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The construction of the Centennial Playground will take a holiday on July 6. Work will continue, however, on July 13, 20, and 27! Volunteer to help at 842-1913 or email the [Rotary Office](#).

**Speakers**

- Jul 10, 2013  
[Dr. Sam Monroe](#)  
Museum of the Gulf Coast
  - Jul 10, 2013  
[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY:  
[Michael Perez](#) on the  
2nd Annual Hope For Tomorrow  
Luncheon & Style Show  
benefiting the Boys & Girls Club]
  - Jul 17, 2013  
[Patty Pittman, CASA of  
Southeast Texas](#)
  - Jul 24, 2013  
[Dr. Danny Lovett, Executive  
Director for Region V  
TBA](#)
  - Jul 31, 2013  
[David Johnson](#)  
Greetings from District 5910  
Governor
  - Aug 07, 2013  
[Alex Rupp, Jack Brooks Airport  
Manager](#)  
Air Travel from Beaumont Takes  
Off! Update on American Airlines  
from Jefferson County
  - Aug 14, 2013  
[Ray Woodard, Lamar Football  
"Lets Go, Big Red!"](#)
  - Aug 21, 2013  
[Elisabeth Maxwell, Beck Fellow](#)  
Experiences & Research in  
South Africa and Mozambique
  - Aug 28, 2013  
[Dr. Kenneth Evans, President  
Lamar University](#)
  - Sep 04, 2013  
[Lameka Trahan, Member of  
2013 GSE Team](#)  
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**PROGRAM PREVIEW**

July 3, 2013

**"Installation of  
President Chad Blanchard  
& Club Leaders"**



The new Rotary year begins on July 1 and a new century of the Rotary Club of Beaumont starts! With the official installation of President Chad Blanchard and club leaders, the "heart of Rotary" will not miss a beat! The excitement of starting a new century of service is as strong as celebrating the Centennial was a year ago.

Come hear and learn of President Chad's plans and projects for 2013-14!

**Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, July 3**



**Invocation:**  
**Harland Merriam**, Pastor, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church



**Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:**  
**David Locke**, President, MidSouth Bank



**Introduction of Guests:**  
**Slate Babineaux**, Vice President, Air Comfort, Inc.

**Menu:** salad bar, baked potato soup, barbeque brisket, barbeque chicken, baked beans, corn-on-the-cob, assorted desserts and pastries, tea & coffee



**Club Events & Meeting Makeup Opportunities**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Jul 23, 2013 11:45 AM

**Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Aug 01, 2013 11:30 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Aug 27, 2013 11:45 AM

**"Show Your Colors" Flag Project**  
Sep 11, 2013 05:00 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Sep 24, 2013 11:45 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Oct 22, 2013 11:45 AM

**"Show Your Colors" Flag Project**  
Nov 11, 2013 05:00 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Nov 26, 2013 11:45 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Dec 17, 2013 11:45 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Jan 28, 2014 11:45 AM

**"Show Your Colors" Flag Project**  
Feb 17, 2014 05:00 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Feb 25, 2014 11:45 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Mar 25, 2014 11:45 AM

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
The Beaumont Club  
Apr 22, 2014 11:45 AM

**District 5910 Conference**  
College Station  
Apr 25, 2014 - Apr 27, 2014

**"Show Your Colors" Flag Project**  
May 26, 2014 05:00 AM

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

**"Show Your Colors" Flag Project**  
Jun 14, 2014 05:00 AM

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



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President

**CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS**

(and make-up opportunities)

<b>July 3</b>	<b>Installation of President Chad Blanchard and club leadership</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Flag distribution for Independence Day; please volunteer to help</b>
<b>July 13</b>	<b>Playground workday</b>

**Build it and They Will Play!**

It is going to be the best playground Beaumont and all the surrounding area has EVER seen! The volunteers continue to work steadily to add to the components of the bright and cheerful Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground.

Gratefully, the team from Mason Construction has made amazing progress on installation of foundations and main structures while club volunteers and friends have had plenty of assignments adding panels, special features, seats, slides, handles, safety plates, edging pieces, and more details than one can imagine!

Because of the July 4th holiday, the upcoming weekend (Saturday, July 6) will be a holiday from playground too. Help will be needed in the coming weeks following as we finish equipment, clean, and landscape. Dates and times will be announced. To volunteer, phone the Rotary Office at 842-1913 or [click on this link to email: admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org](mailto:admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org).



Click here to watch slide shows of pictures and the progress made from week-to-week:

- [June 29, 2013](#)
- [June 15, 2013](#)
- [June 8, 2013](#)
- [May 6, 2013](#)
- [April 27, 2013](#)
- [April 20, 2013](#)



**Volunteers Needed for July 4**

Rotarians will get Independence Day off to a great start by distributing beautiful American flags to subscribers! We have 460+ people counting on us to have O! Glory flying!

