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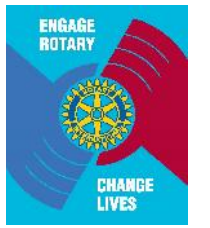
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**ROTARYGRAMS**  
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It is the grandest playground in the area! You do not want to miss as the Rotary Club of Beaumont gives this beautiful gift to the City of Beaumont and citizens of the area in celebration of the Centennial of our club.

Come, be a part of this historic event and bring your family and friends!

**BEAUMONT ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND**

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

**Tuesday, September 24, 2013** 600 Crockett Street  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the corner of Crockett and Neches  
across the Lake from the Event Centre  
**Ribbon cutting at 5:00**

Photography by Karen Bourdier

**Speakers**

- Oct 02, 2013  
Senator Tommy Williams
  - Oct 09, 2013  
Jimmy Singletary, Beaumont  
Chief of Police
  - Oct 09, 2013  
[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Kevin  
Dodson:  
50th anniversary of the Lamar  
University Honors Program
  - Oct 16, 2013  
Rotary Goes Home  
Ashley Barber, Chairman
  - Oct 23, 2013  
Roger McCabe, District  
Foundation Chairman  
The Rotary Foundation
  - Oct 23, 2013  
[BELL RINGER: Cindy Cherry]
  - Oct 30, 2013  
TBA
  - Nov 06, 2013  
Andrew Conders, Regional  
Director  
The Security and Exchange  
Commission
  - Nov 27, 2013  
Happy Thanksgiving: No meeting  
this week  
Happy Thanksgiving
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**PROGRAM PREVIEW**

**September 25, 2013**

"Air Travel from Beaumont Takes Off!  
An update on American Airlines from Jefferson County"



**Alex Rupp**  
Airport Director



Club Events & Makeup Opportunities

**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

**Rotary After Hours Visits the Art Museum**  
Museum of Southeast Texas  
Jan 28, 2014 05:30 PM

**"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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Jack Brooks Regional Airport

Things have really taken off at the Jack Brooks Regional Airport - literally! Rotarians are anxious to learn how things have progressed at the airport since American Airlines returned to Jefferson County Regional and the details of the "flight plan" for the future. We welcome Alex Rupp who is the Airport Director and could perhaps be called "the air traffic controller."

Shortly after graduating from Lamar with a B.A. in Finance and General Business, Alex joined Jefferson County where he served as the Airport's Financial Analyst. Alex planned, created, and managed the Airport's annual budgets and FAA grants. Alex also served as Project Manager for major capital improvement projects at the Airport.

Head Table and Menu for Wednesday, September 25



Invocation:

**Joshua Taub**, Rabbi, Temple Emanuel



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:

**Mike King**, Technology and Sales Manager, Discovery Technologies



Introduction of Guests:

**Mary Poole**, Marketing Director, Baptist Hospitals Southeast Texas

**Menu:** salad bar, egg drop soup, moo goo gai pan, Szechaun beef, fried rice, egg rolls, 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**

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS


(and make-up opportunities)


<b>September 24</b>	<b>Board of Directors meeting, 11:45 a.m., the Beaumont Club</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>City Council slated to accept the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground at the Council meeting; 1:30 p.m. at City Hall</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground Grand Opening, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at 600 Crockett Street</b>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Rotary After Hours is the Playground Grand Opening</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Applications for GSE Team Members are due.</b>


Build it and They Will Play!

The anticipation grows and you can feel it in the air! The Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground is set to open TOMORROW and the last Saturday workday was amazing. *Thank you, thank you to everyone!*


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### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

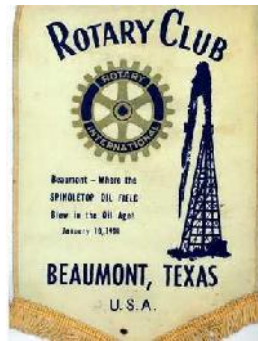


While President Elect Vernon Pierce introduces her, our newest member, **Kate Carroll**, is welcomed by President Chad Blanchard.

