



The Beaumont Rotary Club

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Meetings are held weekly on Wednesday at 12:00 noon at the
MCM Elegante' Hotel,
2355 IH-10 South, Beaumont, TX 77705 in the BALLROOM.

**On May 11, the meetings will be at various "Rotary Goes to
Work" locations.**

**On May 18, the meeting will be in the Fountainview Room of the MCM
Elegante' Hotel.**



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PREVIEW of MAY 11, 2011

"ROTARY GOES TO WORK"

Attired in bright orange Nomex, Chairman Chad Blanchard, eagerly signed up fellow Rotarians to participate in "Rotary Goes to Work" day scheduled for next meeting day, May 11. You don't want to miss this interesting and fun way to learn more about the work of fellow Rotarians. If you did not sign up for a place at one of the previous weekly meetings, please give Chad a call or



email to see if space is still available so you can be in on the fun.

Chad will be sending reminders before Wednesday; please remember the meeting will NOT be at the Elegante this week.

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MAY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 12	30 Something	Noon at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas; hosted by Lynn Castle
May 14-15	Soap Box Derby	Cooks and helpers needed for this project; see article
May 18	Indoctrination	11:00 a.m. (tentative)
May 18	Meeting	Moved from Ballroom to Fountainview Room
May 21	Interact	8:00am to 2:00pm; help & supervision needed at Boy's Haven workday
May 21-25	Convention	2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, LA
May 24	Meeting	Board Meeting @ The Beaumont Club-11:45 a.m.

District Conference Report The Woodlands

Congratulations to the Beaumont club for earning numerous awards at the District Conference! The club was represented at the conference in The Woodlands by President Bobbie, Roger and Sharon McCabe, Angela Baker, Harland Merriam, and Chuck and Becky Mason.

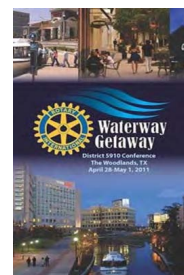
Beaumont Club's awards:

- International Project Award in recognition of the Layette Project
- Vocational Service Award for Camp Enterprise
- Community Service Award for Rotary Goes to School
- Foundation Award for the club's contributions to End Polio Now
- Foundation Award for third highest amount contributed to The Rotary

Foundation by a large club

- Roll of Honor – Angela Baker
- Club Builder Award – Roger McCabe
- Presidential Citations were awarded to the Beaumont Club, The West Brook Interact Club, and Lamar's Rotaract Club.

(Awards are displayed in a photo album on the left of the home page of the website.)



Past President Harland Merriam led a non-denominational worship service on Sunday morning.

District Conference provides an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments for the year, and it's inspiring to see the many projects our district clubs perform. We always get new ideas for projects that we could do locally.

Past RI Board Member, Phil Silvers, ended the conference with an inspiring report on Rotary International efforts to establish a presence in the Middle East. A Rotary Club was recently chartered in the Palestinian Authority, and an International Peace Center is being considered for the volatile area. Director Silvers answers the question of whether peace is possible with a resounding yes – especially with the active participation of Rotarians.

DISASTER AID FOR ALABAMA

Our fellow Rotarians in Birmingham, Alabama are spearheading an effort to assist the victims of the devastating tornadoes that left so many homeless in Tuscaloosa and surrounding communities. We are joining several large clubs in raising funds to send to the Birmingham club. You can make a contribution



in cash or by check to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation. We will collect your donations at the May 18 and May 25 meetings. For information, contact Angela Baker, ambaker@gt.rr.com or at 466-4834.

photo from: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Politics/2011/0506>

Calling all burger flippers, food servers, and pick up artists!

Soapbox Derby Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15

Let's once again support our sister club, the Spindletop Rotary Club, with their major project, the Soapbox Derby, by providing breakfast and lunch for the volunteers who put on this annual event. Get in touch with Gerald Condon if you can help grill burgers, serve food, or pick up supplies: gcondon999@aol.com.



