 3rd and 10th.

DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 12th.

Call Rotary office to pay by credit card.

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WHAT A GREAT TURNOUT !

"30 SOMETHING"

Was held November 20th @ 7:30am

Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club with Michael Perez & Judy Kelfstrom

Twelve Rotary members, including our district governor Roger McCabe, gathered at the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club last Thursday morning for this month's 30 Something's meeting. Attendees were given a tour of the Boys & Girls Club facility and a brief summary of its mission and programs.

The Boys & Girls Club was described as a special and effective organization because of its following four features.

1. Dedicated Youth Facility

The Boys & Girls Club is a place - an actual neighborhood-based building - designed solely for youth programs and activities.

2. Open Daily

The Club is open every day, after school and on school holidays, when kids have free time and need positive, productive outlets.

3. Professional Staff

Every Club has full-time, trained youth development professionals, providing positive role models and mentors. Volunteers provide key supplementary support.

4. Available/Affordable to All Youth

Clubs reach out to kids who cannot afford, or may lack access to, other community programs. Dues are low and can be waived for deserving families.

At the end of the visit, Rotarians were treated to a special display of Boys & Girls Club youth. Taped to the walls, in two rows spanning the entire circumference of the Salvation Army chapel, were slips of paper containing the name, picture and information of Boys & Girls Club members from the past year. There were 537 slips of paper in all, representing the total number of active Club members during the 07-08 fiscal year.

Rotarians enjoyed putting names and faces with the numbers. To their amusement and entertainment Rotarians found that many of the paper slips contained the nicknames of the youth they represented.

These following Rotarians also attended; Marilyn Smith, Lois Cornwell, Bruce Hoffer, Cindy Cherry, Craig Escamilla, Cindy Westfall, Robert Besser, Paul Koester, Judy Kelfstrom, Pat Anderson & Michael Perez.

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"ROTARY AFTER HOURS"

November 20th @ 5:30pm until

SARTIN'S

Dean Conwell, Director of City of Beaumont Convention and Visitors Center

Great time, great turnout, great fun, great fellowship. Sartin's welcomed us all with open arms and FREE appetizers.

The following Rotarians attended; Dean Conwell, Karen Weller, Sheri Arnold, Gerald Condon, Jim Rich, Donna Qualls, Albert & JoAnn Smith, Gene & Elizabeth Arnold, District Governor Roger McCabe and his wife Sharon, Chuck Wall & Bruce & Carey Hoffer.

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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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