



The Beaumont Rotary Club

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

Future Speakers

Oct 15 2008

US Attorney Becky
Gregory

Oct 22 2008

Laura Whitmire-Lamar
Rotaract Chapter President
"Belize Summer 2008 trip"

Oct 29 2008

Rotary District Governor
5910 Roger McCabe

Nov 5 2008

Harland Merriam Jr.
*"Pre-Veterans Day event/Memorial
Resolution for George Schaumberg"*

Nov 12 2008

State Senator Tommy
Williams

Upcoming Events

"30 SOMETHING" October 23rd
Oct 23 2008

Board Meeting October 28th
Oct 28 2008

**New Member Indoctrination
October 29th**
Oct 29 2008

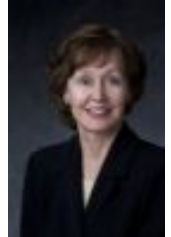
**Rotary "After Hours" October
30th**
Oct 30 2008

**Rotary "Goes to Work"
November 19, 2008**
Nov 19 2008

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

OCTOBER 15TH



U.S. ATTORNEY REBECCA "BECKY" A. GREGORY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

On May 9, 2008, Rebecca A. Gregory assumed the duties of United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. Previously, Gregory served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District. As United States Attorney, Gregory directs thousands of federal prosecutions and civil cases in a 43 county area stretching from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf of Mexico. She oversees a budget of more than \$8 million and actively manages a staff of more than 100, including 50 lawyers in six fully staffed offices located in Beaumont, Plano, Tyler, Sherman, Texarkana and Lufkin.

Subsequent to her appointment as U. S. Attorney Eastern District, Becky practiced law with the firm of Curran Tomko Tarski LLP, specializing in the areas of Civil Litigation, White Collar Defense and Corporate Compliance. Before joining the firm, she was appointed by the Governor as Judge of the 283rd Judicial District Court for the State of Texas where she presided over felony-level offenses. Prior to that, she was First Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas. Before her service in the Eastern District, for some 20 years, Becky was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Texas.

She was selected for a special assignment in Washington D.C., where she worked on terrorism investigations and frequently appeared before the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. Becky's work has been recognized with numerous Department of Justice awards and the U.S. State Department's Special Agent Award. She was also selected as an Excellence in Government Fellow.

Outside of her legal practice, Becky has been a Visiting Associate Professor at SMU's Dedman School of Law and an instructor at the National Advocacy Center. She earned a BA degree cum laude from the University of Dallas and her JD degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio. Our speaker was arranged by Rotarian **Randy Fluke**.

"Holiday Party" December 17, 2008

Dec 17 2008

"Rotary Large Club Conference" Feb 8-10, 2009

Feb 8 2009

T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award March 4, 2009

Mar 4 2009

Rotary "Goes To School" March 18, 2009

Mar 18 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

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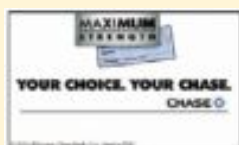
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OCTOBER 15th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

- *Invocation; Carolyn Oliver, Owner, D'Vine Wine
- *Pledge; Pat Anderson, Sales, Becker Printing
- *Introduction of Guests; Robert Turner, President, JK Chevrolet-Isuzu

Elegante Menu will be Chef's Choice

October 15th meeting will be held in the BALLROOM

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"30 Something" Coming UP!

October 23, 2008

LAMAR UNIVERSITY "CARDINAL CRUISE ON THE NECHES" AT RIVERFRONT PARK.

MEET AT 7:30AM. BE ON TIME! (Once the boat leaves, it will not be back for 45 minutes).

RSVP to Paul Koester at pkoester@munrosinc.com



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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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Attention Members!!!

The following is information that EVERYONE needs to know. Please read carefully:

This is the website link to the NEW ClubRunner Website: www.clubrunner.ca/beaumont Once we finish with the new website, we will no longer have the old one. Please make a note of the NEW website.

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.

Also a friendly reminder RED BADGES, make sure you turn in your hours to the Rotary office to receive your BLUE BADGE.

SOME OF YOU HAVE STILL NOT GIVEN US THE INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE A ROSTER FOR EVERYONE. THE SOONER YOU DO, THE SOONER EVERYONE CAN PRINT OUT A COMPLETED ROSTER.

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP INPUTING INFORMATION, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL OR EMAIL THE ROTARY OFFICE MONDAY - FRIDAY FROM 8AM - 5PM.

IF YOUR BUSINESS/HOME ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES, PLEASE GO INTO "YOUR PROFILE" AND UPDATE.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR HELP AT THE OCTOBER 8TH MEETING



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Roy Huckaby, Norman Lee, Karen Newton, Kim Tompkins, Erin Lacy, Patty Thompson, Nancy Carlisle, Laura Bowman, Cindy Westfall, Michael Perez, John Neely, Gillian Jenkins and others that help no matter what.

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HAVE YOUR BADGE SCANNED UPON ARRIVAL

THIS WILL ASSURE ACCURATE ATTENDANCE RECORDS

"PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN"

HEAD SHOTS

30 MINUTES BEFORE AND 30 MINUTES AFTER THE MEETING

THESE ARE NEEDED FOR THE ROSTER

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE NEEDS TO BE MET:

OCTOBER 15TH LAST NAMES "G" THRU "M"

OCTOBER 22ND LAST NAMES "N" THRU "T"

OCTOBER 29TH LAST NAMES "U" THRU "Z"

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"THE RULE OF 85"

"THE RULE OF 85" states after reaching a certain age and being in Rotary for so many years that you are exempt from attendance. (You cannot be terminated for lack of attendance to the meetings).