You can get meeting make-up credit and have fun at the same time! Help is needed between 7 am and 2:30 both days.

REMINDER

Invoices for unpaid dues from our January 2011 billing cycle were mailed recently. The amount due was \$189 for January to June. If you receive



a notice that your dues have not been paid but you have paid them, please contact Jacque at the office with information concerning your payment.

All outstanding dues must be paid by May 15th.

Rotary Board of Directors

DOES ATTENDANCE NEED A CHECK-UP?

As we quickly approach the end of the Rotary year, we are reviewing attendance records to preliminarily determine perfect attendance awards. With some change in personnel and perhaps lapses in recordkeeping, there may likely be errors and omissions. Please check your personal attendance list in ClubRunner and let us know if there were events and/or meetings for which you were not given credit. Call the new ED in the office who admits to needing your help to get records up-to-date and accurate.

Currently those with documented perfect attendance for 2010-11 are:

Pat Anderson	Ed Edson	Sharon McCabe
Bobbie Applegate	Jay Johnson	Michael Perez
Chad Blanchard	Fred Kristiansen	Alan Sampson
Richard Bothel	David Locke	Uliana Trylowsky
Alex Broussard	Becky Mason	John Weitzel
Michael Clayton	Chuck Mason	Michael Wolf
	Roger McCabe	



IT'S ANOTHER AMERICAN FLAG DAY!



Memorial Day is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. Always commemorated on the last Monday of the month of May, it is another perfect occasion for Americans to proudly fly their red, white, and blue. Of course, that means it is another day for Rotarians to post the flag for our patrons of the flag project.

Pat Anderson welcomes your assistance with this project. This is another opportunity to make up a missed meeting and enjoy helping on a most important project at the same time. Please give Pat a call (409-782-4057) and he will be happy to provide more details.

Program Review of May 4, 2011
by Rotarian Judy Kelfstrom

What do Arlene, Bret, Ophelia, Philippe and Vince have in common? No they are not on Dancing with the Stars or American Idol; they have the great distinction of being in line to be named *Hurricane of the Year*. Oh my!

Vernon Pierce, Director of Customer Services for Entergy Texas, introduced Chris Hebert who is Manager of Tropics Watch for Impact Weather. Chris is a Texas A&M graduate with 32 years in the business of weather management. In light of the recent tornado rampage on several of our southern states, Chris compared the outbreak of tornadoes in 1974 to those of Easter Sunday this year.

Briefly, 1974 experienced a super outbreak of tornadoes, 148 tornados in 24 hour period, 315 fatalities and a mere 5 minute warning for residents to take cover. Today, with modern Doppler radar technology meteorologists are able to have a much more accurate look at the weather. The most recent outbreak on Easter Sunday produced 312 tornadoes in 24 hours with 342 fatalities. A total of 376 tornadoes in 4 days and residents had a 24 minute warning as opposed to the 5 minute warning in 1974.

Hurricane Forecast for 2011

The year 2010 was an active season for hurricanes with 19 named storms. Fortunately none made landfall in the U.S. It was the most observed hurricane season to date without any making landfall. La Nina conditions last year were favorable for the Atlantic area.



Conditions for 2011 are “neutral” this year. Indications are that there will be fewer hurricanes in 2011, however there is a better chance that at least one or two will enter the Gulf. Predictions indicate 11 named storms with 6 developing into hurricanes and 2 to possibly be intense.

Ocean temperatures play a major role in forming high/low pressure systems. Chris and fellow meteorologist Bob Weinzapfel developed the Hurricane Severity Index in 2006, which uses comprehensive equations which incorporate not only the intensity of the winds but the size of the area the winds cover. Storm surge warnings can be issued 24 hours before the storm actually makes land fall but it is still difficult to pinpoint each area accurately because every area is so different.

Hurricane season begins June 1, with most of the activity coming in August/September.

Always be alert, and prepared for the worst and pray for the best.