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We meet Wednesdays at 12:00 noon at the MCM Elegante' Hotel, 2355 IH-10 South, Beaumont, TX 77705 in the BALLROOM.

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PREVIEW-March 2, 2011**U.S. Attorney John Malcolm Bales**

Bales photo



As the chief law enforcement officer for the Eastern District of Texas, U.S. Attorney John Malcolm Bales will offer his "State of the District" remarks with an emphasis on the high



impact law enforcement initiatives that will make a lasting impact on the fight against crime and that will better promote the safety of our citizens.

Interested in being a sponsor? A member of Mr. Bales' staff, Rotarian Randy Fluke, will introduce the speaker.

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February 23rd MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

Invocation: Michael Perez, Executive Director, Salvation Army-Boys & Girls Clubs of Beaumont

Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags: Brian Schlesinger, Agency Field Consultant, State Farm Insurance

Introduction of Guests: Michael Stankovich, AVP-Commercial Loan Officer, MidSouth Bank

Menu: Fried Catfish, Chicken Parmesan, Confetti Rice, German Blend Vegetables.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Camp Enterprise Friday, February 25 John Gray Institute Lamar University

Rotary Youth Scholarships March 1 Committee Chair: Ryan Smith Applications are on the website.

Indoctrination March 1 @ 4:30 p.m. MidSouth Bank 555 Dowlen Road

Rotary Goes To School Wednesday, March 16 Email Chuck Mason if you would like to be a campus coordinator: chuckmason@mac.com

Rotary After Hours March 17 @ 5:30 p.m. Bistro Lemonde 3199 Dowlen Road 860-5800

Group Study Exchange Wednesday, April 13 Email Sharon McCabe if you would like to be a host or volunteer: smccabe4@mac.com

2011 Rotary International Convention May 21-May 25 New Orleans For more information visit: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx?housead>

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**International Week of Rotaract
March 13-19**

Celebrate International Week of Rotaract with the Lamar University Rotaract Club:

Sundy, March 13th-1:00 p.m.-Rotary in the Park-Lamar U. Baseball Game.

Join the Rotaractors as they collect donations for End Polio Now. The Beaumont Club Foundation will match the donations raised, but they need our support. Plan to spend a fun few hours at the LU ballpark!

Tuesday, March 15th-1:30 p.m.-City Council Meeting
Rotaract will receive a proclamation for the International Week of Rotaract.

Friday, March 18th-1:30 p.m.-Rotaract Meeting
All Rotarians are invited to attend the Rotaract meeting. They plan to have Ambassadorial Scholar Josmery Ramirez as a speaker.



Dues...

Have you paid yet?

Semi-annual dues are payable every January 1 and July 1.

Invoiced were emailed in December and followed by a paper invoice in January.

Inform the office if you have not received one: admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org

PROGRAM REVIEW FEBRUARY 23, 2011

Jeff Whitfield
Rotary International Peace Scholar

By Rotarian Craig Escamilla

PDG Roger McCabe introduced Mr. Whitfield, who participated in the first class of Rotary International (RI) Peace Scholars in 2001. In 1996, RI decided to create an academy to train people in the promotion of world peace and international conflict resolution. RI selected 7 different universities around the world, all of which had exceptional programs in these areas, to host RI Peace Scholars. Their local Rotary Clubs identified candidates for the program. Their names were submitted to at the district level, and each district recommended one candidate to RI. RI then selected 70 (now 50) scholars to participate in the program for three years. RI wanted geographical and cultural diversity amongst participants. Alumni now represent over 50 countries and all varieties of work experiences. Mr. Whitfield showed photos of and talked about some of his fellow scholars and the experiences they brought to the program.

Prior to being in the fellowship, Mr. Whitfield attended the US Military Air Force Academy. He

began developing an interest in conflict resolution, and on how the processes involved therein could be used on the world stage. He served in the Air Force for six years, working in the interim as a mediator, and decided to pursue more studies in conflict resolution. He heard about the RI program, and decided to apply, around the time of Sept. 11, 2001, which he said enhanced his experience in the Fellowship. In his opinion, there is no other program in the world that is as impassioned about promoting world peace and international conflict resolution as the RI Peace Scholars program. RI saw an opportunity to use its membership to help address the issues, besides war, that hindered the establishment of world peace.

Mr. Whitfield explained that he was interested in the process of actually getting warring parties to come to the table to discuss conflict resolution. The Fellowship gave him the opportunity to get academic and practical experience through course work, writing, and visiting with many world leaders who had experience in international conflict resolution. He found especially interesting his meetings with European Union leaders who indicated that the impetus behind forming the EU was the European fragmentation during World War II. Mr. Whitfield commented on how welcoming and hospitable Rotarians always are, even on the other side of the world. The question for all graduates of the program is, "Now what?" The point, argues Mr. Whitfield, though, is to develop future leaders in world peace and international conflict resolution. The goal, he thinks, for Rotary is to bring the spirit of Rotary to all future international conflict situations.