



Wed Jul 17, 2013

Home



The construction of the Centennial Playground continues. Volunteer to help at 842-1913 or email the Rotary Office. Watch for an email on Friday to confirm and provide details.

ROTARYGRAMS

July 17, 2013 - Vol. 101, No. 3

MCM Elegante' Hotel
2355 IH-10 South, Suite 213
Beaumont, TX 77705

Telephone: 409-842-1913
Fax: 409-842-5613



The Rotary meeting this week, July 17, will be in the Fountainview Room.

Speakers

- Jul 17, 2013
Patty Pittman, CASA of Southeast Texas
- Jul 17, 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
[RING MY BELL: Slate Babineaux]
- Jul 24, 2013
Dr. Danny Lovett, Executive Director for Region V TBA
- Jul 24, 2013
[RING MY BELL: Bobbie Applegate]
- Jul 31, 2013
David Johnson
Greetings from District 5910 Governor
- Jul 31, 2013
[RING MY BELL: Mary Poole]
- 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: What's Next?"
- Sep 04, 2013
Lameka Trahan, Member of 2013 GSE Team
"My Travels to British Virgin Islands as Member of the Rotary GSE Team"
- Sep 11, 2013
Chris Fisher, Director & CEO, Port of Beaumont

PROGRAM PREVIEW

July 17, 2013

"I Am For the Child!"

What every citizen can do to make a difference in the life of a child in foster care.



Patty Pittman
Resource Development Coordinator
CASA of Southeast Texas, Inc.

When home is no longer safe for a child, and the child must enter the foster care system, a judge may appoint a committed volunteer called a CASA or Court Appointed Special Advocate.™ The volunteer's focus is on that child, giving hope and help in guiding the child to a safe, permanent home.

No one knows the CASA program better than Patty Pittman, Resource Development Coordinator for CASA of Southeast Texas. Patty has held the position for the last two years. She is a native of Beaumont and graduate of Lamar University with BBA in Business –Marketing. She has worked in resource development and public relations for non-profits for twelve years.

Patty will be introduced by Rotarian Henry Venta.

Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, July 17



Invocation:
Carol Flatten, Executive Director, Foundation for Southeast Texas



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:
John Weitzel, President, Petrofuels Corporation



Introduction of Guests:
Ted Moor, Vice President, Talon Insurance

"What Happens at the Port of Beaumont?"

[View entire list...](#)



Club Events & Meeting Makeup Opportunities

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

New Member Orientation
Embassy Room
Jul 24, 2013 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

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



Menu: salad bar, soup, delectable entrees and sides, assorted desserts and pastries, tea & coffee

President's Initiative: RING MY BELL!



Benefiting the Beaumont Rotary Foundation

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 July 17



Slate Babineaux
Vice President
Air Comfort, Inc.

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS
(and make-up opportunities)

July 23	Board of Directors Meeting, 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club
July 24	New Member Orientation, 10:45 a.m., Embassy Room
July 27	Playground workday (tentative)
August 1	Foundation Board of Trustees meeting; 11:30 a.m., Edison Plaza

Build it and They Will Play!

It is going to be the best playground Beaumont and all the surrounding area has EVER seen!

With more work to be done by the professionals next, our volunteers will be called out again to help with landscaping, ground cover, edging, cleaning, and other tasks in a few weeks. Sign up to help out at the next Rotary meeting or by emailing the Rotary office at admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org.

We will NOT be working this Saturday, July 20. The next anticipated workday at the playground site will be July 27.

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 20, 2013](#)
- [April 27, 2013](#)



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. [Click here to go to the online payment page.](#)

Flag Subscribers Express Appreciation

It is the best feeling in the world, to know that your work is having such impact. Flag subscribers appreciate the "Show Your Colors" Flag Project so much. Several subscription payments received were accompanied by sweet notes of thanks.

Click on the image at the left to see/read a full version.

Like our Facebook page!

Officers & Directors
(click on name to email)

President Chad Blanchard
President Elect, Ex Officio Vernon Pierce
Vice President Paul Szuch
Treasurer Mary Robertson
Secretary Sharon McCabe
Sergeant at Arms Slate Babineaux
Past President Advisor James E. Rich
Immediate Past President, Ex Officio Becky L. Mason
Director 2011-2014 Slate Babineaux
Director 2011-2014 Cindy Cherry
Director 2011-2014 Marcia Crone
Director 2011-2014 Michael Perez
Director 2012-2015 Chris Ayers
Director 2012-2015 Ted Moor
Director 2012-2015 John B. Quigley
Director 2012-2015 John Weitzel
Director 2013-2016 Barry Bryant
Director 2013-2016 Lynn Castle
Director 2013-2016 Craig Escamilla
Director 2013-2016 Craig Lively
Foundation Chairman Larry Beaulieu
Foundation Treasurer Pat Anderson
Foundation Secretary Uliana Trylowsky
Foundation Trustee Becky L. Mason
Foundation Trustee Chad Blanchard
Foundation Trustee Vernon Pierce
Executive Director Jacque Chapman

Website Sponsors



SPOTLIGHT ON ROTARIAN

You may have noticed that incoming President Chad Blanchard was not able to be a part of the Swan Song for Centennial President Becky Mason. He was (nicely) impersonated by Vernon Pierce that day because he was called to the Arlington/D. C. area to receive a prestigious honor of the **Distinguished Leadership Award** from the Association of Leadership Programs at the group's National Leadership Conference.

