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Speakers

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 12, 2014

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 26, 2014

"Who Am I?"

**with the presentation of the
 T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics**



[MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:*William Alex "Boo" Broussard]*

Mar 19, 2014

ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL*Delivering "I Like Me" books to
First Graders*

Mar 26, 2014

Elaine Shellenberger*Nutrition Services for Seniors*

Apr 02, 2014

Dr. Roger Gold*"Invasive Pests in a Shrinking
World"*

Apr 09, 2014

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

Apr 16, 2014

Jackie Becker, Ambassadorial
Scholar to Peru*Living, Studying and Enjoying
the Rotary Experience in Peru*

Apr 23, 2014

Leslie Harrison, Chairman*"Rotary Goes to Work"*[View entire list](#)**Upcoming Events**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

Floyd F. McSpadden, Jr.**Director of Planned Giving****Lamar University Foundation, Inc.**

Who better to address the topic of personal and professional ethics than a highly respected member of our community and our own club? It has been repeatedly affirmed that Floyd McSpadden was a perfect choice for this task.

The only two-time recipient of the T. Kelsey Lamb Award, Floyd McSpadden has earned the respect of everyone who knows him. As a member of the State Bar of Texas and a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, he is a well-respected attorney and is board certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law.

Floyd's contributions to the Rotary Club of Beaumont, and many other civic organizations, have had great impact on the success of many people. He is one of the Club's Past Presidents, and was cast in the role of President for many other groups including the Lamar University Foundation, the Three Rivers Council-Boy Scouts of America, the Symphony of Southeast Texas, the Beaumont Community Players and the Neches River Festival Board.

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For his devotion and service, Floyd has been recognized with numerous honors and awards of which he is very proud, but about which he speaks humbly. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, was Neches River Festival King, and recipient of the Joseph Carlucci Award from the Symphony of Southeast Texas. He earned the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America and the "Second Mile Award" from the First United Methodist Church.

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Feb 27, 2014 at 05:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting
The Beaumont Club

Mar 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM

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We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



**to the Rotary Club of Beaumont on
Wednesday, February 26!**

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Head Table and Menu for February 26



Invocation:

Barry Bryant
Sales & Marketing Manager
Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.



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

Rob Glassey
Co-Owner/General Manager
Armour General Contractors



Introduction of Guests:

Cindy Bloodsworth
Special Project Coordinator
Beaumont Police Department

Menu: salad bar, navy bean soup, fried catfish, crawfish etoufee, rice, corn on the cobb, assorted desserts and pastries, iced tea & coffee

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[President's Initiative](#)



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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 26



Connie Szuch in honor of the Szuch's 40th anniversary

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)**

February 25	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 at The Beaumont Club
February 27	Service Above Self: Layette Project and Rotary After Hours; 5:30 p.m. at Broussard's Centre

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[International Service](#)

LAYETTE PROJECT FOR NICARAGUA



Get ready! It's almost time 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.

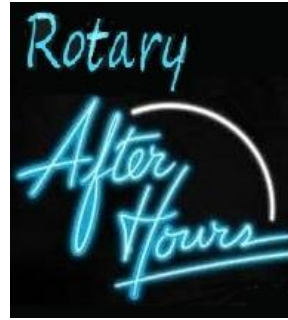
**Thursday, February 27, 2014
Broussard's Centre, 1775 Calder
5:00 p.m.**

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[Rotary After Hours](#)

Posted by Barry Bryant

Rotary After Hours: February



PLEASE COME!

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

Adult beverages (cash only) and refreshments provided.

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Rotary Goes to School

ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL

Rotarians and friends will visit all Beaumont schools and deliver personalized "I Like Me!" books to every first grade student.

Whether the Rotarian reads the book aloud or has the children take turns reading, Rotarians have the pleasure of seeing the children's eyes widen and the smiles appear as they hear, see and read their own name in the story.



THERE WILL NOT BE A ROTARY MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE' ON MARCH 19. YOUR PARTICIPATION

IN ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL IS THE MEETING OF THE WEEK.

Be a part of the fun. Pick your favorite school and sign up yourself and your friends and co-workers. Spread the love of reading!

Many Rotarians have already signed up to participate, and we thank you. If you have not done so yet, please click on the link below to view the online sign up sheet and choose the school you would like to visit or sign up at the next meeting.

To sign up, go to:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10CoE4AADAf22AAFD0-rotary/15732589

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[Rotary Youth Exchange, A Life-Changing Experience](#)

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



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) or Becky Mason (beckylmason@mac.com) if you would like more information or know of other families who might be interested.

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[Youth Service](#)

Deadline is March 1.

**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.](#)

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[Strategic Planning](#)

Strategic Planning Committee Actively Engaged

A successful organization or business will find itself actively involved in the process of on-going strategic planning. With a committee and the Board of Directors in the lead, the Rotary Club of Beaumont is actively involved in that process.

Under the tutelage of Strategic Planning Chair Craig Escamilla, the committee reviewed responses to the survey, and continued with lively, exciting discussion. The brainstorming is invigorating.



Thank you to those participating: President Chad Blanchard, President Elect Vernon Pierce (not pictured), Chairman Craig Escamilla, Barry Bryant, Carolyn McGuire, Cindy Cherry, Charles Teel, Uliana Trylowsky, Jacque Chapman, and Craig Lively (unable to attend this week).

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Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



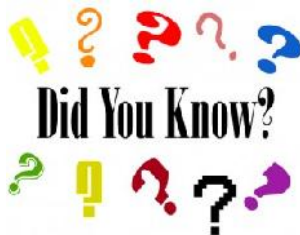
Michael Perez
February 27



Rene Greenwald
February 29

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Did You Know?



President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U. S. Agency for International Development.



The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually. Today, only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are endemic, and in 2013, the combined incidence of polio in those countries fell to a record-low 157 cases. Last month, India reached a three-year milestone without polio, paving the way for the entire Southeast Asia region to be certified free of the disease.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

February 19, 2014

"The Village"



Nick Lampson Outreach Strategists

by Rotarian Chris Ayers

While driving south on Highway 69 one day, Nick Lampson noticed one of the many detention facilities that are along that stretch of road. The particular one he saw that day was vacant and upon further review, he learned that it was costing the state of Texas a small fortune each year to do nothing with it. Later, with the assistance of the Texas legislature, Nick took ownership of the facility and decided to rebuild, redesign and repurpose it and name it “The Village.”

The Village will be a place where ‘at risk’ youth will be able to get a formal education and job skills at the same time.

Hopefully, the facility will accomplish two major goals. One, keep at risk kids off the street, out of jail and enrolled in school. Two, provide a useable skillset that students can replicate to get a higher paying job. With luck and hard work, The Village will flourish and provide a resource to the community.

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