You are still liable for dues, meals etc.... You are strickly exempt from attendance.

For example; If you are 60 years old and have been a member for 25 years, this equals 85 which means you meet the requirements of the "RULE of 85".

If you know you meet this criteria, please contact the Rotary office and we will change your status.

Note: We must have your full date of birth along with your date of indoctrination.

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Home Presentation by HelpingaHero.org

for Specialist Alan Seals, US Army--Wounded in Iraq

Special guests invited by Meredith Iler (National Chairman, Helping a Hero's Wounded Hero Home Program) to join in the key presentation ceremony were Congressman Ted Poe & our own President Jim Rich.

Meredith Iler and Specialist Seals were our guests at our October 8th meeting. Spec. Seals, is the first home recipient in Beaumont to receive a home through HelpingaHero.org, an organization committed to building homes for severely wounded veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. During his tour in Iraq, Spec. Seals was injured on October 4, 2003, by an RPG. It hit the side of his tank resulting in the loss of his right arm and extensive damage to his chest and stomach. The Seals home will have lowered kitchen cabinets to allow for easier accessibilty for Spec. Seals.

Several local businesses have donated furniture, appliances and landscaping to help beautify the home. Rotary Club of Beaumont has

been asked to join in this effort and provide a volunteer to assist Spec. Seals with a budget and to help him get his finances in order over the next few months.

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SCORE

A ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

In an effort to assist small business get back on their feet after Hurricane Ike, we are recruiting Rotarians to serve as SCORE Volunteers. This is the perfect way to give back over the next few months.

SCORE is made up of volunteers of all backgrounds coming together as a team to complete a common goal: to help small businesses succeed. They educate, counsel and mentor budding entrepreneurs and small business owners.

SCORE is interested in finding new counselors who have a strong business background and a desire to share their knowledge with others in our community. The need is critical at this time as businesses try to recover from the devastating impact of Hurricane Ike.

Nationwide 10,500 men and women, retired and working, donate their time and talent to assist America's entrepreneurs. At the local 389 SCORE offices, volunteers provide confidential one-to-one and team business counseling and low-cost entrepreneurial training workshops and seminars. In addition, many counselors are virtual volunteers, providing email counseling directly from their homes or offices.

As a SCORE volunteer, you will

- Be a leader in the effort to provide real-world assistance to small businesses.
- Gain fulfillment by sharing your business experience and expertise with a new generation of entrepreneurs.
- Build relationships with local business leaders to provide economic growth and employment opportunities in the Houston area.
- connect with entrepreneurs through counseling, or share your knowledge at SCORE's entrepreneurial training workshops.

For a part-time volunteer opportunity with extremely flexible hours, please contact Harlan Andrews at 281-343-9621 or handrews@hal-pc.org for more information about joining SCORE even for a few months.

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LETTER FROM PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY COORDINATOR

Dear Fellow Rotarian;

Every year Rotarians from every corner of the globe help to make our goal of world peace and understanding a reality through the projects and programs of our Rotary Foundation. Our Foundation's ability to serve humanity is limitless as long as we put "Service Above Self" and "Rotary Shares" in hands-on projects and through our financial support.

District Governor Roger McCabe, District Rotary Foundation Chairman Anne Bragg and I cordially extend our invitation to become a **CHARTER MEMBER OF THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5910.**

Beginning this Rotary year, every donor who annually contributes \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation will be awarded membership to the Paul Harris Society. Society members will receive a special Certificate of Recognition and a distinctive gold and blue lapel banner which can be worn with their Rotary pin. District 5910 is graced with many Rotarians who have the capability of becoming Society members. Please share this information with your club members and join us in the formation of this exciting new program that will build a stronger Rotary Foundation.

A PHS Membership Form is enclosed. Note a credit card contribution form is on the bottom of the form for your convenience. Thank you in advance for your consideration and your continued support of the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

You Make the Difference!

In Service to Mankind

Mary Jean George,

Paul Harris Society

Coordinator

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Rotary Speaker Review for October 8, 2008



Our speaker this week was **Jeff Branick**, the First Assistant to Jefferson County Judge Ron Walker. Jeff was introduced by County Judge Ron Walker who had been introduced by U.S. Magistrate of the U.S. District Court Judge **Keith Giblin**. Rotarian Keith explained the scheduled speaker Major General Douglas O'Dell USMC (ret), Federal Coordinator of Gulf Coast Rebuilding and Recovery appointed by President Bush in April 2008, had to cancel his visit to Beaumont area on Wednesday.

While introducing Jeff, Judge Ron Walker took the opportunity to thank all of our local media for their commitment to Southeast Texas, especially during and after the arrival of Hurricane Ike.

Jeff is a native of Port Arthur; earned his Juris Doctorate degree in 1984 from Baylor Law. He was in private practice from 1984 until he was "drafted" into public service by County Judge Ron Walker in January 2007.

Jeff covered a multitude of issues from the tax base to the differences between County Court, County Commissioners and municipalities. Jeff explained the varying degrees of "authority" regarding County Court and District Court. Jeff had the opportunity to be in the courthouse during Hurricane Ike. He talked passionately about his desire to see repairs and improvements made to our historically significant courthouse.

For more information about the Jefferson County Commissioners Court visit: http://www.co.jefferson.tx.us/comm_crt/commlink.htm .