The Award was presented to ten individuals who have demonstrated "exceptional community leadership" as graduates of community programs like Leadership Beaumont. Chad was honored for excellence in exemplifying the spirit and goals for civic involvement and trusteeship. Congratulations, Mr. President!

If you or someone you know should be recognized in a future article and issue of the RotaryGrams, please submit information to the Rotary Office at admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Dan Parker
July 15



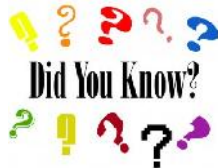
Dale Dowell
July 17



Eric Lawrence
July 20



W. L. Pate
July 20



Recently there have been a number of emails sent to Rotarians that are the typical scams. One such email was supposedly sent from Rotary International President Ron Burton asking for money, others report prizes won, etc.

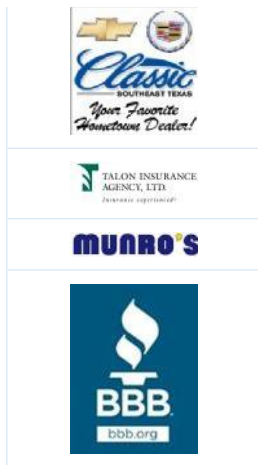
RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any email that appears suspicious.

[Read more about it by linking here.](#)

PROGRAM REVIEW

July 10, 2013

"A Local Treasure: The Museum of the Gulf Coast"



Interested in being a sponsor?

[Download the website sponsorship guide](#)



Dr. Sam Monroe
 President, Lamar State College-Port Arthur
 by Rotarian John Neely

Today's Rotary Guest Speaker was President of Lamar State College-Port Arthur, Dr. Sam Monroe. President Monroe was introduced by LIT President Paul Such.

Dr. Sam Monroe is not just the President of Lamar State College, Port Arthur. Dr. Monroe is also the President of the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Dr. Monroe was recognized by Texas Governor Perry for being the longest sitting college president in Texas (since 1974), and has received every possible award for a college president.

Dr. Monroe, no stranger to Rotary Club of Beaumont, spoke about the Museum of the Gulf Coast. Open 7 days a week, the Museum highlights many aspects of life on the Gulf Coast, from the influence of the Paleo-Indians, to the Hispanic, European, and African-influences, to sports-figures like Jimmy Johnson, Bum Phillips, Bubba Smith, and Babe Zaharias, to the influence energy and oil have played on the area, and to our music. Dr. Monroe highlighted several artists from southeast Texas & neighboring Louisiana.

Sam first spoke about 'Jivin' Gene Bourgeois, who first played at 'Sock Hops' in Port Arthur. Two of Gene's bigger or more memorable songs were tunes named "Breakin' Up Is Hard To Do" and "Going Out With The Tide." Next, Sam spoke about George Jones, whose early hit "White Lightning" was released in 1955 (a long time after President Chad was born.) Dr. Monroe then spoke of J.P. Richardson (the Big Bopper), a disc jockey, singer, and songwriter, who gave us such memorable songs as "The Purple People Eater Meet The Witch Doctor" and "Chantilly Lace." J.P. Richardson, who grew up in Beaumont, wrote an International hit song for Johnny Preston, called "Running Bear." Sam then spoke of Clifton Cheniere from Opelousas, Louisiana, who moved to Port Arthur, Texas, and advanced the style we refer to as Zydeco, and Ivory Joe Hunter from Kirbyville, Texas, who gave us the beautiful song "Since I Met You, Baby."

Dr. Sam Monroe concluded his presentation, with a Port Arthur-native, Janis Joplin. Janis had been a folk singer while living in Port Arthur. When she moved to Austin, she developed her 'blues' voice.

A site dedicated to preserving the Gulf Coast heritage, the Museum of the Gulf Coast is a quality museum like none you've ever seen! He invited all to come for a visit.

Editor Craig Escamilla

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

Website: www.beaumontrotaryclub.org Email Executive Director: admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org

© 2002–2013 Doxess. All rights reserved. [Privacy Statement](#) | [Online Help](#) | [System Requirements](#)