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**February 19, 2014**

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**PROGRAM PREVIEW**

**February 19, 2014**

**"The Village: An Attempt to Turn At-Risk Kids into Productive Citizens"**

**Speakers**

Feb 19, 2014

[Nick Lampson](#)

*"The Village" Project*

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*

**Nick Lampson**  
**Partner**  
**Outreach Strategists**

Mar 12, 2014  
[MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:  
William Alex "Boo" Broussard]

The Village will be a facility which will provide a new life and a new direction for kids unlikely to graduate from high school under normal circumstances. The Village will be a boarding high school, converted from the AI Price Juvenile Justice Prison, for the purpose of trying to keep some high school dropouts out of prison.

Mar 19, 2014  
ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL  
*Delivering "I Like Me" books to  
First Graders*

The effort of applying for a charter and renovating a hard core prison into a dignified facility to board and educate children who are difficult to teach and motivate is a challenge. In this case, it will be accomplished with vocational training and other educational activities which have been less available in Texas schools in recent years.

Mar 26, 2014  
Elaine Shellenberger  
*Nutrition Services for Seniors*

Nick Lampson has been a public servant since he graduated from Lamar University in 1968. He has been a teacher, elected official, and involved in community service activities for more than four decades.

Apr 02, 2014  
Dr. Roger Gold  
*"Invasive Pests in a Shrinking  
World"*

Today Nick is a partner in Outreach Strategists, a full service public affairs firm based out of Houston, which serves governmental entities, leading businesses and nonprofits for government relations, and strategic communications and businesses with public and government outreach needs.

Apr 09, 2014  
Cindy Cherry, Chairman of Youth  
Services  
*A Celebration of Youth Services  
and Projects!*

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**Upcoming Events**

Show Your Colors Flag Project  
*Feb 17, 2014 at 05:00 AM*

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Board of Directors Meeting  
*The Beaumont Club*  
*Feb 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

[Head Table & Menu](#)

**Head Table and Menu for February 19**

Layette Project for Nicaragua &  
Rotary After Hours  
*Broussard's Event Centre*  
*Feb 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM*



**Invocation:**

**Harland Merriam**  
Pastor  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
Church

Board of Directors Meeting  
*The Beaumont Club*

**Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:**

Mar 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

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**Introduction of Guests:**  
**Shannon Williamson**  
 Sales & Marketing Director  
 American Personnel & Temps

**Menu:** salad bar, vegetable soup, barbecue bone-in chicken, barbecue brisket, loaded mashed potatoes, baked beans, assorted desserts and pastries, iced tea & coffee

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President's Initiative

**President's Initiative: RING MY BELL!**

**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!

**Bell Ringer on February 19**



**Thank you to an Anonymous Rotarian**

**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.**

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Calendar of Events

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
 (and meeting make-ups)**

<b>February 19</b>	<b>Deadline for Ethics Award nominations</b>
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<b>February 25</b>	<b>Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 at The Beaumont Club</b>
<b>February 27</b>	<b>Service Above Self: Layette Project and Rotary After Hours; 5:30 p.m. at Broussard's Centre</b>

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### T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics

*Posted on Feb 19, 2014*

### **NOMINATION DEADLINE APPROACHING: T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics**



**The T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics is presented annually to a Beaumont Rotarian who consistently exhibits the highest ethical standards represented by the Rotary Four-Way Test in his or her chosen vocation.**

In 2013, this prestigious honor was presented to Dr. Henry Venta, pictured center above, flanked on the left by Chairman Phil Dunlap, and on the right by the speaker, Dr. Bette Stead.

Our Club will award the coveted honor at the February 26th meeting, according to this year's chairman, Craig Escamilla.

**The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, February 19th.**

[Access the Nomination Form by linking here or pick one up at a meeting and complete it before February 19.](#)

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[International Service](#)

**LAYETTE PROJECT FOR NICARAGUA**



**Get ready! It's almost the day** for our anticipated annual service project: layette assembly for women and children of Nicaragua. With combined financial support from a District 5910 grant and the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, we will assemble bags brimming with items that are critical to new mothers caring for their babies. Plan now to join in and enjoy the satisfaction of improving the lives of others.

