

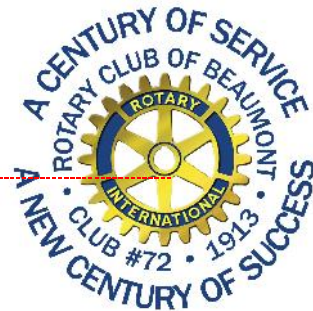


Believe it or not, we still have members who have overlooked the January - June 2014 dues invoice. Please take care of this right away!

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### Speakers

May 07, 2014

Chris Hebert, ImpactWeather  
*The 2014 Hurricane Season Forecast*

May 14, 2014

Bill Davis, Golden Pass Product, LLC

May 21, 2014

Shelly Vitanza, President, Press Club  
*The Press Club of Southeast Texas and Its Role in the Community*

May 28, 2014

Frank Choufoer, President, OCI Beaumont  
*New Greenfield World Scale Methanol Plant*

Jun 04, 2014

Jeff Branick, County Judge  
*An Update on Jefferson County*

### Stories

This Week's Meeting

## PROGRAM PREVIEW May 7, 2014

### "What's Ahead in the 2014 Hurricane Season?"



**Chris Hebert**  
**ImpactWeather**

Just the mention of hurricane season, and residents get a little wary. What are the predictions for the area this year? Rotarians know to turn to Chris Hebert of ImpactWeather.

Jun 11, 2014  
Alana Inman, Manager, Sam Houston Regional Library  
*What Can you Learn at the Library and Research Center?*

A very popular speaker at Rotary, Chris returns on the brink of the hurricane season to tell us what ImpactWeather predicts. He always has great information and insight to share. Come hear first-hand what lies ahead!

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[Head Table & Menu](#)

Jun 18, 2014  
President Chad Blanchard  
*Recognizing Club Leadership*

**Head Table and Menu for May 7**

Jun 25, 2014  
President Chad Blanchard's Swan Song



**Invocation:**  
**Connie Szuch**  
 Volunteer  
 Community Volunteer

Jul 02, 2014  
Installation of President Vernon Pierce and Club Leadership



**Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:**  
**Claire Jackson**  
 Director of Sales  
 Courtyard by Marriott, Pillar Hotels & Resorts

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**Upcoming Events**

Rotary-Spindletop Soap Box Derby  
*May 17, 2014 – May 18, 2014*



**Introduction of Guests:**  
**Bobbie Applegate**  
 Owner  
 Roberta Applegate, PC

Show Your Colors Flag Project  
*May 26, 2014 at 5:00 AM*

Menu: salad bar, navy bean soup, fried chicken, barbecue brisket, corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, assorted pastries and desserts, tea and coffee

Board of Directors Meeting  
 The Beaumont Club  
*May 27, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

[President's Initiative](#)

Show Your Colors Flag Project  
*Jun 14, 2014 at 5:00 AM*

Board of Directors Meeting  
 The Beaumont Club  
*Jun 24, 2014 at 11:45 AM*

**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.

**Bell Ringer on May 7**

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!



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(and meeting make-ups)

<b>May 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Spindletop Soap Box Derby</b>
<b>May 26</b>	<b>"Show Your Colors" Flag Project for Memorial Day</b>
<b>May 27</b>	<b>Board of Directors, 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club</b>

Show Your Colors Flag Project

**Volunteer to "Show Your Colors"!**



What are you doing for Memorial Day? Start your day on Monday, May 26 with a great patriotic feeling when you help post our USA flags around Beaumont.

Pat Anderson has started recruiting volunteers and we need you to say "Yes!" when asked, or phone him at 782-4057 and let him know to count on you.

Soap Box Derby Pit Crew

**Light the Fire and Smell the Burgers Sizzlin'!**



***How about doing some service for our fellow Rotarians in the Spindletop Club?***

John Worthington, Chairman, is asking for your help on Saturday, May 17 and/or Sunday, May 18. as a member of the pit crew for the Soap Box Derby.

With a great grill from Gerald Condon and Collision & Classics, our volunteers will prepare and serve a continental breakfast and fresh hamburgers and hotdogs at lunchtime. It's really a lot of fun and fellowship as we provide a service for these friends.

Sign up if you can help at: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10CoE4AADAFA22AAFD0-spindletop](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10CoE4AADAFA22AAFD0-spindletop) or call the Rotary office.

