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Future Speakers

Aug 4 2010

Jim Kite, Brenham Rotary Club
"Rotarians At Work In Nicaragua"

Aug 11 2010

Bob Phillips
"Texas Country Reporter HOLIDAY INN ATRIUM PLAZA"

Aug 18 2010

Sheriff Mitch Woods
"Jefferson County Navy"

Aug 25 2010

State Reps. Allan Ritter & Joe Deshotel
"Legislative Outlook"

Sep 1 2010

Mike Smith
"Phantom Crashes"

Sep 8 2010

Mayor Bill White -
Candidate for Governor of Texas

Sep 15 2010

Chelsea Tipton - Music Director
"Symphony of Southeast Texas- Back by popular demand!"

Upcoming Events

"30" Something - Beaumont Public Library 12:00pm
Aug 12 2010

Rotary after Hours - Spindletop Steakhouse 5:30pm
Aug 19 2010

Board of Directors meeting - Beaumont Club 11:45am
Aug 24 2010

News

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We meet Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the MCM Elegante' Hotel

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This week:

Nicaragua Reality Check
What can we do?

Jim Kite - Nicaragua Layette Project

Jim Kite resisted going to Nicaragua ten years ago when urged by a past district governor from the Houston area. "I don't need to go. I send my checks, and I've seen slums." But PDG Steve Fields was relentless, eventually convincing Jim to go see what Rotarians from District 5890 were doing there.

What Jim saw transformed his perspective on what can be accomplished. To date Rotarians from District 5890, along with some key local contacts, have rebuilt three villages; established a trade school, a music school, and a school for blind children; and built and equipped a complete hospital with operating room.

- NEED TO MAKE-UP A MEETING?
- QUOTE OF THE WEEK - August 4, 2010
- BIRTHDAYS
- ANNIVERSARIES
- SUNSHINE COMMITTEE
- UPCOMING EVENTS
- BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION DIRECTORS
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On that inaugural trip, Jim became a believer in the power of Rotary, traveling to Nicaragua three to four times every year since. His most recent visit is scheduled for July 13-22, and he promised to bring back plenty of photos to illustrate the need for the layettes that our club will be assembling and donating for our international project.

Past District Governor Roger McCabe will introduce Jim.

Note: for additional information on speaker: C:\Documents and Settings\Donna\My Documents\Donna\Previews for Speakers\Bio for Jim Kite-Nicaragua 8-4-10.pdf

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For those who didn't make it to Rotary on July 28th, the rumors are *FACT*, not fiction, according to John Neely. Featured speaker Gary Saurage of Gator Country and his team brought several small gators around to the tables for folks to "get a feel" for the gators. Gary also brought a *VERY LARGE* boa constrictor which received a warm Rotary welcome from President Bobbie!



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AUGUST 4th MEETING IN BALLROOM
HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

Invocation: Jerry White, Chair Emeritus, White Tire Supply Inc.


Pledge to US and Texas Flags: David Heinz, Financial Advisor, Sunbelt Securities

Introduction of Guests: Kim Tompkins, Owner/Stylist, Kim's Hair Studio

Menu: Baked lasagna, chicken parmesan, penne pesto alfredo, garlic toast, green beans amandine & minestrone soup

Note: Menu is subject to change per head chef

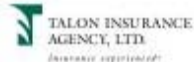
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ROTARY ON THE ROAD...
with Texas Country Reporter Bob Phillips



August 11th meeting moving to Holiday Inn Atrium Plaza, Walden Rd.

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Janna Fulbright, Public Relations, Spindletop MHMR, Classification: "Healthcare-Mental/Behavioral", Proposed by: Slate Babineaux was introduced as a new member approved by the board of directors at our July 28th meeting.

In accordance with our bylaws, please submit written objections related to the aforementioned proposal within 10 days to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection

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Free Trip to Germany?

Do you love to travel but hate to pay those prices? One lucky Rotarian from our Rotary District 5910 will be selected to lead an all-expenses-paid group study exchange (GSE) team to southwestern Germany from April 11 until May 9, 2011. The team will stay in Rotarians' homes and will experience the best of the Black Forest Region.

In addition to the Rotarian team leader, the team will be composed of four non-Rotarian professionals under the age of 40. It's a unique opportunity to see some of the most beautiful sights in the world while enjoying Rotary hospitality.

During the day you will visit community places of interest and vocational sites that match with your interests. You will attend local Rotary meetings and tell about yourself and your region of Texas. Most team members make lasting friendships among their hosts.

Interested yet? This is a genuine offer. It's part of Rotary International's effort to promote understanding among people around the world. Rotarians worldwide contribute funds that make this possible.

To learn more, go to the district web site: www.rotary5910.org. On the lower right side of the home page, click on "GSE Teams" to open the GSE brochure that gives criteria for selection.

Deadline for team leader applications is Saturday, Aug. 7. Deadline for non-Rotarian team member applications is Sept. 30.

For more information, contact Sharon McCabe 409-656-2120 or email smccabe4@mac.com

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PROGRAM REVIEW 07/28/10



Gary Saurage - owner of Gator Country, businessman, gator wrangler and star of *Gator 911* on CMT cable, conservationist and national celebrity - was introduced by Rotarian Bruce Walker who recommends our local Gator Country park for family outings. *Gator 911* was picked up by the Nashville-based cable Network for 10 episodes.

Visitors to Gator Country in 2008 exceeded 16,000 and the park is "on-track" to double in 2010! The Park and the Show have given our area national attention as well as those valuable tourist dollars. Some of you may

remember when Gator Country back in 2006 was a small cooks' shack. Well, that is no longer the case. Gator Country Restaurant offers wonderful burgers...as well as fish and shrimp dinners! Gary estimates that visits to Gator Country resulted in at least 2300 guest stays at local hotels/motels which have easily resulted in 50% gassing up here in Jefferson County, as well as dining at local restaurants and eateries. Gary gave several impromptu-quizzes, which this recovering Yankee failed (but gratefully, no one noticed).

Gator Country consists of 6 separate (yet connected) businesses :

1. The Gator Park
2. The Café (mmmmmm good)
3. Traveling Shows (exhibitions)
4. Alligator Rescue, in conjunction with the Texas Parks & Wildlife
5. Gator Country Internet Sales (T-shirts & memorabilia) ~ One of the BIG selling items is a T-shirt with "Quick hands OR No Hands"
6. Cable Television Show "Gator 911 "

One major difference between the gator and the crock is the snout. In addition, crocks' teeth are more exposed than gators'. Gary wanted Rotary to remember that there are actually MORE gators that can be seen during the Winter months. During and after Hurricane Ike, many gators were rescued, cared for and then returned to their habitats. Since the gator population is "UP"... there aren't many Nutria rats left.

Gary has been known to "cross-train cooks & other employees" to assist in gator wrangling. He must be offering a great employee incentive package.:))))))

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