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ROTARYGRAMS

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Speakers

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

Jun 11, 2014

Alana Inman, Manager, Sam Houston Regional Library

Stories

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

May 14, 2014

"LNG Exports from Texas"



Bill Davis
Project Executive
Golden Pass Products, LLC

What Can you Learn at the Library and Research Center?

Jun 18, 2014

President Chad Blanchard
Recognizing Club Leadership

Jun 25, 2014

President Chad Blanchard's Swan Song

Jul 02, 2014

Installation of President Vernon Pierce
and Club Leadership

Jul 09, 2014

Luke Legate, Texas Oil and Gas Association
Texas Oil & Gas

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Upcoming Events

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

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

Show Your Colors Flag Project-Independence Day
Jul 04, 2014 at 5:00 AM

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Bill is Project Executive for Golden Pass Products, a proposed \$10 billion project to add liquefaction capabilities to the Golden Pass facilities in Sabine Pass, Texas, setting the stage for LNG exports to world markets.

Bill joined the Golden Pass Products team with extensive experience as a commercial manager for ExxonMobil. Bill recently headed up the company's flowing gas and new business development activities in Qatar. Earlier positions included management roles in Australia, Argentina, and the U.S.

Before ExxonMobil, Bill worked as a geologist in minerals exploration for Rio Tinto, with postings in Chile, Argentina, and the UK. Bill earned degrees in earth science from Dartmouth College and Stanford University, in addition to an MBA from Cornell University.

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Head Table and Menu for May 14



Invocation:
Cindy Cherry
Supervisor
Jefferson County Adult
Probation



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:
Steve Gilbert
Public Relations Manager &
Marketing
Sour Lake Motor Company



Introduction of Guests:
Kristi Fuselier
Director of Student Activities
West Brook High School

Menu: salad bar, vegetable soup, London broil, chicken Marsala, roasted red potatoes, green beans, assorted pastries and desserts, tea and coffee

[President's Initiative](#)

President's Initiative: RING MY BELL!

Ring the bell and open the meeting by making a \$25 donation to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation.

Bell Ringer on May 14



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& Juncker,
L.L.P.



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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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
(and meeting make-ups)

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

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/10CoE4AADAf22AAFD0-spindletop or call the Rotary office.

Feed the Polio Pig!

You heard the recent devastating news that Polio has spread and cases have been confirmed in 10 countries. We can't allow this dreaded disease to take control again. Rotary Clubs around the globe are stepping up to help with additional financial resources.

One small way you can help is to donate your change and coins to the Polio Pig which will be "visiting" every meeting. Dollar bills and your checks to The Rotary Foundation are accepted too!



Spotlight

SPOTLIGHT ON ROTARIANS

Several businesses owned or managed by Rotarians were named recipient of special awards recently, and we join in celebrating with them.



Receiving the 2014 ***Torch Awards for Marketplace Trust:***

Large business category - **Entergy Texas, Inc.** (Vernon Pierce)

Small Business category - **Classic Forms & Products, Inc** (John Worthington)

Non-Profit category- **Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas (Mary Poole)**

M & D Supply (Scott Hatcher) was honored as the 2014 Houston District Family Owned Business of the Year by the U. S. Small Business Administration.

Mason Construction (Chuck, Becky and Chad Mason) was recipient of the Family Owned Business of the Year Award by the Office of the Governor and Texas Workforce Solutions.

And we recognize **Tommy Hebert** who was selected to serve as a judge at the American Rose Society National Convention in San Diego, CA.

Sympathy Extended



Our sympathy is extended to

Becky Ames
on the loss of her father

Larry Dale Benoit
February 17, 1940 - May 4, 2014

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Sam Fazio
May 13



Kal Kincaid
May 15



Jay Old
May 17



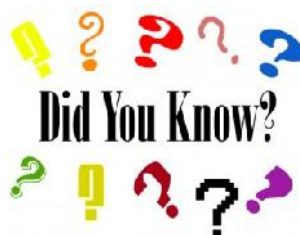
Roger Bemis
May 18



Steve Grantham
May 18

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Did You Know?



**Peace Corps and
Rotary kick off
historic
collaboration**

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the [Peace Corps Partnership Program](#), Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.

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[Program Review](#)

PROGRAM REVIEW

May 7, 2014

"Planning for the 2014 Hurricane Season"



Chris Hebert
Meteorologist
ImpactWeather, Inc.
by Rotarian Bobbie Applegate

Our club's favorite meteorologist, Chris Hebert from Impact Weather, gave club members an update of why the forecasts were wrong last year and what to expect this hurricane season.

For the past 9 years we have had three to five hurricanes per season. We are in a warm cycle that started in 1995, and the main predictors have had to do with the weather pattern crossing from Africa. Last year several things happened: water off the Indian Ocean was cooler than normal, dust across Africa kept the storms from gathering strength, and the temperature in the Atlantic declined from March – June slowing down the circulation for storms to develop and as a result dry areas

developed.

The coming of El Nino (warm water in the Pacific) should lead to fewer storms this year. Meteorologists in the US are beginning to look at the European model now as that has been more accurate over the last several years. At this point they are no longer looking to the storms coming off of Africa as much as what is developing in the Indian Ocean. The prediction for this year is that we will have 60% of the normal named storms and hurricanes. Studying years with the same elements has been interesting. Even with fewer storms, the years we are mimicking each had a major (3-5 category) hurricane: 1957 (Audrey) and 1965 (Betsy) to name a few.

Even though we will see a lower than normal storm season, we should still be diligent and prepared for a major hurricane to form in the upper Gulf Coast area.

Chris graciously answered questions from the club. Thanks to Entergy for bringing Chris to our club again.

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