



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



Wed Dec 12, 2012

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Speakers

Dec 12, 2012
 Kevin Roy, Chairman
 Rotary Centennial Holiday Party

Dec 19, 2012
 Wesley Choir
 Sounds of the Season

Dec 26, 2012
 No meeting today
 Happy Holidays!

Jan 09, 2013
 Joanne Settles
 We ARE This Close: an update
 on polo eradication

Jan 16, 2013
 [RYLA Students Invited to
 Meeting]

Jan 16, 2013
 Judge Larry Gist
 The Texas Criminal Justice
 System: Success or Failure?

Jan 23, 2013
 Meeting moved to Friday,
 January 25
 Rotary Large Club Conference
 2013

Jan 30, 2013
 No meeting because of member
 involvement in LCC

Feb 06, 2013
 Jason French
 The Inside Story of the BP Oil
 Spill

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Club Events & Meeting Makeup
 Opportunities

[Playground Fundraiser at
 Orange Leaf](#)
 Orange Leaf
 Dec 12, 2012 04:00 PM - 08:00
 PM

[The Rotary Centennial Holiday
 Party](#)
 Mary and John Gray Library
 Dec 12, 2012 06:30 PM

[Playground Fundraiser at
 Orange Leaf](#)
 Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt
 Dec 19, 2012 04:00 PM - 08:00
 PM

[Playground Fundraiser at
 Orange Leaf](#)
 Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt
 Dec 26, 2012 04:00 PM - 08:00
 PM

[Rotary Youth Leadership
 Awards \(RYLA\)](#)
 Jan 11, 2013 - Jan 13, 2013

[Rotary After Hours hosted by
 BBB](#)
 Suga's
 Jan 17, 2013

[Board of Directors' Meeting](#)

ROTARYGRAMS

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THERE WILL BE NO MEETING AT THE MCM ELEGANTE' THIS WEEK.

**PROGRAM PREVIEW
 December 12, 2012**

"The Holiday Party of the Century"



**Past President Kevin Roy
 Chairman**

The Rotary Centennial Holiday Party will be on the evening of Wednesday, December 12 at the Mary and John Gray Library on the campus of Lamar University. It will be the perfect evening of holiday fun, warm fellowship, delicious food and beverages, and beautiful sounds of the season with a large chamber orchestra performing. The Rotary Chorus has been revived and will be performing also. Don your holiday apparel and join us!

You must have a paid reservation so phone the office at 842-1913 to make your reservation right away!

**CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS
 (and make-up opportunities)**

December 10	Rotary Chorus rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
December 12	No meeting at noon at the Elegante'; evening Centennial Holiday Party counts as meeting

- [Large Club Conference](#)
MCM Elegante' and city
Jan 24, 2013 - Jan 27, 2013
- [International Service:
Nicaragua Layette Project](#)
Broussard's Event Centre
Feb 11, 2013
- [Rotary Centennial Day on
KVLU Radio](#)
Feb 22, 2013
- [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
Feb 26, 2013 11:45 AM
- [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
Mar 26, 2013 11:45 AM
- [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
Apr 23, 2013 11:45 AM
- [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
May 28, 2013 11:45 AM
- [Board of Directors' Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
Jun 25, 2013 11:45 AM



A History in Photos

- [12-05-12 Rotary Goes to Work](#)
- [12-01-12 Rotary Bell Ringers for Salvation Army](#)
- [11-28-12 Robert J. Robertson, Club History](#)
- [11-14-12 Dr. Al Sacco, Jr., former Astronaut](#)
- [11-07-12 Captain Joe Paitl, Veterans Salute](#)
- [11-02-12 District Governor Brenda Walker Visits](#)
- [11-02-12 Benefit Lunch at Carrabba's](#)
- [10-31-12 Rebekah Maxwell, Ambassadorial Scholar](#)
- [10-25-12 Interact Club at Kelly High School](#)
- [10-25-12 Rotary After Hours at Goodfella's](#)
- [10-24-12 Ruth Ann Rugg, Texas Museums Assn.](#)
- [10-17-12 Vocational Excellence Awards](#)
- [10-10-12 Dr. Jimmy Simmons, Lamar University](#)
- [10-03-12 Debbie Reynolds, Texas Wines & Vineyards](#)
- [09-28-12 Kelly Interact Smashing Pumpkins](#)
- [09-26-12 McCabes & Brett Bertles on Nicaragua](#)
- [09-20-12 Rotary After Hours at Event Centre](#)
- [09-19-12 Robert Horry, Jr. - NBA Great](#)
- [09-12-12 Joe Mayer, Lockheed Martin - Future Space](#)
- [09-05-12 Timothy Chargois, BISD](#)
- [08-29-12 Week: Rotary Goes Home](#)
- [08-22-12 Robert Floyd, Texas Vietnam Veterans](#)
- [08-16-12 Rotary After Hours with Symphony of SETX](#)
- [08-08-12 John Hazen, J.D. Power & Associates](#)

