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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.

Rotary Office Location - MCM Elegante Suite 213, [Office Hours 9:00 am-5:00 pm](#) *Phone 409-842-1913 * Fax 409-842-5613

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PREVIEW-March 9, 2011

[Dr. Michael Newman](#)

PhD, MBA, MS [Accountancy](#), CPA, CIA IAEP

Coordinator, Director of Professional Accounting Programs & Clinical Assistant Professor Bauer College, Department of Accountancy & Taxation, University of Houston



According to Dr. Newman, our speaker for the T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics:

"We built our great nation on the concept that having an ethical character was important and that we had a duty to others as espoused by Benjamin Franklin and Emmanuel Kant. Acting for the greater good/in the interests of all stake-holders was encouraged and thought nobly of. We thought nothing of dropping what we were doing to help a neighbor or making the tough decisions that often hurt us because it was the right thing to do"



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Dr. Newman continues, "But the concept of duty seems to have changed in recent decades as more and more people are justifying acts that are not for the greater good but are instead meant to satisfy their own self interest. That is why it is important that we take a moment to honor ethical behavior by awarding the T. Kelsey Lamb Business Ethics Award and recognizing Rotarians who still understand the importance of character, duty and sacrifice for others!"

Ethics Award Chair, Earl Hines, will introduce the speaker after making the award presentation.

March 9th MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM

HEAD TABLE AND LUNCH MENU

Invocation: Michael White, Executive Director, AGC of Southeast Texas

Pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags: Michael Perez, Executive Director, Salvation Army-Boys & Girls Clubs of Beaumont

Introduction of Guests: Landon Reneau, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Chicken Marsala, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Mushroom Barley Soup

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

30 Something Thursday, March 10 @ Noon The Julie Rogers Theatre Hosted by Kyle Hayes & Claudie Hawkins of the City of Beaumont RSVP to Cindy Cherry: ccherry@co.jefferson.tx.us

Indoctrination March 14 @ 4:30 p.m. MidSouth Bank-TENTATIVE

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

Board of Directors Meeting March 29 @ 11:45 a.m. The Beaumont Club-TENTATIVE

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>

BOARD ACTIONS

New Member Proposal:

Paige Brown: Business Relationship Manager, Wells Fargo Bank; "Finance-Banking-National"-Proposed by: Chuck Ege

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.

Resignation Accepted with Regret:

Chris Moody: Pastor, First Baptist Church; "Religion-Baptist"- Business Reasons



International Week of Rotaract March 13-19

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

Sunday, 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.

PROGRAM REVIEW March 2, 2011

John Malcolm Bales
U.S. Attorney

By Rotarian Judy Kelfstrom

Rotarian, Randy Fluke, Assistant U.S. Attorney introduced guest speaker John Malcolm Bales, U.S. Attorney for the East Texas District.

Mr. Bales assumed the duties of U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas on May 1, 2009. Now living in Nacogdoches, Bales has 22 years experience as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and has served as First Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the District's Criminal Division. Bales directs hundreds of federal prosecutions and civil cases in a 43-county area stretching from the Oklahoma border to the Gulf of Mexico. He oversees a budget of more than \$8 million. However his office collects millions of dollars in seized assets every year.

The National Association of Former United States Attorneys recognized Bales as the "Outstanding Assistant U.S. Attorney in the country by presenting him with the J. Michael Bradford Award. In 2007 he received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for his work in environmental crimes prosecution and, in the same year, he resumed responsibility for directing the Eastern District's OCDEF (Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force) work as lead attorney.

A thumbnail sketch of how our taxpayer dollars are being invested was presented.

One of the main objectives of the Dept. of Justice is to reduce the threat, trafficking and violence of illegal drugs. Thus their involvement in the OCDEF. Five attorneys stationed in Beaumont, Tyler and Plano are permanently assigned to work these investigations and prosecutions. These investigations have resulted in well over 1000 prosecutions and millions of dollars in criminal forfeiture of property.

Bales said, Congress passed the Long Arm Statute, allowing us to go to Columbia to get our guys. We no longer have to wait until they come on American soil. We have to stop the flow of fire arms into Mexico. Often drug dealers are paid with weapons rather than cash. Word of advice to gun dealers; know who you are selling your guns to.

The Arian Brotherhood of Texas is a real threat to this area. (Lufkin has big problem.) Many freed from prison into the free world hook up with Brotherhood immediately. "You must shed blood to get in and must shed blood to get out. We are watching them."

White Collar Crime enforcement including: mortgage fraud, Straw Mortgages has ruined total neighborhoods; investment fraud, we broke up a scheme to defraud the public over oil and gas leases. \$485 million was taken from 7,500 investors; and identity fraud.

Another responsibility of his department is to prosecute prisoners for their in-house crimes. It takes approximately 1,000 man hours to work each case.

Bales is determined to put the illegal pain management clinics out of business.

He closed by saying his goal is to be a force of good, and he and his staff will do whatever it takes to make peace and tranquility a way of life again.

