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ROTARYGRAMS

January 29, 2014

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Stories

[This Week's Meeting](#)

The meeting this week will be in the Fountainview Room of the MCM Elegante'.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

January 29, 2014

"Jefferson County in 2014"

Speakers

Jan 29, 2014

[Jeff Branick, County Judge](#)

An Update on Jefferson County

Jan 29, 2014

[MEETING WILL BE IN THE FOUNTAINVIEW ROOM](#)

Feb 05, 2014

[Jane Burns, Chairman](#)

Vocational Excellence Awards Presentation

Feb 12, 2014

[Andy Smallwood, Rotary International](#)

[Director](#)

Feb 19, 2014

[Nick Lampson](#)

"The Village" Project



Jeff Branick
County Judge

Feb 26, 2014

Floyd McSpadden, Jr.

T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics Presentation

Mar 05, 2014

Kyle Hayes, City Manager

Update on City Plans and Projects

Mar 12, 2014

Michael Hoke, retired Director -

Shangri La

Neches River Adventures Environmental Education Outdoor Classrooms

Mar 19, 2014

ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL

Delivering "I Like Me" books to First Graders

[View entire list](#)

Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting

The Beaumont Club

Jan 28, 2014 at 11:45 AM

Rotary After Hours Visits the Art Museum

Museum of Southeast Texas

Jan 28, 2014 at 05:30 PM

Show Your Colors Flag Project

Feb 17, 2014 at 05:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting

The Beaumont Club

Feb 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

Layette Project for Nicaragua & Rotary After Hours

Broussard's Event Centre

Feb 27, 2014 at 05:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

The Beaumont Club

Mar 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

Sponsors



Judge Branick was born and raised in Port Arthur where he attended public schools, graduating from Thomas Jefferson in 1976. He studied at Lamar University in public affairs and then attended the University of Texas School of Law and the Baylor University School of Law where he obtained his Juris Doctorate degree in 1984. He began working with the Provost & Umphrey law firm in 1979 while he attended Lamar and returned there following graduation from law school in 1984. He became a partner in 1986. Jeff is board certified in personal injury trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He left Provost & Umphrey in 1998 and opened up a neighborhood practice where he primarily did pro bono work.

In January, 2007, Jeff accepted the position of attorney to the County Judge and has been involved in all aspects of county government. He was elected County Judge of Jefferson County in 2010 and assumed office January 1, 2011.

[Head Table & Menu](#)

Head Table and Menu for January 29



Invocation:

Ann Scoggin

Broker

Coldwell Banker Southern Homes



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:

Joshua Smith

Assistant General Manager

Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.



Introduction of Guests:

Chris Ayers

Associate

Ayers-Patton & Associates

Menu: salad bar, chef's choice, assorted desserts and pastries, iced tea & coffee

[President's Initiative](#)

President's Initiative: RING MY BELL!

Bell Ringer

on January 29

We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



Wathen,
DeShong
& Juncker,
L.L.P.



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Ever wish YOU had the opportunity to ring the opening bell at the meeting?

For a donation of \$25 to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, you will be allowed to do just that. You will be called up to ring the bell to start the meeting.

When he rings the bell to conclude the meeting, President Chad Blanchard will match your donation with another \$25 donation to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation!

We need you!
Let us know you want to be the weekly Bell Ringer.

Would you like to be the Bell Ringer at a meeting and support the Beaumont Rotary Foundation at the same time? Please volunteer by contacting President Chad Blanchard or the Rotary Office today.

Office to Close

The Rotary Office will be closed from Monday, January 27 until (noon on) Wednesday, January 29 as the staff will be attending the 2014 Large Club Conference. Please send an email or leave a voice message to be returned as soon as possible.
Thank you.

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

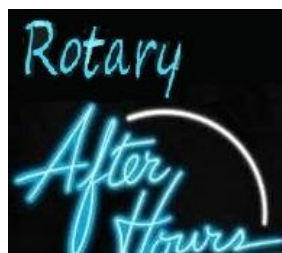
(and meeting make-ups)

NOW	January - June 2014 dues payment due.
February 1	District Mid-Year Meeting
February 4	TENTATIVE - January Board meeting re-scheduled
February 5	New Member Orientation, 10:45 a.m.

