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BEAUMONT ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND

It's the GRAND OPENING! Let's Play!


Tuesday, September 24, 2013
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Ribbon cutting at 5:00

600 Crockett Street
 at the corner of Crockett and Neches
 across the Lake from the Event Centre

Photography by Karen Bourdier

- Speakers**
- Sep 18, 2013
Judge John Stevens
 - Sep 18, 2013
[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
 - Sep 25, 2013
[MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:
Candace Broucher]
 - Oct 02, 2013
Senator Tommy Williams
 - Oct 09, 2013
Jimmy Singletary, Beaumont
Chief of Police
 - Oct 16, 2013
Rotary Goes Home
Ashley Barber, Chairman
 - Oct 30, 2013
Youth Service Above Self
Awards
Cindy Cherry, Chairman
 - Nov 06, 2013
Andrew Conders, Regional
Director
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PROGRAM PREVIEW
 September 18, 2013



Judge John Stevens
 Criminal District Judge

John B. Stevens Jr. is the Criminal District Judge for Jefferson County. Stevens received his undergraduate degree from Lamar University, his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Houston, and his Master of Social Science degree from Syracuse University. He was an assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas and was awarded the Justice Department's highest honor, the Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service, as a prosecutor in the James Byrd dragging death murder.



Club Events & Makeup Opportunities

New Member Orientation
Room 216, MCM Elegante Hotel
Sep 18, 2013 10:45 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

CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND GRAND OPENING
The Beaumont Rotary
Centennial Playground
Sep 24, 2013 04:30 PM - 06:30 PM

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

Rotary After Hours
TBA
Oct 24, 2013 05:30 PM

"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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Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, September 18



Invocation:
Leslie Harrison, Vice President-Sales, Talon Insurance Agency, Ltd.



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:
Laura Miller, Owner, Beaumont Dealers Auction, Inc.



Introduction of Guests:
Chantele Wideman-Griffin, Human Resources Manager, Bredero Shaw

Menu: salad bar, broccoli cheese soup, pepper crusted pork loin, smothered chicken, mac-n-cheese, carrots, 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!

TOTAL WITH PRESIDENT'S MATCH = \$600

Bell Ringer on September 18



Michael Perez
Executive Director
Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS

(and make-up opportunities)

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|---------------------|---|
| September 18 | New Member Orientation, 10:45 a.m., Room 216 |
| September 21 | Playground Workday beginning at 8:30 |
| September 21 | District Seminar on Membership and Foundations |
| September 22 | Playground Workday, beginning at 1:00 |
| September 24 | Board of Directors meeting, 11:45 a.m., the Beaumont Club |
| September 24 | The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground Grand Opening, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at 600 Crockett Street |

Build it and They Will Play!

The anticipation grows! The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground is set to open and the last days of preparation are here!

Last week and weekend saw the completion of many tasks. Truckloads of bark and mulch were delivered and put into place. Many thanks to the CSR (Community Service Restitution) Work Crew of Jefferson County Adult Probation Department, organized by Cindy Cherry and led by David Pouncy, who worked multiple days to help.

Saturday was a very busy day with lots of volunteers from the Club, along with family and friends! Everyone was delighted to see the youthful energy of the Kelly and West Brook Interact members who were giving 100% to each task! We are so grateful to all of you.



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We have a lot of critical finishing work to do this week and throughout the final weekend before the opening. Because rain is forecast, we need to know who would be available to work on **Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and/or Sunday afternoon**. Then, as we go through the weekend and see how the work progresses and the weather affects it, we will determine our shifts. Watch the homepage of the website (www.beaumontrotaryclub.org) where we will post updates on work schedules/times and equipment or supplies that will be needed.

This is the finale of our Centennial project. If at all possible, we could use your help. Just be patient with us as we try to stay on top of a fluid situation as the work evolves and maximize the work of our dedicated volunteers.

Please let Jacque know if you can join the fun as we begin to put the finishing touches on this Centennial project and when you could work if needed. [Click here for a brief response form](#) or email admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org.

If you have teenage children or grandchildren who need service hours, this would be a great time for them to participate.

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Members to Attend Seminar



The Rotary Club of Beaumont will be well-represented at the District Seminar on Foundation and Membership on Saturday at South Shore Harbour.

Planning to attend are: Chad Blanchard, Vernon Pierce, John Quigley, Uliana Trylowsky, Roger McCabe, Sharon McCabe, Chuck Mason, Michael Perez, and Jacque Chapman.

