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## ROTARYGRAMS

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The Rotary office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.




Speakers
Aug 28, 2013 Dr. Kenneth Evans, President "Lamar University: What's Next?"
Aug 28, 2013 [RING MY BELL: Karen Bourdier]
Sep 04, 2013 Lameka Trahan, Member of 2013 GSE Team "My Travels to British Virgin Islands as Member of the Rotary GSE Team"
Sep 04, 2013 [RING MY BELL: Chelle Blanchard]
Sep 11, 2013 Chris Fisher, Director & CEO, Port of Beaumont "What Happens at the Port of Beaumont?"
Sep 18, 2013 Judge John Stevens
Sep 18, 2013

### PROGRAM PREVIEW

August 28, 2013

"Lamar University: What's Next?"



Kenneth Evans  
President  
Lamar University

Come hear LU's new leader's vision for the Cardinals' future!

Dr. Kenneth R. Evans (Ken) is the new president of Lamar University. He arrived at Lamar after 6 ½ years as Dean and Fred E. Brown chair of business in the Michael F. Price [College of Business](#) at the University of Oklahoma. Prior to OU, Dr. Evans served in a variety of administrative roles during his stay at the University of Missouri-Columbia where he also held the title of the Pinkney C. Walker Professor and Arizona State University where he was a faculty member in the marketing department. Ken is married to Nancy who is a retired elementary school teacher and they have two boys.

Dr. Evans received his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado, his MBA from California State University-Sacramento and his [undergraduate](#) degree from the University of California-Davis. He has numerous publications among the most prestigious in the field of marketing and business and has received national and international recognition for the contributions of many of these publications. He is an award winning teacher and has been particularly recognized for his work in the design and implementation of interactive learning experiences and graduate education. He has also been recognized for his roles in building program initiatives that provide primarily undergraduate students access to opportunities to study abroad.

Dr. Evans major initiatives at all three of his previous academic institutions were focused on improving faculty quality in research

[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY:  
Regina Rogers]  
Gift of Life's "Ribbon Run"

Sep 25, 2013  
Alex Rupp, Manager, Jack Brooks Regional Airport  
Air Travel from Beaumont Takes Off! An update on American Airlines from Jefferson County

Oct 02, 2013  
Senator Tommy Williams

Oct 09, 2013  
Jimmy Singletary, Beaumont Chief of Police

Oct 16, 2013  
Rotary Goes Home  
Ashley Barber, Chairman

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**Club Events & Makeup Opportunities**

[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

[Rotary After Hours](#)  
the Cabana at the Grill  
Sep 26, 2013 05:30 PM

[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


and teaching, design and implementation of new programming and recruiting and retention of high quality students. Key to the success of these initiatives was the partnerships struck with the community, business and other key stakeholders.

Prior to entering academe, Dr. Evans worked in the transportation industry in various marketing and sales capacities and has been actively involved in sales and sales management consulting, in the banking industry, convention sales, and more broadly financial services.


**Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, August 28**



Invocation:  
  
Shedrick Evans, Community Relations Manager, Legacy Community Health Services



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:  
  
Mary Poole, Marketing Director, Baptist Hospitals Southeast Texas



Introduction of Guests:  
  
Lum Edwards, III, Partner/Vice President, J. S. Edwards & Sherlock Insurance Agency

Menu: salad bar, cream of asparagus soup, crawfish etoufee, chicken picatta, broccoli, rice, 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 28**



**Karen  
Bourdier  
Honorary**

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

August 27	Board of Directors meeting, 11:45 a.m., the Beaumont Club
September 8	Applications for GSE Team Leader are due

**Patriot's Day is September 11**

We need YOUR help on Patriot's Day! Plan now to start your day early and, with a big team of workers, everyone will have ample time to get to work! Let Pat Anderson know if you will be able to volunteer on Wednesday, September 11.

The subscriptions to the Flag Project make up a large amount of revenue for the club service work and the Foundation Board of Trustees is working on ideas to increase the number of subscribers to the project.

Remember to get your flag subscription and tell a neighbor or two!

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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Build it and They Will Play!

The subcontractor will begin installing the rubberized safety surfacing this Friday and work through the weekend to complete it. Weather permitting, we plan to have a workday on Saturday, September 7, to place the wood chips and plant grass.

Please let Jacque know if you can join the fun as we begin to put the finishing touches on this Centennial project! If you have teenage children or grandchildren who need service hours, this would be a great time for them to participate.



Funding for the fencing, signs and other items is still needed. Would your business like to be an integral part of this great community play area? Please continue to help us seek individual and corporate donations for the project's completion.

"Ring My Bell" Total for the Foundation Climbs!



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### RING MY BELL

Roger McCabe

Barry Bryant

Slate Babineaux

Bobbie Applegate

Mary Poole

Angela Baker

John Paschall

Steve Doblin

TOTAL ON 8/21

\$400

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION

Meet and Welcome New Members!



Ken Evans, President of Lamar University, was proposed by colleague Steve Doblin. Ken is new to Beaumont, having previously been at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. He was also administrator and faculty at University of Missouri-Columbia and Arizona State University. Prior to entering academe, his experiences were varied in sales and business. In spare time, Ken enjoys woodworking, ballroom dancing and cycling.



René Greenwald is the International Business Development officer of Creative Corrections LLC and Agency Administrator of Creative Corrections Education Foundation. Born in Albany, New York, he found his way to Beaumont in 2012 after a period of time in Mexico City. Rene enjoys collecting art, fly fishing and photography. Rene was proposed by Connie Szuch.



