



The Beaumont Rotary Club

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Future Speakers

Oct 1 2008

Carl W. Sherrill,
Communications
Specialists

"Federal Disaster Loans"

Oct 8 2008

Judge Ron Walker

"State of Jefferson County "

Oct 15 2008

US Attorney Becky
Gregory

"Eastern District"

Oct 22 2008

Laura Whitmire-Lamar
Chapter President

"Belize Summer 2008 trip"

Oct 29 2008

Barbara Best, Executive
Director

*"Children's Defense Fund Texas,
Houston"*

News

NEW USERS!

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said
It?

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CARL W. SHERRILL

PROGRAM PREVIEW

OCTOBER 1ST



Carl works as a Communications Specialist with the Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center - East located in Atlanta, GA. Carl joined Small Business Administration in 2004 as a Loan Officer to process loans for victims of hurricanes that affected Florida. During the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina he was assigned to SBA Processing & Disbursement Center in Fort Worth, TX where he processed loans for over 1,200 businesses, non-profits, renters and homeowners. Carl joined the Communications Department in June 2006 to assist in disaster recovery public outreach. He is currently responsible for working with disaster victims, media, local agencies, state and federal government officials to communicate the SBA Disaster Assistance Program.

Prior to joining SBA Carl was the owner of a consulting business that improved the financial performance of small businesses through focused marketing efforts. He also spent over thirty years as a manager and marketing director with Coca-Cola, Ralston Purina, AT&T, American General and Chase Financial.

Carl Sherrill received a degree in Public Relations/Advertising from the University of Georgia, and a Masters in Marketing/Advertising from the University of Illinois. He was also an Instructor at Chattahoochee Technical College in Marietta, GA and Forest Park Community College in St. Louis, MO.

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OCTOBER 1ST HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

*Invocation; Cindy Cherry, Jefferson Cnty Community Supervision & Corrections Dept.

*Pledge; Twila Baker, Lamar University

*Introduction of Guests; Gene Arnold, Business Service

Elegante Menu will be Chicken Fried Steak, jalapenos cornbread, crusted tilapia, mashed potatoes/gravy & mixed vegetables

October 1st meeting will be held in the BALLROOM

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ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS

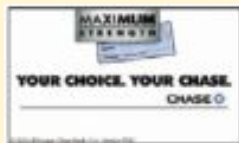
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY...NO ONE IS TO BE BILLED FOR THEIR LUNCH OR A MEAL TICKET BOOK. WE WILL GLADLY TAKE CASH, VISA, MASTERCARD OR CHECK.

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ATTENTION TO ALL MEMBERS

Just as a reminder TO ALL MEMBERS (RED & BLUE), makeup credits are given for participating in events and Service Projects such as helping at the Wednesday meetings, attending "30 Something Meetings", Rotary "After Hours", Rotary "Goes Home", to name a few.

Just a friendly reminder RED BADGES, make sure you turn in your hours to the Rotary office to receive your BLUE BADGE. CONGRATULATIONS TO CHRIS AYERS AND MICHAEL PEREZ FOR ACHIEVING BLUE BADGE STATUS. WHO WILL BE THE NEXT ONE TO HAVE THEIR NAME IN THE CLUB BULLETIN???



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MAKE-UPS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR CANCELLED MEETINGS

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ROTARY "AFTER HOURS"

POBLANO'S GRILL SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

We had a great time with 22 Rotarians/spouses & friends. Can't wait for October's Rotary "After Hours"! Hope to see YOU there next month.

The following Rotarians attended: **Jim Rich, Donna Qualls, Cindy Cherry, Lee Freeland, Paul Szuch, Pat Anderson, Bruce & Kathryn Walker, Karen Weller, Joe Fisher, Kim Tompkins, Charles Wall, Leonard Junker, Kevin Roy, George Crawford, Sharen Kirksey, Roger & Sharon McCabe and Phil Dunlap.**

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**BADGES MUST BE SCANNED TO ASSURE
ACCURATE ATTENDANCE RECORDS.**

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Rotarians Survey Hurricane Ike Damage



Rotarians Fred Sandberg of Santa Fe and Jay Carnes of Texas City set up a tour of Galveston for Rotary District 5910 leadership which included District Governor Roger McCabe and Past District Governor Hugh Summers and Rotarian Ulli Budlemann of Galveston.

Disaster areas of Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange counties are home to 18 of the 42 Rotary Clubs in District 5910. District Governor Roger McCabe reports the committee is exploring ways to help. "We are not experts in the area of disaster, but we know people who are and we are trying to partner with these experts to provide the much needed help for the disaster area." Following Hurricane Rita, District 5910 established a foundation for disaster relief.

An initial donation of \$5,000 has been made from the foundation to the American Red Cross in Anderson County. The donation in Anderson County will help cover the cost of sheltering 475 people after Hurricane Ike had swept through Texas.

Donations may be made by check to the Texas Area Fund Foundation, Inc., District 5910 Advised Fund and mailed to P. O. Box 1399, Palestine, Texas 75802-1399.

Rotarians Fred Sandberg, Ulli Budlemann, Jay Carnes, Hugh Summers and Roger McCabe *Photo courtesy of Summers.*

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Hugh Summers (right), District 5910 disaster preparedness chair, hands a check to Red Cross Chair Bob Snow, of the Rotary club of Palestine, Texas, USA, to help cover the cost of sheltering 475 people after Hurricane Ike swept through Texas. *Photo courtesy of Summers.*

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REVIEW FROM SEPTEMBER 24TH PROGRAM



President Jim Rich and the club board of directors were committed to getting Rotary back on track as soon as possible "After Ike". President Jim recognized fellow Rotarians who have worked so diligently before and after Ike, including **Mayor Becky Ames, City Manager Kyle Hayes, Joe Domino** and **Vernon Pierce** with Entergy and **Chuck Kalkbrenner** with AT&T. Some 120+ members and guests of Beaumont Rotary welcomed **Bob Bennett**, Jefferson County's Team Coordinator from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA. Accompanying Mr. Bennett was **Peter Lembessis**, Public Information Officer for FEMA in our area. Bennett was introduced by **Vice President Bessie Chisum** who explained to the audience that our speaker apparently holds a variety of positions, depending on who is describing him, including "chief of staff, district commander and our go-to-guy." County Judge Ron Walker was thanked for helping arrange Mr. Bennett's appearance. Mr. Bennett stated that the estimated costs for the 29 Texas Counties affected by Hurricane Ike will exceed \$6 Billion. He reviewed the changes in FEMA policy since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The most obvious change is that there is no longer a \$2000 check per evacuated household, in declared disasters. Emergency food-stamps and housing (not FEMA trailers) are designed to cover those in critical areas. After 2005, Congress lifted the "caps", that were at the \$5000 level, allowing more latitude to FEMA, to assist with rebuilding. "FEMA's role is to provide assistance to ensure livability", Mr. Bennett stated. For more information on FEMA disaster assistance visit: <http://www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm> .

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