Board Action

## BOARD ACTION

At the Board of Directors meeting on April 22, the Board took the following action:



A resignation from **Paula O'Neal** was accepted with regret.

Two terminations were made: **Larry Cooper** and **Charles Shelton**

### New Members Welcomed

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

There was robust applause as we welcomed three new members as Red Badges on April 30.



**Euric Fuselier** was proposed by Kristi Fuselier. Euric is Branch Manager of Graybar (Industrial Electronics) and, yes, they have become another married "dynamic duo" in the Club.

Chuck Heare proposed and helped to welcome his colleague **Ross Jones**, Financial Advisor at UBS Financial Services, Inc. Ross is a former student of Texas A & M and Lamar University and is ready to get involved with Rotary service!



You might have thought **Steve Gilbert** was already a member because he has been attending meetings and projects while waiting patiently for an Orientation session! Steve is pictured with his sponsor Shannon Williamson. He is Public Relations & Marketing





Manager for Sour Lake Motor  
Company-Sour Lake  
Truckville.

### Congratulation to Blue Badges

## **Congratulations, Rotary University Graduates!**



There was a really big crowd for graduation exercises at Rotary on April 30 but that didn't intimidate Dean Lynn Castle one bit! She still made it a very special ceremony and celebration for our two newest Blue Badges and Rotary University graduates. Pictured with her receiving well-deserved congratulations are Tom Heilman and Shannon Williamson.

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?

### Playground Enjoyment Continues

## **Thank you for the playground!**

My 9 year old twin grandsons from Austin were here this weekend and they absolutely loved the Rotary playscape. We took them there late Friday afternoon as they needed to expend some energy after riding in the car so long (and they do have lots and lots of energy). They had such a good time that we went

back yesterday....and they wanted to go back today but there was no time before they left.... I feel sure we'll be there again.

I love for my grandchildren to have good memories of things they do in Beaumont, so thank you for this great addition to our city!

- Camille Mouton

Look at this beautiful new addition too! The Beaumont Rotaract Club used their green thumbs to freshen up the front flower bed with bright, colorful blooms supplied by the City of Beaumont. Even some children playing at the time joined with them in the landscaping effort!



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.

Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**Bel Lamb**  
May 5



**Lori Falk**  
May 7



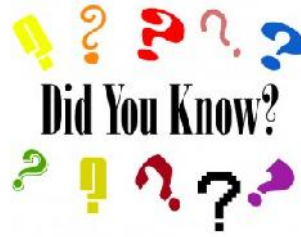
**Joe Fisher**  
May 8



**Debbie Frazier**  
May 9

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### Did You Know?



**In addition to members who donate individually to The Rotary Foundation, the Club makes a donation to The Rotary Foundation. The amount is determined by the Board of Directors.**

This year, the Board of Directors passed a motion to donate in the name of active and participating members of the club based upon the individual's level of participation in club activities. For example, serving as chairman of a committee, proposing a new member, securing a program speaker, and volunteering for a service project earn a member "points." Those points equated to dollars and that amount was sent to The Rotary Foundation in the name of the individual member. If you received an acknowledgement for your donation, you know you were included this year.

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### Program Review

**PROGRAM REVIEW**  
**April 30, 2014**  
**"Lessons Learned from**  
**El Paso ISD Board of Managers"**



**Dee Margo**  
**Board President**  
**El Paso ISD**

by Rotarian John Neely

Our speaker at Rotary this week was Dee Margo, Board President for the El Paso Independent School District. Standing in for Jim Rich, the Chairman of the Government Affairs Division of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, Tom Broussard, introduced Mr. Margo to a packed house.

After a widespread cheating scandal rocked the El Paso ISD and the superintendent was convicted for his part in it, TEA appointed Dee Margo as President of a Board of Managers to replace the El Paso ISD Trustees. The El Paso ISD is the second largest employer in its area, second only to Fort Bliss.

As the result of the fraudulent actions, as well as the disruptive bickering and dysfunctional Board of Trustees, the Board of Managers have been in place since December 2012. The FBI has a continuing investigation in progress.

Mr. Margo highlighted some steps taken by the El Paso ISD Board of Managers in the process of this major change. He made recommendations including the value of having and using a thorough audit. He stressed that those who are asked to serve on a BISD Board of Managers should do so willingly as it is a most important contribution.

Dee said, "Unless your workforce is educated, you will not attract people and business to your location. ... There is too much at stake for El Paso and for Beaumont."

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