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Mar 27, 2013 Joe Domino Entergy's Transmissions Transition

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Club Events & Meeting Makeup Opportunties

International Service:
Nicaragua Layette Project
Broussard's Event Centre
Feb 11, 2013 05:30 PM

Rotary Centennial Day on KVLU Radio Feb 22, 2013

Board of Directors' Meeting The Beaumont Club Feb 26, 2013 11:45 AM

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PROGRAM PREVIEW February 6, 2013

"The Inside Story of the BP Oil Spill"



Jason French Former Spokesperson of BP Oil

Jason French was a most enjoyable speaker in July about the Cheniere Energy project and he has agreed to return to address the club on a different topic: the inside story of the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico. What was the real story? What was the vantage of the Director of Government and Public Affairs for BP America? What was the public told and what was the untold information? While the entire incident remains a major news event almost daily, we are anxious to hear of the little known facts from the chief voice of the company.

Since November 2011, Jason French has been Director of Government and Public Affairs with Cheniere Energy. He is responsible for government relations, public affairs, and community outreach at the state and local levels in Texas and Louisiana. Prior to joining Cheniere, Jason was Director of Government and Public Affairs for BP America – where he held several key public affairs roles during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response. Before working for BP, Jason worked for CSX Transportation, a major railroad serving the East Coast and Midwest markets.

Jason will be introduced by Paula Bothe.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION



The meeting this week, February 6, will include a special tribute to Past President Terry Bourdier with the reading of his Memorial Resolution. We will welcome Karen Bourdier, members of his family, and friends, as they join with us to remember him in this special way. Join us please.

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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

01-17-13 Rotary After Hours hosted by BBB

01-12-13 RYLA 2013

01-16-13 Judge Larry Gist. Texas Prision System

01-09-13 Jo Anne Settles, Polio Plus

<u>01-02-13 County Judge Jeff</u> <u>Branick</u>

12-19-12 Wesley United Methodist Church

12-12-12 Holiday Party of the Century

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

Head Table Assignments and Menu for February 6



INVOCATION:

Joshua Taub, Rabbi, Temple Emanuel



PLEDGES TO THE US AND TEXAS FLAGS:

Craig Lively, City Judge, City of Beaumont



INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Cindy Cherry, JCDI/SAFPF Coordinator, Jefferson County Community Supervision & Corrections Department

MENU: salad bar, minestrone soup, lobster ravioli, beef tips, steamed rice, broccoli, assorted desserts, tea and coffee

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS

(and make-up opportunities)

February 11	Layette project, 5:30 p.m. at Broussard's Centre on Calder
February 18	Flag distribution for President's Day
February 21	30 Something, 11:30 a.m.
February 26	100th Anniversary of the first meeting of Rotarians in Beaumont.
February 26	Board of Directors' Meeting, 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club
February 27	Club Meeting will mark the 100th Anniversary of the first Rotary Club of Beaumont meeting
February 27 (tentatively)	New Member Orientation, 10:45 a.m.
February 28	Foundation Board of Trustees meeting, 12:00 Noon

CENTENNIAL SERVICE PROJECT: Nicaraguan Layettes

Come Join Us!

WHO: YOU and fellow Rotarians

WHEN: Monday, February 11, 2013

5:30 p.m.

WHERE: Broussard's Event Centre 1775 Calder Avenue

It is appropriate that the lead project of our Centennial International Service focus is the club favorite of layettes for Nicaragua. Chairman Sharon McCabe and her able committee have acquired all the necessary items to fill the bags, purchased the bags, and are planning an evening for club members to work together to assemble the 100 bags to be shipped to Nicaragua.

Jim Kite, founding director of Hope and Relief Foundation, was keynote luncheon speaker

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09-19-12 Robert Horry, Jr. -NBA Great

09-12-12 Joe Mayer, Lockheed Martin - Future Space

09-05-12 Timothy Chargois, BISD

<u>08-29-12 Week: Rotary Goes Home</u>

<u>08-22-12 Robert Floyd, Texas</u> <u>Vietnam Veterans</u>

08-16-12 Rotary After Hours with Symphony of SETX

08-08-12 John Hazen, J.D. Power & Associates

08-16-12 30 Something meeting

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

<u>07-18-12 Jason French,</u> <u>Cheniere Energy</u>

<u>07-11-12 Installation of</u> <u>Centennial Leadership</u>



to our club and the delegates of the Large Club Conference and spoke about the very successful layette project, in which our club has been involved, that serves pregnant women in Nicaragua who were found waiting in parks outside of the hospital to have their babies. The layette project grew out of Hope and Relief Foundation's efforts to establish a maternity waiting house. The layette bags provide necessary goods to care properly for their newborns. By providing this type of care, the group is able to ensure that the newborn children are properly cared for, that the infant mortality rate has declined to zero in that particular area, and that the children later go to schools and become selfsustaining and contributing members of the communities.