Kate was proposed by Red Badge Mary Poole and is Executive Director of Baptist Hospital Southeast Texas Foundation.

Kate is no stranger to Rotary. She has welcomed Rotary Exchange Students into her home several years in the past and has joined with her husband, Rotarian Rod Carroll, on Rotary projects and programs. We are delighted to call her a Rotarian now too!

### BANNER DESIGN CONTEST



ORIGINAL DESIGN

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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



**Robert Hickman**



September 24		<b>Twila Baker</b> September 25
		
<b>Butch Cherry</b> September 25	<b>Shedrick Evans</b> September 25	<b>Hubert Oxford</b> September 25
		
<b>John Paschall</b> September 25	<b>Jay Johnson</b> September 27	<b>Judy Kelfstrom</b> September 29
		
<b>Van Greer</b> September 30	<b>Laura Miller</b> September 30	<b>Charles Wall</b> September 30

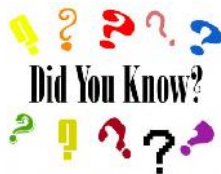
**IN LOVING TRIBUTE**



**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:  
2355 Interstate 10, South  
Suite 213  
Beaumont, TX 77705**



An informational meeting for interested students and parents who may be considering participating in the outbound programs of the **Rotary Youth Exchange Programs** (both short-term and long-term) will be held **Saturday, October 12, 2013** (10 a.m. - Noon) in Building B - Room 102 of the Lone Star College-Montgomery Campus, 3200 College Park Drive, near **The Woodlands** (NOTE: The formal address is Conroe, Texas; but the campus/building is NOT in Conroe but The Woodlands).

For more information contact:  
**Doris Lockey** - Long Term Outbound Coordinator at [dalockey@msn.com](mailto:dalockey@msn.com) 936-525-9638  
**Chris Turner**, Short Term Coordinator at [turnermediation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:turnermediation@sbcglobal.net) 832-867-6450

**PDG Glen Mattingly**, Youth Exchange Officer at [gmattingly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gmattingly@sbcglobal.net) 936-295-6606

Throughout the world Rotary places a great emphasis on the development of education, ethics and leadership skills in youth. In support of this idea, and to promote international understanding, goodwill and peace in the world, Rotary District 5910 conducts two exchange programs for school age young people from our district.

Programs are open to all young people of both genders including children and grandchildren of Rotarians. Participants serve as ambassadors of goodwill promoting better understanding among people of different cultures and selection is based in part on predicted success in such a position. Although host Rotary clubs provide a modest monthly allowance totaling about \$1000 for school year exchange students, costs are paid by participants. However, all Rotary programs are nonprofit and these programs are operated by non-paid Rotary volunteers. Consequently, although providing more supervision than other exchange programs, they are much less expensive.

**Long Term Program** is open to students age 15 to 18 1/2 years old and the length is one school year. **Short Term Program** is open to students age 15 to 18 1/2 years old and the length of stay is about 3 to 4 weeks.

**PROGRAM REVIEW**  
**September 18, 2013**

**"The Constitution of America"**



**John Stevens**  
**Criminal District Judge**

by Rotarian Chris Ayers

John Stevens is the Criminal District Judge for Jefferson County. He has visited the Beaumont Rotary Club several times in the past to discuss the Boy Scouts of America but this time he talked about the Constitution and what it means to America. Constitution Day is September 17 and this year marks its 226 birthday. It was written and signed in Philadelphia and its original purpose was to amend the Articles of Confederation. It took 4 months to write the paper and is the shortest Constitution in the world at 4,000 words. Fifty five delegates were chosen to write the document and ranged in age from 22 years old to and 81 year old Benjamin Franklin.

While today the Constitution is loosely translated and implemented, it still remains the bedrock of our country. It is the supreme law of the land and spells out the three distinct branches of government – legislative, judiciary and executive.

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