



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.

## Speakers

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"*

## ROTARYGRAMS

**April 2, 2014**  
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## Stories

This Week's Meeting

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**April 2, 2014**

### "Invasive Pests in a Shrinking World"



**Dr. Roger Gold**  
**Professor of Entomology**  
**Texas A & M University**

Dr. Gold is a Professor of Entomology and has held the the Endowed Chair for Urban and Structural Entomology at Texas A&M University since 1989. This position has responsibility for research, teaching and extension programs that involve the integrated management of insects associated with the near environment of humans and their pets.

Apr 30, 2014  
[Jeff Branick, County Judge](#)  
*An Update on Jefferson County*

May 07, 2014  
[Chris Hebert, ImpactWeather](#)  
*The 2014 Hurricane Season Forecast*

May 14, 2014  
[Bill Davis, Golden Pass Product, LLC](#)

May 21, 2014  
[Percy Pitzer, Founder and President of the Board](#)  
*Creative Corrections Education Foundation: Educational Support for Children of Incarcerated*

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**Upcoming Events**

[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*

[Show Your Colors Flag Project](#)  
*May 26, 2014 at 5:00 AM*

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
 The Beaumont Club  
*May 27, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

**Sponsors**

Dr. Gold's principle interests are in emerging pest problems including fire ants, bed bugs, Formosan and native subterranean termites, and most recently, Rasberry crazy ants. He will share some information on the "invasion" of these pests into your life.

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[Head Table & Menu](#)

**Head Table and Menu for April 2**



**Invocation:**  
**Mary Poole**  
 Marketing Director  
 Baptist Hospitals Southeast Texas



**Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:**  
**Barry Bryant**  
 Sales & Marketing Manager  
 Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.



**Introduction of Guests:**  
**Cindy Cherry**  
 JCDI/SAFPF Coordinator  
 Jefferson County Community Supervision & Corrections Department

**Menu:** salad bar, broccoli cheese soup, fried chicken, Salibury steak, mac-n-cheese, greens, cornbread, assorted pastries and desserts, tea and 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 April 2**



**Becky Mason** in recognition of a project that teaches about

**MUNRO'S**

We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



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



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Rotary values while raising funds for an HIV/AIDS program in Africa.

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[Calendar of Events](#)

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(and meeting make-ups)

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| <b>April 5</b>     | <b>District Assembly in Livingston; \$30 per person</b>                            |
| <b>April 9-13</b>  | <b>Group Study Exchange Team from District 4540 Brazil</b>                         |
| <b>April 21</b>    | <b>Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting; 11:30 a.m. at Edison Plaza, 1st floor</b> |
| <b>April 22</b>    | <b>Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 at The Beaumont Club</b>                      |
| <b>April 25-26</b> | <b>District Conference in College Station</b>                                      |

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[Playground Temporarily Closed](#)

**Help us spread the word:**



The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground was temporarily closed beginning today so that a contractor can demolish the adjacent Oil City Brass building. Please pass this message on to anyone you can think of who might be planning to go. Several school buses have been spotted recently, so schools are taking their children, just as we were hoping. Can you imagine a car or bus full of excited little ones, only to reach the playground and find it locked up?

## Subscribe to Bulletin

Subscribe to our eBulletin and stay up to date on the latest news and events.

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Please alert anyone you know who might possibly be planning a visit. The City states that the contractor has 17 days to complete it, but as always it depends on the weather and what they encounter during the demolition process. We will let you know when it reopens.

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### Brazilian GSE Team Arrives

#### *Oi, tudo bem?*



Left to right: Ivan Alexandre Pironti; Livia de Queiroz C. Silva; Thiago Soler Facchini, team leader; Pamela Barbosa Silva; and Jose Rocha.

Wednesday, April 9, members of our club will welcome four young, non-Rotarian Brazilian Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members and their Rotarian team leader.

The team leader is an administrator for a company that produces equipment for many types of cargo transportation. Team members include a back office analyst, a federal attorney, a pharmaceutical researcher, and a quality assurance analyst in a poultry business.

During their stay in the Golden Triangle, they will have the opportunity to enjoy some highlights of Beaumont plus a day in Port Arthur and a day in Orange hosted by those two clubs. Our generous host families for their five-day visit are Marcia and Seth Crone and Bruce and Kathryn Walker.