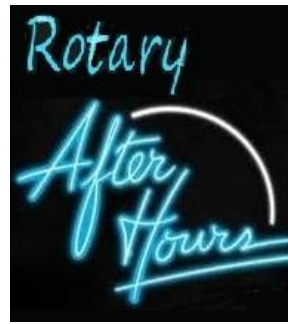
**Thursday, February 27, 2014  
Broussard's Centre, 1775 Calder  
5:00 p.m.**

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[Rotary After Hours](#)

*Posted by Barry Bryant*

### Rotary After Hours: February



### PLEASE COME!

The next Rotary After Hours will be with the Layette Project assembly on Thursday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m.

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### Rotary Youth Exchange, A Life-Changing Experience

2015-2016 Rotary Youth Exchange

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Ask any student who has lived in another country for an entire school year, or ask any family that has hosted an international student for a few months about their experience. Without exception, they will describe it as life changing.

Rotary’s ideals include “the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace” – and how better to accomplish that than by sharing your home with a student from another country for just a few months?

Twelve students from around the world are eagerly awaiting news as to whether they will get to spend the next school year in East or Southeast Texas (our Rotary district). In order to give them a chance, our club must find three families who are willing to let a student be a part of their family for three to four months during that time.



Read the testimonials of current and recent exchange students who have stayed in our district by clicking this link: [SitePage/youth-exchange-program](#). Families who have hosted a student report that their own children were deeply enriched by the experience as well.

Would you consider hosting a student for a portion of the next school year? Do you have any ideas of other families that might consider it? We will schedule an informational meeting for anyone who would like to find out about the process as soon as potential hosts are identified. Email Jacque ([admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org](mailto:admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org)) or Becky Mason ([beckylmason@mac.com](mailto:beckylmason@mac.com)) if you would like more information or know of other families who might be interested.

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[Youth Service](#)

## **ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZES LOCAL GRADUATING STUDENTS**



2013 Recipients pose with Allen Lea, Chairman

It is an exciting time of year for students in the senior year of high school. They are anxiously awaiting news from the college applications submitted already. Parents are turning their attention to funding those dreams for the next four years. The Rotary Club of Beaumont's scholarship is a highly coveted honor in that it recognizes achievements and accomplishments while being generous financial assistance. [Please link here to find a copy of the scholarship application to give to a deserving student.](#) Deadline for applications is March 1.

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### [New Members Introduced](#)

## **New Members are Introduced and Welcomed**



**Kathleen Alsup**, Senior Consultant/Project Manager, R.P.S. Group (Engineering Consulting Firm/National & Environmental Energy) was proposed by Randy Fluke. Kathleen is a Lamar graduate and has returned to the area after several years living in the Austin area. She enjoys gardening and spending time with family.



**Nakisha Myles** is Communications Specialist with the Beaumont Independent School District. A Rotarian from the Greenspoint Rotary in Houston, Nakisha is anxious to get involved with the club projects. She is completing her doctorate from Texas A & M University.

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### [Playground Enjoyment Continues](#)

## **Playing Together on Valentine's Day**



Valentine's Day 2014 was the perfect time to visit the playground. The weather had warmed up a little and the sun was shining. So lots of people headed for the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground. It's a great place to have a little party or just enjoy the outdoors and the awesome play equipment.

Thank you, Rotarians and friends, for giving the families of Beaumont this wonderful playground.



(Click on the photo to see the entire album of pictures.)

Please let us know of your experiences at the Playground and your observations when you are in the vicinity. While we have no way to actually record statistics, the journal of activity could be helpful with future grant requests and on-going improvements.

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### [Flag Project](#)

*Posted on Feb 12, 2014*

### **Show Your Colors Flag Project**



Thanks to the great volunteers who took part in the "Show Your Colors" Flag Project for Presidents Day. Lead by Pat Anderson, Chairman, appreciation goes to: George Pate, John Neely, Dan Jeans, Larry Beaulieu, Vernon Pierce, Gene Arnold, Phil Dunlap, Alan Sampson, Keith Giblin, George Crawford, Cindy Cherry, Roger Bemis, Tim Sudela, Charles Shelton, Rob Glassey, Shannon Williamson, Jeff Beaver, Leonard Juncker, Sharen Kirksey, Chuck Mason, Chad Blanchard, Slate Babineaux, David Heinz, Harland Merriam, Florian Estrada (and

