



# 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 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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## Bob Bennett with Homeland Security/FEMA Team

### PROGRAM PREVIEW

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Rotary welcomes Bob Bennett from the Department of Homeland Security/FEMA Team. Mr. Bennett is the Coordinator for Jefferson County. He is a native of Missouri, retired from the US Airforce and has been associated with FEMA for the past 14 years.

According to Mr. Bennett, "I've coordinated every kind of disaster relief imaginable except a volcano".

We appreciate Mr. Bennett taking time from his busy schedule to speak before our Rotary Club.

Much appreciation to Jefferson County Judge Ron Walker and Executive Assistant Jeff Brannick, with Bessie Chisum as Program Chair, for arranging this speaker.

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### SEPTEMBER 24TH HEAD TABLE and LUNCH MENU

\*Invocation; Karen Newton, The Shorkey Center

\*Pledge; Michael Perez, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Clubs of

Beaumont

\*Introduction of Guests; Gillian Jenkins, Transit Mix

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

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**September 24th meeting will be held in the BALLROOM**

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**ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS**

**Remember it is your responsibility to turn in your hours to the Rotary office by e-mail, fax or in person to receive your **blue badge****

**Just as a reminder, points are earned towards your **blue badge** by 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.**

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**CHANGES DUE TO HURRICANE "IKE"**

1. **NO BOARD MEETING** SEPTEMBER 23, 2008
2. WE **WILL HAVE ROTARY "AFTER HOURS"** SEPTEMBER 25, 2008  
AT 5:30PM AT POBLANO'S GRILL.
3. WE **WILL NOT HAVE "30 SOMETHING"** THIS MONTH.
4. WE **WILL NOT HAVE INDOCTRINATION** THIS MONTH.
5. WE **WILL NOT HAVE ROTARY "GOES HOME"** THIS MONTH.
6. GOVERNOR'S VISIT **WILL BE RESCHEDULED** FOR THE FIRST OF  
THE YEAR.

**MAKEUPS ARE NOT NECESSARY FOR CANCELLED MEETINGS**

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## THINGS TO COME

### ROTARY "GOES HOME"

Rotary "Goes Home" is very similar to Rotary "Goes to Work", except Rotarians get to visit someone's home; and it does count as a make-up meeting. We need 30 Rotarians to be Host Families for this event. The cost is to be split among the Rotarians that visit the Host Family's home. Selection of which Rotarians visit which Host Family will be done by drawing names out of a hat.

The Host Family's responsibility:

- pick the date of your Rotary "Goes Home" (**TO BE ANNOUNCED**)
- provide the home and meal
- send invitations to Rotarians (& spouses) assigned to Host Family's Rotary "Goes Home" **communicating the date, time, location, and cost.**

This will be a great way to get to know a fellow Rotarian better and show off your home.

**To Host Family Volunteer: Please complete the information below and leave it on the table.**

Yes, I would like to be a Host Family.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any suggestions, please call:

Vernon Pierce (w) (409) 981-2135 (h) (409)896-2108

email: [hpierce@entergy.com](mailto:hpierce@entergy.com)

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## **CLUB MEMBERS**

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.**

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## **"Patriot Day" Flag Project**

**September 11th!**

**BIG SUCCESS!**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED**

**WE APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH**

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## **TIME HAS CHANGED**

**CHECK IN FOR WEDNESDAY'S MEETING BEGINS AT  
12:00 NOON**

**THE BELL WILL RING PROMPTLY AT 12:15 PM**

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

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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.

### **New Users!**

## **ATTENTION ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

You are reading our **new RotaryGram (e-bulletin)** you have been hearing so much about from ClubRunner. The old RotaryGram will soon be obsolete so start learning how to move around in this one as soon as you can. To go to the HOME page to view much more, click on HOME from this screen.

Please keep in mind that this is a **"work in progress"**. Little by little with your help we will get it looking better and better every week.

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## **A WORD FROM PRESIDENT JIM AND DONNA**

**WE'VE BEEN CONCERNED THROUGH HURRICANE "IKE" FOR EVERYONES SAFETY AND COMFORT.**

**WE HOPE EVERYONE IS NOW BEGINNING TO GET THEIR LIFE BACK IN ORDER.**

## **DISTRICT ADVISORY CONCERNING HURRICANE "IKE"**

As you know, District 5910 includes the coastal counties of Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange, which run from Galveston Island to the Louisiana border. All of these counties are disaster areas and 18 of our 42 clubs are located in these counties.

Our District has in place a Donor Advised Fund to help the effected communities. Donations may be made by check payable to Texas Area Fund Foundation, Inc. for credit to the Rotary District 5910 Donor Advised Fund.

This is a 501 (c) 3 foundation and the contributions are tax deductible. Mail your check to:

PDG - 5910, A. Hugh Summers

P.O. Box 1399

Palestine, Texas 75802-1399

### **ROTARIANS - ARE YOU IN NEED OF SHELTER AFTER HURRICANE IKE?**

PDG Hugh Summers and the District Emergency Response Committee want to help you. They are compiling a list of Rotarians in the district and across Texas who have offered temporary housing for you and your families. Please contact PDG Hugh (903-724-5800, [ahsummers@embarqmail.com](mailto:ahsummers@embarqmail.com))

### **DO YOU NEED TO LOCATE SOMEONE IN THE DISTRICT?**

If you need to reach any of the 2700 members of our District, you can do so through the District Website, as long as that member's information has been put into the site by their club.

All District Officers and Committee Chairs, as well as Club Presidents and Secretaries are listed, with their email addresses and phone numbers.

To access this area, log into the site; you will be taken to the Admin Screen. On the right side of the screen, under "For Members" you will see "Search member E Director" - The members name and phone number will be there. You can also email them from this same screen.

#### **IF YOU ARE DISPLACED BECAUSE OF THE STORM**

If you will remain at an alternate phone number for a period of time, consider entering that phone number in your member record for the duration.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO POST INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT SITE AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE**

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