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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.

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### PROGRAM PREVIEW

August 7, 2013



**Clayton Henderson**  
Sabine Neches Navigation District

Clayton is the Assistant General Manager of the Sabine-Neches Navigation District where he has served since 2005. In this role he oversees a team who develops, evaluates, and implements the policies and actions of the Navigation District. Clayton is the Waterway Liaison to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Sabine-Neches Operations and Maintenance, and serves as Navigation District Lead on the Sabine-Neches Waterway Channel Improvement Project. Additionally Clayton was designated the Navigation District delegate to the Sabine-Neches Waterway Area Maritime Security Committee.

### Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, August 7



**Invocation:**  
**Tim Sudela**, President, American Valve & Hydrant



**Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:**  
**Joshua Smith**, Assistant General Manager, Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.



**Introduction of Guests:**  
**Brandon Fisher**, Commercial Banker, First Financial Bank

**Club Events & Meeting Makeup Opportunities**

**New Member Orientation**  
MCM Elegante' Hotel and Conference Center  
Aug 21, 2013 10:45 AM - 11:55 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

**District Foundation & Membership Seminar**  
South Shore Harbour Resort  
Sep 21, 2013 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM

**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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**Menu:** salad bar, potato and ham soup, London broil with mushroom gravy, lemon pepper catfish, wild rice pilaf, vegetable, 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 August 7**



**Angela Baker**  
Owner  
Lone Star Vending

**CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS**  
(and make-up opportunities)

	<b>Register to attend District Foundation and Membership Seminar on September 21</b>
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Playground workday</b>
<b>September 8</b>	<b>Applications for GSE Team Leader are due</b>

**Build it and They Will Play!**

We had a great workday on Saturday, August 3 at the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground. The canopies are up and almost all the large pieces are in place. If you have not been there recently, you should go see it. It is awesome!

We are in a holding-pattern now as the ground cover foam has to be ordered and put in place by the professionals before we can get involved in the mulching and landscaping. Plan to take part on the next workday on August 24.

Funding for the fencing, signs and other items is still needed. Please continue to help us seek individual and corporate donations for a grand conclusion to this project!



**Ring My Bell Total is Growing!**

President Chad Blanchard relinquishes the gavel each week to allow another Rotarian the privilege of ringing the bell to open the meeting for a small donation to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation. You too can be a part, help our Foundation grow, and have a little fun. Mary Poole really celebrated the event with her "gift" of \$25!

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### Building Goodwill and Better Friendships in Brazil!



Group Study Exchange continues with District funding and the arrangements are made for an exchange with District 4540 (Brazil, northern part of Sao Paulo state and southern part of Minas Gerais state, with 4 cities over 200,000 pop.). Our team will travel there from May 11 through June 10, 2014. The Brazilian team will be here March 31 - April 28.

The District is beginning the process of selecting a Rotarian from one of the clubs to be the **Team Leader**, and will then continue with selection of **Team Members**. Team Leader is a big job, but a wonderful, life-changing experience that can't be described in a few lines. Candidates should read and think about it carefully. Feel free to call John Delaney, District Chairman (979-219-1100 or [j\\_delaney@verizon.net](mailto:j_delaney@verizon.net)) for more information. (Don't be put off by the language requirement. "Proficiency" in Portuguese is not a realistic goal in the few months of preparation time. We get by without language fluency all the time, although we prepare as best we can.)

Applications for **Team Leader** are being accepted through September 8. Applicants will be interviewed on Sunday afternoon, September 15, on the campus of Lone Star College, south of Conroe.

Applications for **Team Members** are being accepted through September 30. Applicants will be interviewed on Saturday, October 19.

### Welcome to New Members



Lindy Dennis returns to the Club after some years of absence but we are delighted to have him back. Retired from Lindy Dennis Air Conditioning and LD Construction, Lindy will be classified as Air Conditioning - Contracting - Retired. He was proposed by Roy Huckaby



Larry Cooper, CIO/Sales with Monroe Telephone Answering Service, Inc., was proposed by Derrick Barber. Larry's classification is Answering Services. Larry already started his service work with the club by helping with the Playground on a number of workdays.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Shiv Bagri**  
August 8



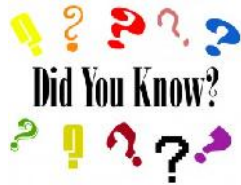
**Azim Keramati**  
August 12



### Spotlight on Rotarian

Honorary Rotarian Karen Bourdier is one of six women who will be honored at a luncheon by Pioneering Women on Thursday, August 8th. As part of its annual recognition of the contributions women have made to the community, Pioneering Women selected the honorees from submitted names. The funds raised by Pioneering Women support many of the local organizations and women's programs.

According to the Beaumont Enterprise, Karen Bourdier is credited with being the creator and leader of the Southeast Texas Workforce and Diversity and Inclusions Council. She is also co-creator and photographer for the book, "Just So You Know - Spicy Wisdom for Young Christian Women," writer of economic tracking reports for Southeast Texas, and a small business owner of Redwood Personal Histories. Her involvement includes Leadership Southeast Texas Advisory Council, Beaumont Main Street and Junior Achievement. Karen is employed as the research manager for the Entergy Texas economic development group.



You are invited to the Rotary Foundation & Membership Seminar on Saturday, September 21. It will be held at the beautiful South Shore Harbour Resort in League City and all Rotarians of District 5910 are invited to attend.

There will also be a special "Red Badge" breakfast (for a small extra fee) on Saturday morning. This full-breakfast will be for all new Rotarians who have joined Rotary in the last calendar year (since July 2012). The goal is to get our new Rotarians engaged in their clubs and District 5910.

Each participant pays a registration fee of only \$30 (cash or check at the door upon check-in) for the day of training and education. Lunch is included. [Learn more about it and register online by linking here.](#) Let the office know you are attending and we can work out carpooling.

### PROGRAM REVIEW July 31, 2013

#### "Engage Rotary...Change Lives"



**David Johnson**  
**Governor**  
**Rotary District 5910**  
by Rotarian John Neely

Our speaker today was David Johnson, District 5910 Governor. Governor Johnson was introduced by Past District Governor Roger McCabe. In his introduction, Roger mentioned that he and Governor Johnson have been good friends since 1993.

Governor Johnson spoke about the two primary issues that surround the growth of Rotary Clubs and Rotary membership:

- 1) Attraction of new members
- 2) Retention of existing membership

Governor Johnson stated that the lack of retention is actually an effect rather not a cause. Lack of retention manifests when the members, new and old, do not feel connected or relevant in their Clubs. Governor Johnson challenged us to perform the little things that mean so much. One solution can be found in a well-managed orientation process. What an excellent opportunity to expose the new member to the various "Lanes of Service."

An explanation of "Lanes of Service" from an enthused orientation committee member will make all the difference to the new Rotarian. Governor Johnson encouraged that a follow-up phone call to the new Rotarian after Orientation may enhance that "welcomed" feeling.

Meaningful projects, at home and abroad, gives the new Rotarian a much larger picture of what it means to be a Rotarian. The Four Way Test is not only the standard by which the existing membership conducts themselves. This has an immediate impact on our communities, and naturally ripples throughout the World. Governor Johnson stated, "No matter how much I give Rotary, I receive so much more."

“Engage Rotary.....Change Lives”

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