



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 8 2008

Major General Douglas V. O'Dell

"Recovery & Rebuilding of Gulf Coast Region"

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

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting October 28th
Oct 28 2008

New Member Indoctrination
October 29th
Oct 29 2008

"30 SOMETHING" October 30th
Oct 30 2008

Rotary "After Hours" October 30th
Oct 30 2008

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

"Holiday Party" December 17, 2008
Dec 17 2008

Major General Douglas V. O'Dell USMC (ret.)

PROGRAM PREVIEW

OCTOBER 8TH



PROGRAM PREVIEW FOR MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS V. O'DELL

Our club welcomes Major General Douglas V. O'Dell, USMC (ret). General O'Dell was appointed by President Bush as Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Recovery and Rebuilding of the Gulf Coast Region on April 18, 2008. General O'Dell has extensive command and control experience, including emergency response and the transition to ongoing management, notably serving as commander of U.S. Marine Forces, Joint Task Force Katrina/Rita during Gulf Coast relief operations. General O'Dell is a member of the Order of Saint Barnabas.

General O'Dell comes to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Rebuilding after a distinguished 39-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring last year as a Major General with command of the New Orleans-based 4th Marine Division, the largest combat unit in the Corps. Immediately after 9/11, he was activated to lead 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (Anti-Terrorism), and also served as Vice Commander of Marine Forces for Europe, the Atlantic and South America. Simultaneous with his reserve military service before 9/11, he pursued a successful career in investment management, retiring as a partner of AIM Investments on Sept. 10, 2001. Jefferson County Judge Ron Walker will introduce our

"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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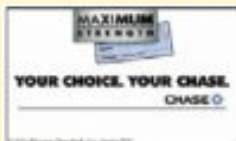
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speaker who was arranged by Greater Beaumont Chamber President Jim Rich.

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OCTOBER 8th HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

*Invocation; Mike Ireland, President , Efficient Systems Inc.

*Pledge; Travis Brewer, Branch Manager, Blue Bell Creameries

*Introduction of Guests; R J Demahy, Partner of Theobald, Demahy & Co., P.C.

Elegante Menu will be mixed greens, london broil, red pepper basin chix, mix grilled vegetables, wild rice & chef's choice of desert

October 8th meeting will be held in the FOUNTAINVIEW ROOM

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** Attention Members!!! **

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

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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.

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.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA BOWMAN AND KAREN NEWTON FOR ACHIEVING **BLUE BADGE STATUS.**

WHO WILL BE THE NEXT ONE TO HAVE THEIR NAME IN THE CLUB BULLETIN???

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.

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MAKE-UPS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR CANCELLED MEETINGS

BADGES MUST BE SCANNED TO ASSURE ACCURATE ATTENDANCE RECORDS.

"PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN"

HEAD SHOTS

BEGINNING OCTOBER 8TH

30 MINUTES BEFORE AND 30 MINUTES AFTER THE MEETING

THESE ARE NEEDED FOR THE ROSTER

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE NEEDS TO BE MET:

OCTOBER 8TH MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES

BEGINNING WITH "A" THRU "F"

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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Beaumont Rotary Club Guest Speaker Oct. 1, 2008
Submitted by Judy Kelfstrom



When disaster assistance numbers are on our speed dial you know life is anything but normal. In lieu of the recent events with Hurricanes, Gustav and IKE, Carl W. Sherrill was asked to speak to the group. Rotarian Gene Arnold made the introductions. Carl is a Communications Specialist with the Office of Disaster Assistance Field Operations Center - East in Atlanta, GA. With his extensive experience in the field of processing loans for victims of hurricanes all along the Gulf Coast through the Small Business Administration, Carl was able to give some sound advise on how to begin the sometimes long process of collecting on a claim. He talked about 2 steps that everyone should take in recovery.

First register with FEMA

Some 650,000 people have registered with FEMA in the 3 weeks after Hurricane IKE and approximately 7,000 people continue to register every day. SBC has processed 32,000 loan applications to date, and more than 6,000 loans to businesses.

Twenty-nine counties in Texas have been declared disaster areas. FEMA works with the state and coordinates with all agencies. FEMA arranges removal of trees and debris. Provides temporary lodging. He said there was a housing shortage before the storm and there is definitely a shortage since the storm. FEMA has set up 2 temporary shelters in Jefferson County, 1 in Port Arthur and 1 in Fannett.

Rotarian Jim Rich requested that a business center be opened in Beaumont. There is 1 in Orange and 1 in Port Arthur now.

Second register with the Small Business Administration

The SBA issues long term, low interest loans. Funds are available from the US treasury. A claim can be filed with the SBA even before your insurance claim is settled. The goal of the SBA is to have the funds in the hands of the clients within 21 days. Since FEMA is considered a grant the client is required to wait until their insurance company settles.

Homeowners may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair or replace their primary residence.

Renters and homeowners may borrow up to \$40,000 to replace personal property.

Businesses may borrow up to \$2 million for any combination of property damage or economic injury.

To register with FEMA call 800-621-3362. For help and information from SBA Center call

800-659-2955. Hearing impaired individuals may call 800-877-8339.

Before the next storm comes ashore, Carl suggested that everyone make copies of all important documents, take pictures and/or videos of belongings then send them to a relative or friend in a safe town. This will make the claim process go much quicker and much smoother.

President Jim Rich recognized two special guests from the Bolivar Peninsula; Anne Willis who is owner of Swedes Real Estate and President of the Bolivar Chamber of Commerce and Margo Johnson who is a resident of Port Bolivar and Chamber board member.

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