Unfortunately, the schedule for their visits throughout the district doesn't allow for a presentation at our regular meeting. If you would like to hear it, the Port Arthur and mid-county clubs are hosting a multi-club meeting at the Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College-Port Arthur on Thursday, April 10, at noon. All Rotarians are invited to that meeting.

We still need a few more Rotarians who could drive the team around for a portion of their visit. If you think you might have some time to help, get in touch with [Becky Mason](#) for more information.

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Board Action**BOARD ACTION**

Recent action taken by the Board of Directors was announced by Board Secretary Sharon McCabe on March 26.



Two resignations were accepted with regret:

**Carol Eddins**  
**Kathleen Jackson**

Both have changed employment and classification is no longer applicable.

A new member proposal was approved:

**Steve Gilbert**, Public Relations & Marketing Manager, Sour Lake Motor Company-Sour Lake Truckville  
Proposed by Shannon Williamson  
Classification: "Auto Sales: Marketing"

**In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8), please submit written objections related to the aforementioned proposals within 10 days (of March 26) to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection.**

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Youth Service Above Self

**ROTARY TO  
RECOGNIZE LOCAL  
STUDENTS FOR  
SERVICE ABOVE SELF**



2013  
Recipients

The Rotary Club of Beaumont recognizes high school juniors and seniors who have exemplified the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self with outstanding records of volunteer service during the past year.

Area high school Juniors or Seniors who have assisted community activities, impacted social issues, or served with non-profit agencies are eligible for nomination by Rotary members. Emphasis should be on students who have made a significant difference through a volunteer service or activity of their own initiative -- preferably above and beyond church or school sponsored activities.

Award presentations will be made Wednesday, April 9, 2014, during the meeting to celebrate other youth activities and programs. **Please note that this is not a monetary award or scholarship, but recognition of exemplary volunteer service.**

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[Congratulation to Blue Badge](#)

## Congratulations, Rotary University Graduate!



Graduations are always special events and Dean Lynn Castle has made them especially fun this year! With her lyrical introduction, she happily presented a Blue Badge and Rotary University Bachelor of Rotary Science degree to Kristi Fuselier.

Congratulations, Graduate Kristi!

In case you were not aware, even long time Rotarians can earn advanced degrees. Is a Master or Ph.D. in Rotary Science in your future?

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### [Tee Shirts for Nicaragua](#)

#### **TEE SHIRTS ARE STACKING UP!**



We only have a few more weeks to gather tee shirts for a District-wide service project: **tee shirts for Nicaragua, all of which will be sewn into diapers for newborns.**

A tee shirt can be cut front and back, hemmed and turned into a diaper. Nicaraguan youths are trained to operate foot pedal powered sewing machines so the cutting and hemming are taken care of locally. This becomes a win-win situation for them, the children earn income for their family, and Nicaraguan mothers have access to inexpensive diapers.

If you have not completed your spring cleaning yet, make it a priority to clean out the closet and drawers and bring shirts to the Rotary office. You get more room and the women and children of Nicaragua receive some real necessities that we take for granted.

We thank **Major Florian Estarada and the Salvation Army** for helping with the success of the project by providing the delivery truck and storage of the shirts until they can be brought to the District Conference in April.

**Let's fill that shipping container!**

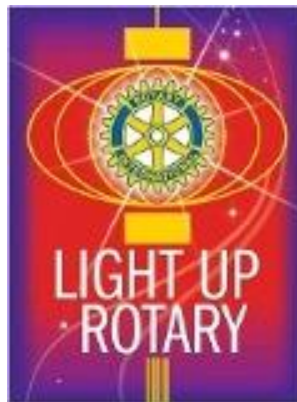
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Support Rotaract**Dinner and Fun with Lamar Rotaract!**

Lamar University Rotaract will be holding a fundraiser for a planned trip to Nicaragua. It is a great trip, a great project and you can help! All you need to do is show up and purchase dinner. How simple is that? Be sure to place your receipt in a box labeled LU Rotaract and the club will receive a donation.

**WHEN:** Monday April 7, 2014  
**TIME:** 5:00pm - 10:00pm  
**WHERE:** Jason's Deli  
 535 N. Dowlen Rd

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District Assembly

## District 5910 Spring Assembly

Saturday, April 5, 2014  
 8:15 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Livingston High School  
 300 FM 350 South  
 Livingston, Texas

## Desired Outcomes:

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

Cost is \$30 per person (includes all breaks, luncheon and handouts)

If you wish to attend, register online through the website or phone the Rotary Office at 842-1913.