Heiman), Michael Perez, Troy Aaron,  
Travis Brewer, and Shawn Pierce.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TIME AND ENERGY!**

**Thanks for being great Rotarians and giving Service  
Above Self to the Club and your Beaumont neighbors.**

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### Birthdays

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**Troy Aaron**  
February 17



**Paul Eddy**  
February 17



**Shawn Pierce**  
February 19

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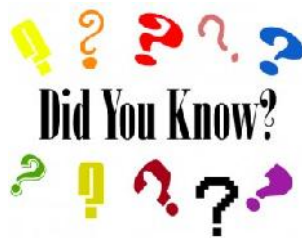
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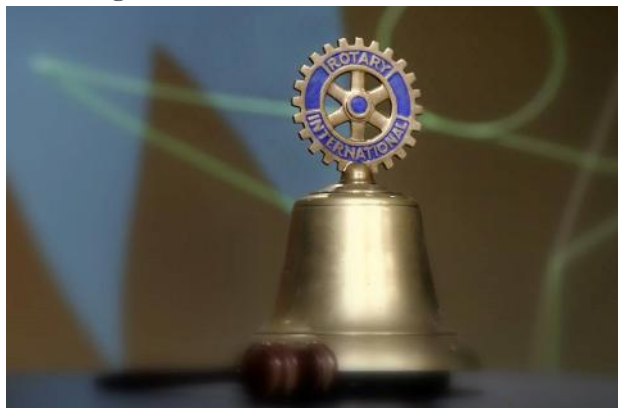
### Did You Know?



### **History of the Rotary Bell**

In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize.

The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar.



Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him, reminds those

present of his authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority."

<http://www.rotaryglobalhistoryfellowship.org/index.php?lang=en>

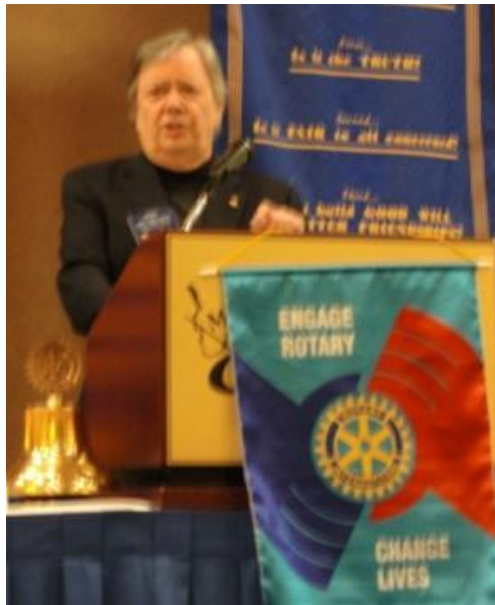
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[Program Review](#)

## PROGRAM REVIEW

**February 12, 2014**

**"The Future of Rotary"**



by Rotarian John Neely

Mr. Smallwood is an attorney who specializes in corporate, banking, real estate, and international law. A Rotarian since 1981, Andy has received many awards, including the Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and the Distinguished Service Award.

Rotary is growing internationally in the number of districts. When he was District Governor there were 518 Districts worldwide. Presently, there are 534. This would lead one to believe that our membership has mushroomed, but that would be inaccurate. Although Districts have grown, our membership numbers are pretty much the same. The reason is that in the USA, membership is down. Asia, on the other hand, has grown

considerably. Rotary is broken-down into 34 zones, each of which generally includes about 38,000 members in a geographic area.

Annual elections for the position of International President have produced representation from all over the globe. There is, however, an 'unwritten' rule that every 3 years, the selected candidate will be from Canada or the USA.

Regarding the topic of "The Future of Rotary," Andy stated that although China wants to be a part of Rotary, China and Rotary are still moving in different directions. While attending a Peace Conference in South America, Andy picked up this succinct phrase:

"We are all one people, divided by governments." Rotary is the greatest humanitarian organization in the world, and continues to demonstrate LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY and SERVICE.

Andy Smallwood claims to be the only Past Governor from Rotary Club of Gulfway-Hobby Airport (Houston) that has served in the last century. He also claims to be the only Past-Governor with hair. If there's one thing that Past District Governor Smallwood insists on it is having fun in Rotary!

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