Rotary After Hours

Posted by Barry Bryant

ROTARY AFTER HOURS IS CANCELLED!



While we were excited about the January Rotary After Hours at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, in light of the weather conditions expected in the area, it was decided that it would be wise to cancel,



allowing everyone to remain safe and warm at home.

The next Rotary After Hours will be on February 27 in conjunction with the Layette Project. Watch for details.

Excited Blue Badges

Congratulations to New Blue Badges



Dean Lynn Castle did not disappoint as she again prefaced the presentation of Blue Badges and Rotary University Bachelor of Rotary Science degrees with her special poetic talent.

The newest Rotary University graduates, Rene Greenwald (on right) and Oney Fitzpatrick (center), enjoyed her poem and receiving their degree!

Board Action

BOARD ACTION

The Board of Directors conducted an electronic vote on January 21 and approved two new member proposals. It was announced to the club by Board Member Craig Escamilla on January 22.

Kathleen Alsup, Senior Consultant/Project Manager.
R. P. S. Group (Engineering Firm)
proposed by Randall Fluke
Classification: Consulting Services - Environmental Engineering



Nakisha Myles, Communications Specialist, Beaumont Independent School District
Proposed by Mary Poole
Classification: Education - Public Schools - Public Relations

In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8), please submit written objections related to the aforementioned proposals within 10 days (of January 22) to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection.

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Buzz Brown
January 29



Marleen Swerdlow
January 30



Daniel Maher
February 1



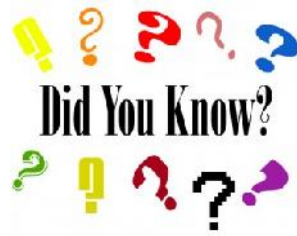
Smythe Shepherd
February 1

Rest in Peace



**Our sympathy goes to
Sharon and Roger McCabe**
on the recent death of her father.

Please keep the McCabe family in your
prayers.

Did You Know?

The Large Club Conference is underway this week in Memphis, TN. The group is actively involved in sharing information and the conversations always focus on membership growth.

The largest clubs in the LCC are:

Oklahoma City with 621 members
 San Diego with 528
 Nashville with 514
 Madison with 507, and
 Baton Rouge with 465

The Rotary Club of Beaumont ranks as 30th of the 43 clubs reporting membership data.

Program Review**PROGRAM REVIEW**

January 22, 2014

"RYLA: Don't Stop Believing!"



**Tim Sudela, Chairman,
 Michael Perez,
 & Cindy Cherry**

by Rotarian Craig Escamilla

President Blanchard introduced Chairman Tim Sudela to talk about the 2014 RYLA experience. Tim provided a bit of background information about the beginning of RYLA, indicating the great honor that it is for juniors in high school

to be selected to participate. Tim thanked Dr. Chargois from BISD and Roger Bemis from Kelly High School for supporting RYLA, and thanked two guests who returned to RYLA this year as counselors and helped ring the bell at the meeting. Finally, Tim showed pictures of the bottomless Blue Bell ice cream freezer at RYLA, which remains one of his favorite RYLA memories, after his enthusiasm about tomorrow's leaders and their abilities.

Michael Perez introduced the RYLA attendees who were guests at the meeting. Michael reminded club members that our club pays the fee to send 17 students to RYLA each year. Part of the importance of RYLA is not just developing future leaders, but also exposing young people to the good work of Rotary and developing future Rotarians. Michael introduced Corbin Jenkins-Walderrama, who attended RYLA and was selected to return next year as a counselor. He briefly described his RYLA experience, sharing that he had a wonderful time and looks forward to returning next year.

Cindy Cherry shared photos from the RYLA trip, including important photographic proof that Michael Perez can vacuum. She closed with a video prepared by one of the student participants.

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