[Read more...](#)Rotary Goes to School**ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL**

Any Rotarian who visited a school will tell of how rewarding the experience was to them. However, the thank you cards from the children are made with love and appreciation that brings an even greater sense of reward.

The project was overwhelmingly successful again this year. Many thanks to Dr. Karen Newton, Chairman, who involved many of her staff members to assist in every classroom.

Thank you to all the Rotarians who participated and helped. We have a photo album on the website if you would like to see all the photos received. Access it through the Projects tab.

[Read more...](#)Birthdays**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Floyd McSpadden**  
April 1



**Cheryl Williams**  
April 2



**Stewart Chisum**  
April 4



**Kristi Fuselier**

April 5

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### Sympathy Extended



Our sympathy is extended to

Chuck Heare and his family  
on the loss of his mother,

Anne Edwards Heare

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### Advertisers Invited

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

Have you considered becoming an advertiser in the RotaryGrams and on the website for the Rotary Club of Beaumont? What a great opportunity to support the club **and** have your business name in front of hundreds of potential customers or supporters every day.

We welcome and thank a new advertiser:

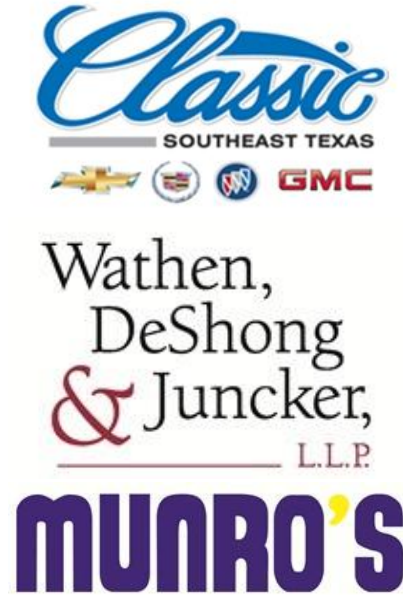


For \$600 per year, your company's ad will run continuously on the homepage and on every subsequent page of the website.

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.

If you would like to pay in quarterly or semi-annual installments, please phone the Rotary office so we can accommodate your needs.

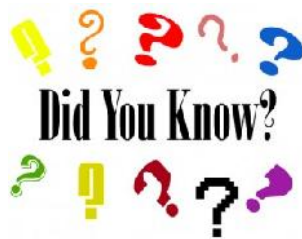
Thank you to those who have renewed:



**To see your company ad here and on the website, phone the Rotary office!**

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#### Did You Know?



The World Health Organization has declared its South East Asia region polio-free.

The certification is being hailed a "historic milestone" in the global fight to eradicate the deadly virus.

It comes after India officially recorded three years without a new

case of polio.

The announcement means 80% of the world is now officially free of polio, although the disease is still endemic in Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Please continue to read the entire interesting article from the BBC News by accessing it here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-26763385>

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Program Review**PROGRAM REVIEW****March 26, 2014****"Providing for Seniors:  
At Home but Not Alone"**

Reported by Rotarian Craig Escamilla

Dr. Paul Szuch introduced Elaine Shellenberger, Director of Nutrition and Services for Seniors, which has delivered over 6 million meals to seniors in its 30-plus year history. Elaine discussed some of the challenges associated with aging, emphasizing that one of the senior population's most important concerns is remaining in their homes as they age. \$1,662.50 is the annual cost to serve one senior citizen at home for Nutrition and Services. The annual cost for nursing home residence usually exceeds \$40,000. She then shared a video introducing the many services the organization provides to our community. These programs include Meals on Wheels, AniMeals-pet food for senior citizens' pets, transportation services, monitoring emergency services, and a dining and social location for senior citizens who can still travel but live alone.

Last year the organization provided over 4,000 meals in Southeast Texas. One of the large concerns for Nutrition and Services is the rising cost of food. The organization travels nearly 15,000 miles per week to provide services. Therefore, rising fuel costs are also a major concern. Elaine praised local volunteers who have never wavered in their support of the organization's programs.

Elaine introduced several guests who are longtime volunteers for Nutrition and Services. She shared several letters of support for the many services the organization provides. Elaine

concluded by inviting club members to their annual luncheon on May 1.

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