Mike King is Director of Technology for Discovery Information Technologies, based in Nederland. Previously, he was owner of Omega Technologies. Mike is originally from Orange and enjoys fishing and kayaking. He and his wife, Katie have two sons. The youngest is only one month old! Mike was proposed by Past President Bobbie Applegate



Daniel Maher moved to Beaumont in 2008 from Newport News, VA, to work as Vice President for Development & Communication for Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas. He was recently named Executive Director of the Southeast Texas Food Bank. Proposed by Carolyn Fernandez, Dan enjoys spending time with his wife and five children, watching movies and playing golf.



Linda Williams, Director of Human Resources for Goodwill Industries, and was proposed by Past President Becky Mason. A resident of Nederland, Linda is settling into Goodwill's new office complex on Hwy. 90. Linda enjoys golf and fishing in her spare time.



Blue Badge Awarded

Congratulations to the newest Blue Badge and the first of the 2013-14 Rotary year: Brandon Fisher. Brandon set the bar high as he earned both his Bachelor AND Master of Rotary Science degrees at the same time.

Do you have your Masters degree? You, too, could earn an advanced degree in Rotary Science. Now's your chance to earn a Ph.D. in Rotary Science! Refer to the website or phone Lynn Castle, Dean of the University, about requirements.



Rotary Club of Beaumont Presents Beaumont Rotaract with Banner & Bell



Pictured (left to right): President Matt McCallon, Membership Chair Daniel Lee, Past District Governor Roger McCabe, Club Sponsor Steve Lucas, Secretary Rebekah Maxwell, and Communications Chair Hillary Daigle

The August monthly business meeting of the Beaumont Rotaract Club was held at MehaffyWeber and hosted by Roger McCabe. Roger spoke about the New Vision for Rotary Foundation grants to our members. Both Roger and Steve Lucas represented the Rotary Club of Beaumont in presenting an official bell and banner to the Beaumont Rotaract Club. Matt McCallon accepted on behalf of the members of Rotaract. At the meeting, the Beaumont Rotaract also planned upcoming service projects and after-hour meetings.

Good Wishes to Members



It was great to see [Vernon Pierce](#) busy with club activities and responsibilities last week! Just the week prior, Vernon had been hospitalized and went through a procedure to take care of a kidney stone.

[Connie Szuch](#) has just returned home after a longer than expected stay in Houston for extensive back surgery. She will be sporting a brace and will be unable to drive for several weeks still, but starting to walk again - slowly.

And, of course, we continue to send prayers and good wishes to [Alex Broussard](#) and look forward to having him back at the front table again real soon.

With Sympathy



Our prayers and expressions of sympathy are extended to John Neely and his wife Patty. Patty's mother, Alice Price, passed away recently after a long and difficult battle with cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Lee Freeland  
August 27



Kevin Roy  
August 27



Chelsea Tipton  
August 27



Leslie Harrison  
August 29



Anthony Toups  
August 29



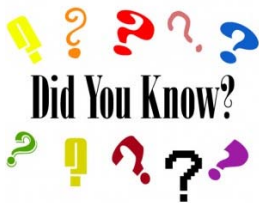
Ann Scoggin  
August 30



Karen Weller  
August 31



Timothy O'Halloran  
September 2



*It's done, and in an apparent flawless integration of the files, the new Rotary International website is up and running!*



For nearly two years, the webmasters at Rotary International have been working to refresh and revitalize Rotary's website. The website has been entirely rebuilt, grouping items more logically. The website's "search" engine is now powered by Google, making locating documents, articles and tools much easier.

Try it: [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). On the first attempt to log-in, members must go through an activation process with a password and security question.

PROGRAM REVIEW  
August 21, 2013  
"Adventures in Africa"



Elisabeth Maxwell  
David Beck Fellow  
by Rotarian John Neely

Elisabeth Maxwell was our Rotary speaker on August 21, 2013. Elizabeth was introduced quite eloquently by Steve Doblin. Her proud parents, and her sister, Rebekah, were in attendance.

Elisabeth is a two-time recipient of the Beck Fellow, once in 2010 and again in 2011. She has served as a Past President of Lamar Rotaract, and has a special interest in marine biology. Elisabeth summarized her trips, although everyone knew that she couldn't possibly tell us all that she wanted to share, in her allotted time.

Her first trip was to South Africa, which started off with a surprise safari with brother Stephen and her sister, Rebekah.

Collaborating with the South African Shark Conservancy in Hermanus, South Africa. Elisabeth reported that she engaged in 'shark-fishing', using a blue mesh bag which contained stones for weight, along with squid and sardines. As the sharks would follow this free meal to the surface, she and others would grab the sharks. Once captured, they would place tags into the back area for future tracking & data-collection for further studies.

Elisabeth experienced cage-diving and witnessed an 18-foot great white shark! She reported that the sharks seemed more interested in 'foods' that were swimming under water rather than some popular misconceptions - that they come to shore, or jump into boats ready to feast on humans.

Her second trip was in Mozambique where she focused on mantas at the Manta & Shark Research Center. Mozambique is a key marine hotspot for the iconic whale shark and manta ray. These populations, however, are under severe threat. Recent figures from the Mozambican-based Marine Megafauna Association show that whale shark sightings have declined by 62% since 2005 and reef manta sightings have fallen by 85% since 2003.

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