Hosting the 2013 Rotary Large Club Conference was a major event of the Centennial year, and a major effort for the Club. Letters of thanks and notes of appreciation continue to arrive from the delegates. You were wonderful hosts and the experience was beneficial to all. Special thanks go to those who participated and contributed in any way at all. Please be in attendance on Wednesday, February 6 so you can be acknowledged publicly for your participation and contribution.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

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(If your name was inadverntently left off this list, please advise Jacque so you can be properly credited.)

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS JANUARY 25, 2013

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You will remember that the January 23rd meeting was moved to Friday, January 25th in conjuction with the 2013 Rotary Large Club Conference being hosted by our Club in Beaumont.

In addition to the 129 conference delegates, guests were:

Barbara Broussard, guest of James Broussard Laura Miller-Sattler, guest of Barry Bryant and John Paschall Chantelle Griffin, guest of Uliana Trylowsky Frances Engelbrecht, guest of Charlie Weinbaum Eloisa Estrada, guest of Florian Estrada Nancy Beaulieu, guest of Larry Beaulieu Sheree Pierce, guest of Vernon Pierce

See you again soon!

SPOTLIGHT ON MEMBERS



Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, LLP has announced Jane Burns, CPA as the newest Partner in the firm.

Congratulations, Jane!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Robert Besser February 6





Steve Doblin February 8



Daniel Jeans February 9



Teresa Simpson February 9



Rotarians from around the world gather each year to exchange great ideas, connect with old and new friends, have fun, and advance the work of Rotary at the annual Convention.

The 2013 RI Convention will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on June 23-26. Register for the 2013 Rotary International Convention by linking here.



Outstanding Quotes from Rotary International Presidents

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"We are all Rotarians. There is only one family of us..."

1931-32 International President Sydney W. Pascall, Rotary Club of London, England
-in Address to 1931 Rotary Convention, Vienna, Austria

PROGRAM PREVIEW January 25, 2013 "A World of Opportunity"



Jim Kite
Founding Director
Hope and Relief International Foundation, Inc.

by Rotarian Craig Escamilla

Past President Bobbie Applegate introduced Jim Kite, director of Hope and Relief International Foundation, a nonprofit organization comprised entirely of Rotarians serving people in need in Nicaragua. His approach to service in Nicaragua has sought to establish successful communities in the country that are independent and self-sustaining in order to ensure that the work done today continues and grows five, ten, and even twenty years from now.

Mr. Kite began by describing the desperation of the scene in Nicaragua when Rotarians first visited the area following a particularly destructive hurricane. He described the process of building schools for children who were initially found digging for food in a garbage dump. The schools offered a hot meal, but children had to be enrolled in school. The program expanded into secondary schools and schools for children with disabilities. The program has grown and is self sustaining. The program was then expanded to help Nicaraguan families build and maintain their own homes. The village began with 325 families, and within 2.5 years the entire village was self-sustaining. The latest development involves trade schools that make products for which Jim has sourced refining and distribution outside of Nicaragua to ensure income for the schools to help sustain the community.

As described in the article above about the Layette Project, Mr. Kite also spoke about this effort in which our club has and will again be involved.

Mr. Kite also discussed the trade school project in which the students make beaded jewelry. The jewelry is then sourced, via Hope and Relief Foundation, to Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs throughout the U. S. and are sold to provide income for the schools and communities in Nicaragua. Jim emphasized the importance of only instituting projects that allow the schools, communities, people, and projects to be self-sustaining. He also reiterated the importance of educating the people in Nicaragua. Hope and Relief also supplements teacher salaries in Nicaragua up to 50% to ensure top quality teaching. Hope and Relief has also started a project to help those students who graduate from high school in these communities to attend college outside of Nicaragua if possible. He told the story of one young lady who was first found as a child at the dump, who went to school, college, and now is a top leader in the largest sugar mill in Latin America.

The three characteristics looked for in the trade school student candidates are: leadership ability, character, and finally grades in lower grade schools. He read an outstanding application letter from one of the young ladies who was a recent candidate for the trade school. Jim emphasized that the goal is to help people, but more importantly to change their lives in profound and sustainable ways.

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