	Rotary Centennial Holiday Party, 6:30 p.m. at the Mary and John Gray Library; make your reservations by linking through the event listing
December 12	Orange Leaf Yogurt fundraiser benefitting the Playground project; come between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m., Orange Leaf shares the profits with Rotary.
December 19	New Member Orientation at 10:45 a.m. in the Embassy Room.
December 19	Meeting at the MCM Elegante'; moved to the Fountainview Room
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THREE MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Join us at Orangeleaf!!!
 Each Wednesday in December
 4:00-5:00
 A portion of the night's proceeds will be donated to help us build the area's first all-inclusive playground!

REVIVAL OF THE ROTARY CHORUS



Music will fill the air at the annual Holiday Party! We will enjoy the sounds of the Symphony of Southeast Texas with a special holiday sing-a-long led by the **Rotary Chorus**.

The Rotary Chorus' final practice will be this evening, Monday, December 10, at St. Andrew's Church from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to join in performing is invited to rehearsals under the direction of Craig Escamilla. He promises there will be no auditioning, just lots of laughs and fun!

Thanks to Lunch at the Lake Workers

Thank you to Craig Lively for taking the lead on this project and to all who helped by working a shift at the events. We reached a number of people that we would not have personally approached otherwise.

- Pat Anderson
- Larry Beaulieu
- Alex Broussard
- Marie Broussard
- Cindy Cherry
- Rob Glassey

- [08-15-12 Ted Poe, Congressional District 2](#)
- [08-01-12 Ray Woodard, Lamar Football](#)
- [07-26-12 Rotary After Hours](#)
- [07-25-12 Annual Club Assembly](#)
- [07-18-12 Jason French, Cheniere Energy](#)
- [07-11-12 Installation of Centennial Leadership](#)

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Public Relations Committee Busily Promoting Playground

Have you driven by the site of the new playground lately? Check out the "coming soon" signs at the playground site. Many thanks to the people who made it possible: Cindy Yohe Lindsay and Cornerstone Media for putting it all together, Fast Signs for printing and donating the signs, and Chuck Mason for installing them.



After you drive downtown, head out to Parkdale Mall and see our kiosk at the main entrance! The Public Relations Committee has a display promoting the playground project. Use of the display area was arranged and donated by Rotarian Kurt Lundgreen of CBL Properties/Parkdale Mall. Thank you, Kurt!



We are most grateful to Suburban TV for donating the television needed in the display.

Thank you to the PR Committee for the hard work this year.



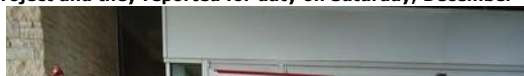
Tile Painting is Fun and Successful

The first painting event was held at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Art Museum of SETX on Thursday, Dec. 6. Children of all ages enjoyed trying their hand at painting on a ceramic tile. A good number of tiles were painted with creativity and lots of smiles.

This project was made possible by generous donations from M & D Supply, the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, The Ceramics Store of Houston and by the Rotary Club Public Relations Committee.

THANK YOU, ROTARY BELL RINGERS!

Community Service Chairman John Weitzel recruited volunteers for the traditional Salvation Army Red Kettle project and they reported for duty on Saturday, December 1. Thank you to John for serving as chairman and to Michael Perez for helping





Thank you to Bell Ringers: Chris Lamson, David Locke, Chuck Mason, Bobbie Applegate, Derrick Barber, Ashley Barber, Rob Glassey, Mary Ellen Robertson, Marie Broussard, Alex Broussard, Harland Merriam, Tim Sudela, Ted Moor, Ann Scoggin, Carolyn McGuire, and Lynn Castle. We were grateful to have had three teens helping too: Exchange student Josephine Forssbohm, Casey Leigh Sudela and Daniel McGuire.

