



# 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

**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"**

Oct 23 2008

**Board Meeting**

Oct 28 2008

**New Member Indoctrination**

Oct 29 2008

**Rotary "After Hours"**

Oct 30 2008

**Rotary "Goes to Work"**

Nov 19 2008

**"Holiday Party"**

Dec 17 2008

**2009 "Rotary Large Club Conference" Oklahoma City**

Feb 8 2009

**T. Kelsey Lamb Ethics Award**

Mar 4 2009

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**OCTOBER 22nd**



Rotaract Club of Lamar University was started in 2003 by Robbie Waters. In the past five years Rotaract has grown to be one of the best service organizations on campus. Rotaract hosts many community service projects and conducts fundraisers for international projects! Rotaract is also responsible for acquiring ten scholarships donated by different area Rotary Clubs for St. Viator's Vocational High School in Belize. These students are selected by their primary school principal in the Chunox Village and given scholarships to attend high school for four years.

**Laura Whitmire** is currently President of Rotaract for the 2008-2009 school year. A native of Orangefield, Texas, she is currently a sophomore at Lamar University double majoring in Spanish and Psychology. She is an active member of Student Government Association where she served as academic affairs chairperson. She is also a member of Zeta Tau Alpha where she acts as Service Chair and Judicial Representative. She has been actively involved in Rotaract since her freshman year. She worked as Fundraising Chairperson helping coordinate last year's "Cardinal Swap" which is a raffle that allows one lucky student to trade places with Lamar University President, Jimmy Simmons for a day. **Rotarian Teresa Simpson**, Advisor to the Rotaract Chapter will introduce the program.

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## OCTOBER 22nd HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

\*Invocation; Ken Arola, Associate, Community Chiropractic

\*Pledge; Buz Brown, Marketing Manager, Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.

\*Introduction of Guests; Henry Venta, Dean, Lamar University

\*Elegante Menu will be Chef's Choice\*

**October 22nd meeting will be held in the BALLROOM**

Rotary "Goes To School"

Mar 18 2009

2009 "RI Convention"

Birmingham, England, UK

Jun 21 2009

News

NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK - Who Said It?

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"30 Something" Coming UP!

October 23, 2008

LAMAR UNIVERSITY "CARDINAL CRUISE ON THE NECHES" AT COLLIER'S FERRY AT THE END OF PINE STREET (BY THE BEAUMONT COUNTRY CLUB)

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

DEPARTURE LOCATION HAS CHANGED FROM RIVERFRONT PARK TO COLLIER'S FERRY

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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



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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 15TH MEETING**

Roy Huckaby, Norman Lee, Karen Newton, Kim Tompkins, Patty Thompson, John Neely, Claudia Hawkins, Monica Mason, Cindy Cherry 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 22ND LAST NAMES "N" THRU "T"**

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

**THANK YOU TO MEMBERS THAT HAVE HELPED WITH THE**

## HEAD SHOTS AT THE MEETINGS...

Alan Sampson, Michael Perez, Bob Harris & Jay Johnson

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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 accessibility 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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### A HARDY CONGRATULATIONS TO CHARLIE WEINBAUM JR.

### TEXAS A&M CLASS OF 1947

Mr. Weinbaum was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni in the July-August edition of the Texas Aggie Magazine. He has been actively involved with Texas A&M, having served as President of the Beaumont A&M Club and of the Board of Directors of The Association of Former Students. He is a co-founder of the Texas A&M Letterman's Association as well as a member of the 12th Man

Foundation Champions Counsel. Weinbaum funded a President's Endowed Scholarship in 1990 and has contributed to many other A&M organizations and activities. He serves as councilman emeritus for The Association of Former Students and was recognized by the Beaumont A&M Club for 50 years of dedicated service.

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## Rotary Speaker Review for October 15, 2008



Our speaker on October 15th was Rebecca Gregory, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas since April 2008. Ms. Gregory was introduced by **Assistant U.S. Attorney Randy Fluke**.

Ms. Gregory stated that the Office of the U.S. Attorney represents the Chief Law Enforcement official for the District to which they are assigned. Rebecca stated that U.S. Attorneys are appointed and serve at the pleasure of the President of the United States with confirmation by the U.S. Senate. She further stated that her office covers 43 counties, in the Eastern District, from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf of Mexico.

The original priorities of U.S. Attorneys set by President George Washington in 1789 were:

- a) piracy
- b) counterfeiting
- c) treason

Rebecca stated that the Office of the U.S. Attorney handles both civil and criminal matters. With limited resources, the Office of the U.S. Attorney often has to refer criminal matters to the State.

Public corruption, trafficking, terrorism, and cyber-crime dominate the workload. Crimes against children, terrorism, and identity-theft are several areas that Rebecca mentioned on more than one occasion. Criminals are using state-of-the-art technologies to further their criminal activity, while the U.S. Attorneys use the same technologies, in the pursuit of these criminal activities.

The Office of the U.S. Attorney "represents the Community and its' people". Rebecca has received numerous awards, including a U.S. State Department's Special Agent Award. She was also selected as an Excellence in Government Fellow. Our club welcomes Ms. Gregory to Beaumont where she resides.