Join in the fun and help make this a great patriotic day. Please let Pat Anderson know that you can help on Thursday, July 4. Let's get his phone ringing (782-4057).

**THANK YOU FOR PROMPT PAYMENTS**



Invoices for dues were sent in mid-June by email and a large number have already been paid. Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this important task! If you did not receive yours or need another copy sent to you, please contact the office and we will be happy to accommodate your needs. Your prompt payment means we are able to pay International dues promptly and saves the office valuable time.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**









**Ashley Barber**  
July 2



**Charles Watts**  
July 3

<b>Chad Blanchard</b>
President Elect, Ex Officio <b>Vernon Pierce</b>
Vice President <b>Paul Szuch</b>
Secretary <b>Sharon McCabe</b>
Treasurer <b>Mary Robertson</b>
Sergeant at Arms <b>Slate Babineaux</b>
Immediate Past President, Ex Officio <b>Becky L. Mason</b>
Director 2011-2013 <b>Slate Babineaux</b>
Director 2011-2013 <b>Cindy Cherry</b>
Beaumont Foundation Trustee <b>Becky L. Mason</b>
Beaumont Foundation Trustee <b>Chad Blanchard</b>
Beaumont Foundation Trustee <b>Vernon Pierce</b>
Executive Director <b>Jacque Chapman</b>

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**Pat Anderson**  
July 4



**Craig Escamilla**  
July 4

**Frank Malda**  
July 4



**Phil Dunlap**  
July 6



**Craig Lively**  
July 6



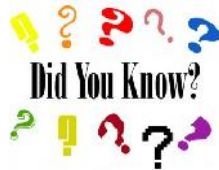
**Tom Lamb**  
July 7



**Charles Shelton**  
July 7



**Joshua Taub**  
July 8



The Rotary International Convention has concluded and the new Rotary year has begun. President Ron Burton has begun his term with Anne Matthews assuming the position of Vice President. Anne is the first female Vice President in the history of Rotary.

Read about the changes to expect in 2013-14 and other news from the Convention at: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130701\\_news\\_newyear.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/130701_news_newyear.aspx).

**PROGRAM REVIEW**  
June 26, 2013

**"Centennial President Becky's Swan Song"**

(You can watch a video of the entire performance by clicking the arrow to play.)  
by Rotarian John Neely

The setting was "Centennial Island," a far away tropical island recently invaded by the PastAways, a very motley crew comprised of the "usual suspects" with suspicious motives.

Narrator Larry Beaulieu, reporting from a remote location, explained that this gala event would reflect our 100 years in four time-

- segments:
- 1) 1913-49
  - 2) 1950-79
  - 3) 1980-09
  - 4) 2010-13

These time periods were well-represented by the PastAways, which was an elite group of Past Presidents (James, Angela, Gerald, Harland, Kevin, Charles, David, Jim, Floyd, Roger) and future President Chad Blanchard, who looked a lot like Vernon Pierce in a wig!

As we trudged through these time-segments, the PastAways disclosed their preferences, priorities, and memories of the first century. No one was MORE obvious than Reverend Braggart. The Reverend was SO focused on the "sins" of others, you couldn't help but wonder "what the heck is HE hiding in HIS closet?"

The Rotary Cats Ensemble, composed off Hall of Famers Toby Castro, Michael Wiggins, and Craig Escamilla played their electrifying sounds to the melodious and engaging vocals of Carolyn Howard.

A Rotary flash dance erupted led by Cindy Cherry, an anonymous Port Commissioner, and a retired CPA on a "work-release program."

President Becky was "escorted" through the gauntlet of the PastAway-Castaways where she received a tropical 'lei' from each as she was welcomed from her slumber into her "forced retirement" on Centennial Island.

In conclusion, PastAway, Past President and Senior South Pacific Correspondent Larry Beaulieu reporting from W-KROT, announced, "Well, thank you to all who contributed. Because of you, we haven't learned a thing today!"

Director of the performance was the awesome Paula Bothe, who spared NO expense in the lavishness of this production. Script-writer was the amazing Bobbie Applegate, herself a PastAway.

Our thanks to our Videographer Joe Pizzo, Soundman Ray Baker, and Stage Hands Mary Ellen Robertson, Chris Ayers, Allie Gladden, and Tyler Gladden.

Many thanks to overwhelming talent of the "Orchestra" of Toby Castro, Michael Wiggins, Craig Escamilla, along with rousing, rockin' vocalist Carolyn Howard.

*Editor Craig Escamilla*

*If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.*

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