[Click here to see all the pictures.](#)

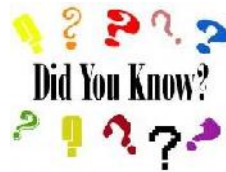
BEAUMONT ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND

Have you made your gift? We need YOU to reach the 100% goal!

Make your contribution by credit card directly to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation by linking here.

Enjoy this video of the latest playground plans and design elements.

[If your employer, or you as an employer, has a matching gift program, please remember to submit the paperwork as that doubles your donation.](#)



You can help Rotary International win travel miles just by clicking your mouse once a day until December 25.

United Airlines is once again giving away 10 million miles to its charity miles partners as part of a year-end gift. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive through 25 December. Your vote could help Rotary win a greater share of miles.

- [Vote for Rotary](#)
- [Learn more about the contest](#)



Outstanding Quotes from Rotary International Presidents

"Giving is living. What is important is how much of yourself you put into the giving. That is what makes the living sublime."

-1991-92 International President Rajendra K. Saboo, Rotary Club of Chandigarh, Union Territory, India
in *A New Definition of Rotary*, [The Rotarian](#), January 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Marcia Crone
December 12



Bert Smith
December 15



Derrick Barber
December 16



Joyce Hafford
December 16



Richard Bothel
December 17

PROGRAM REVIEW

December 5, 2012
"Rotary Goes to Work"
Barry Bryant, Chairman

And went to work we did! Rotarians gathered for fun and fellowship, not a one large club, but as smaller groups of friends and fellow professionals to learn more about one another. On Wednesday everyone reports a wonderful experience, learning about another person's place of work and chosen profession. [Link here to view the photo album of pictures from some of the locations.](#)



Some of the guests shared their reactions after participating in the event:

Gene Arnold was a great host! Good food and fellowship. Gene taught us that you really can park your car IN your office, literally! We also learned a great deal about the use of lime in gold mining. Just ask Gene, he's mining lime in Peru that is then sold to local gold mining companies to neutralize the acid residue from gold mining. And if you need a really nice office space to rent, see Gene - he's got a couple available.

- Craig Lively

Chad Blanchard treated us to a delicious fajita lunch and an entertaining history of Munro's Dry Cleaning, in business in Beaumont since the 1920's. I learned that in addition to commercial dry cleaning for individuals and businesses, Munro's also sells safety apparel. If you are in the market for safety apparel, for \$116 you can buy a pair of fire resistant overalls that will last 4 or 5 years. Chad Blanchard also reported on Munro's expansion along the Gulf Coast all the way to Corpus Christi!

- Janet Walker

The Mall was fantastic. We learned a lot about Parkdale Mall:

- 11 million shoppers/year at Parkdale.*
- There is a plan to alleviate the traffic issues .*
- Parkdale is 90% occupied.*
- Sales are good this year.*
- Parkdale will generate revenue of \$330-335/square foot by year end. (Galleria in Houston is probably \$500-\$600/square foot which is why they have Coach, Nordstrom's, etc.)*
- Parkdale is a big mall in a small market.*
- 14 new stores being added.*
- Building a new AT&T building in front of Marshalls.*

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We had a fantastic lunch provided by Cane's and we each received two free movie tickets. Kurt and Gwen were GREAT!

- Jane Burns

We had a very nice time at the Beaumont Enterprise. Bill Offill, Publisher, and Tim Kelley, Editor, talked with our group about the newspaper business, about the changing realities and the switch to online publishing and the future of newspapers. Both Bill and Tim felt that their reach in the community has grown considerably since moving toward the Enews and twitter and FaceBook, etc.

We had a tour of the building, which included the warehouse where the carriers come in and fold and bag the papers (at 2:00 in the morning!), and we also saw the old presses that are no longer functional. Today, the Enterprise is printed in Houston and delivered to Beaumont. The presses stopped working after Ike, and they are now like a "museum piece." They are very impressive and formidable. Two stories of machines, it must have been quite a sight to see them running.

Robert Turner asked Bill if he'd ever had a "stop the press!" moment, and Bill shared that the closest he came to that, in Houston in 2008, was to say "don't stop the presses, keep printing extra copies," when he realized how popular and demanded the issue was that declared Obama winning the presidency. People were lining up at the newspaper's building to buy copies for mementos. They had to print extra copies that day because all the stores were selling out.

from Rotary Club of Beaumont to you

Dec 10

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