If your name is not listed, and you would like to attend, please contact Jacque right away. The cost is \$30 per person (everyone pays at the door), which includes lunch and beverages at breaks.

If you would like to ride with someone else attending, please contact Chad or Jacque.

Thank you to Volunteers on Patriot's Day



Thank you to the great volunteers who devotedly spent the early morning of September 11 distributing flags to the subscribers. You did a great thing for our Club and for our community on this historic day.

A standing salute goes to George Pate, John Neely, Dan Jean, Larry Beaulieu, Angela Baker, Gene Arnold, Alan Sampson, Phil Dunlap, Keith Giblin, Jim Rich, Gerald Condon, Cindy Cherry, Roger Bemis, Tim Sudela, John Paschall, Rob Glassey, Chris Lamson, Charles Teel, Mike King, Charles Shelton, Travis Brewer, Leonard Juncker, Sharen Kirksey, George Perrett, Chad Blanchard, Slate Babineaux, David Heinz, David Locke, Rene Greenwald, Michael Perez, Troy Aaron, Harland Merriam, Florian Estrada and Chairman Pat Anderson.

BANNER DESIGN CONTEST

Trading club banners is a tradition of Rotary Clubs around the globe. Our club has been on the receiving end of that practice a number of times and we have had members take banners to other clubs on many occasions as well. It has been suggested that with this being the start of our second century, it is the perfect time to decide on a new design. Would you like to be the creator of a new design that depicts our club to the world?

President Chad is announcing a "contest" for the best design. He hopes to present some of the members'

ideas to the Board of Directors in the near future for them to consider. Shown here are what we believe to be the original design (left) and the most recent or current to spur your creativity. You do not need to have camera-ready art but rather a sketch of your idea for the next banner of the Rotary Club of Beaumont.

MOST RECENT DESIGN

All ideas need to be turned into the office no later than October 15.

IN LOVING TRIBUTE



**Past President/Past District Governor
William Alex Broussard**

We are humbled and grateful that the Broussard family named the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, Inc. to be recipient of memorial contributions in Alex's name.

**The mailing address is:
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Beaumont, TX 77705**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Becky Mason
September 18



Beverly Hatcher
September 19



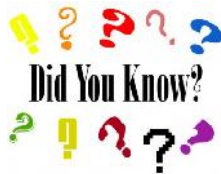
Dave Mulchay
September 19



Cindy Cherry
September 20



Tolbert Chisum
September 22



Garry Browne, District Governor in Sydney, is inviting you to the RI 2014 Convention (June 1-4).

Effective communication is the key to every successful Rotary Convention and the Sydney Committee has launched 'The Corroboree' Newsletter which will be published every other month with complete coverage of ALL Convention planning and activity.

'Corroboree' is an Australian aboriginal word for celebration, assembly or sacred function.

'The Corroboree' newsletter may be accessed via this link: <http://www.imediacorpepub.com/rotarydownunder/corroboreenewsletter/02/> to open and read of the event being planned.

Anyone want to plan a great group trip to the Sydney Convention from June 1 – 4, 2014?

**PROGRAM REVIEW
September 11, 2013**

"Expansion and Diversification of the Port of Beaumont"



Chris Fisher
Port Director and CEO

by Rotarian John Neely

Our Rotary Speaker for September 11, 2013, was Chris Fisher, Port Director and CEO. Mr. Fisher was introduced by Port Commissioner and Rotarian Pat Anderson.

Mr. Fisher is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Port of Beaumont. As titled, his talk covered the "Expansion and Diversification of the Port of Beaumont."

Chris talked about:

- * waterway commerce
- * port activity (annually)
- * major commodities
- * diversity of cargo-base
- * expansion
- * rail services

Waterway Commerce:

- * energy, petrochemical, commercial, and military
- * natural gas, crude oil, gas, and jet fuel

Port Activity (annually) :

The Port of Beaumont has better than average waterway-traffic:

- ~ 2.5 to 4 million tons per year
- ~ 150 to 225 vessels
- ~ 15 to 20,000 rail cars
- ~ 10 to 15,000 trucks

Major Commodities:

- bulk grain
- potash
- aggregate
- military cargo
- steel
- forest products
- wind/energy equipment
- project cargo

Diversity of cargo-base:

- * automobiles
- * container-on-barge transport
- * new dry-bulk commodities
- * liquid bulks

Expansion:

Master Plan

Rail Services:

- > BNSF
- > Union Pacific
- > Kansas City Southern

Chris stated that "expansion and diversification" relies on port revenues and revenue bonds, Federal and State grants, and Public Private Partnerships.

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