



Second notices for January - June 2014 dues are being sent this week. If you have not paid your invoice, please check your email for it. Members without an email on file will receive a copy in US Postal mail. Please submit payment as we have paid Rotary International dues on your behalf.

## ROTARYGRAMS

March 19, 2014

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### Stories

#### This Week's Meeting

**There will NOT be a Rotary meeting at the MCM Elegante on Wednesday, March 19.**

### PROGRAM PREVIEW March 19, 2014

#### "Rotary Goes to School"



**Dr. Karen Newton  
Chairman**

### Speakers

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"*

Apr 30, 2014

Jeff Branick, County Judge

*An Update on Jefferson County*

May 07, 2014

Chris Hebert, ImpactWeather

*The 2014 Hurricane Season Forecast*

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### Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting  
The Beaumont Club

*Mar 25, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

Board of Directors Meeting  
The Beaumont Club

*Apr 22, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

District 5910 Conference  
College Station

*Apr 25, 2014 – Apr 27, 2014*

Rotary-Spindletop Soap Box Derby

*May 17, 2014 – May 18, 2014*

### It's back to first grade, Rotarians!

Wednesday is the traditional "Rotary Goes to School" day when members have the opportunity to visit and interact with first graders in Beaumont.

[Click here to view the list of those who are participating](#) and the school where Rotarians are expected to visit on Wednesday. Chairman Karen Newton advises to arrive between 11:45 and Noon and be prepared to check in the school office with your identification.

The "I Like Me!" books have been personalized and are ready to be put in the hands of each new owner. This is a heart-warming project. Make sure you are a part of it!

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### [Calendar of Events](#)

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

|                 |                                                                                                          |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>March 19</b> | <b>NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE; the weekly meeting is participation in Rotary Goes to School project.</b> |
| <b>March 20</b> | <b>Rotary After Hours, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Grill in The Cabana</b>                             |
| <b>March 25</b> | <b>Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 at The Beaumont Club</b>                                            |

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### [Rotary After Hours](#)

*Posted by Barry Bryant*

### **Rotary After Hours: March (tentative at press time)**

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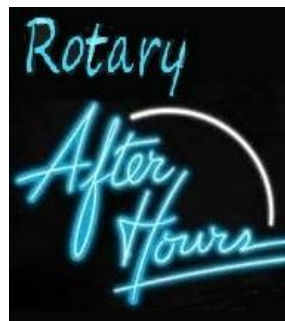
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**PLEASE COME!**

**Thursday, March 20  
beginning at 5:00 p.m.  
in The Cabana at The Grill.**

**This event counts as a meeting  
makeup.**

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Dues Invoices Past Due

**Are your Dues Paid?**



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Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**Bobbie Applegate**  
March 17



**Jimmy Simmons**  
March 17



**Rod Carroll**  
March 21



**Bessie Chisum**  
March 22



**Kenny Kraemer**  
March 22

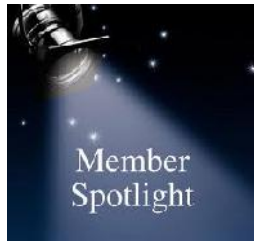


**Kim Dunaway**  
March 24

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Spotlight

**SPOTLIGHT ON CLUB MEMBERS**



This week the spotlight is shining on Rotarian **Brenda Gray.**

Annually, the Beaumont Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) holds a very special event called the Hall of Fame reception. At the reception, the CVB presents a Service Award to a local citizen who has shown extreme dedication to enhancing tourism in Beaumont. The Hall of Fame Reception honors inductees and extends gratitude to planners and their committees for contributing to the success of tourism and the convention and meeting business in Beaumont. Angela Baker received a handsome certificate from the CVB for her efforts to bring the 2013 Rotary Large Club Conference to Beaumont.

At this special event each year, the CVB presents the Service Award to a local citizen. The award is presented in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to the expansion of tourism and the convention and meeting business in Beaumont. This year's recognition was of Rotarian Brenda Gray. She has celebrated 25 years in the industry and helped to bring thousands of conventions and special events to Beaumont.

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### Advertisers Invited

## **New Advertisers Welcomed and Renewals Needed**

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For \$600 per year, your company's ad will run continuously on the homepage and on every subsequent page of the website. The ads can be linked to your company's website to increase your visibility and customer service. The ads will be shown at weekly meetings as well.

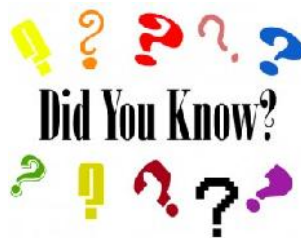
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### Did You Know?



You are invited to the District Assembly! To register for this event click on "Register Online" below.

All those who will be actively involved in the club next year are specifically invited to attend.

### Desired Outcomes:

- ↳ To give club Presidents, Officers and Directors a jump start on the 2014-15 Rotary Year.
- ↳ To review key topics impacting the outcomes of the Club.
- ↳ To excite Rotarians to LIGHT UP ROTARY.

**Date:** Apr 05, 2014 at 08:15 AM - 02:40 PM

**Fee:** \$30 (includes all beverage breaks, Lunch, and participant handouts)

**Location:** Livingston High School

Please register online or advise Jacque that you would like to attend. Let us know if you would like to carpool together.

[Read more...](#)[Program Review](#)**PROGRAM REVIEW****March 12, 2014****"Fun in the Big Thicket"**

**Michael Hoke**  
**Director**

by Rotarian Chris Ayers

The Big Thicket Association operates a covered pontoon style boat named The Ivory Bill. The idea of the Big Thicket Association operating a multi-purpose boat originally came from Rotary's own Richard Bothel in 2012. The Association primarily uses this boat as an educational tool. It can serve as a moveable classroom for students and the public alike. The boat has the ability to traverse the many inlets and channels of the Neches River.

There are three ways to utilize the services of the Big Thicket Association and The Ivory Bill.

- First, it is open to the public on Saturday mornings. The boat leaves Collier's Landing at 10:00 and is a 2 hour trip.
- Second, The Ivory Bill can be used as a charter boat for special events and corporate outings. The boat has a bathroom, music system, and has a capacity for 49 people.

- Finally, the boat can be used for education. Schools may take classes on this trip so students may learn about nature and eco systems. School trips are free of charge.

What a great opportunity we have in Beaumont to use the services of the Big Thicket Association and learn about trees, animals, and wetland resources. For more information, please call The Big Thicket Association: (409) 651-5326.

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