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ROTARYGRAMS
November 20, 2013
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MCM Elegante' Hotel
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Make your reservation(s) for the **Holiday Party** by going to the link to pay by credit card, pay at a meeting, or mail a check to the office.

Volunteer for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign this holiday season.

Stories

[This Week's Meeting](#)

Posted by Jim Rich

PROGRAM PREVIEW

November 20, 2013

"Insurance in the State of Texas"



John Smithee

Speakers

Nov 20, 2013
[BELL RINGER: Connie Szuch - in Thanksgiving that Paul is NOT speaking this week]

Nov 20, 2013
John T. Smithee, Chair-Texas House Insurance Comm.
State Insurance Issues

Nov 27, 2013

Happy Thanksgiving: No meeting this week
Happy Thanksgiving

Dec 04, 2013
"Annie" by Beaumont Community Players/Paula Bothe
"The Sun Will Come Up Tomorrow!"

Dec 04, 2013
[BELL RINGER:]

Dec 04, 2013
[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Derrick Barber]

Dec 11, 2013
[BELL RINGER:]

Dec 11, 2013
David E. Parkus, M.D., trauma surgeon at Christus
Beaumont Physician Became "The Hero"

Dec 18, 2013
Holiday Party
Bobbie Applegate, Chairman

Dec 25, 2013
No meeting

Jan 01, 2014
No meeting

Jan 15, 2014
[RYLA Students will be guests]

Jan 15, 2014
Ogie Shaw, Ogie Shaw Fitness
Connecting our Fitness Past with our Fitness Future

[View entire list](#)

Upcoming Events

Rotary After Hours
 Buffalo Wild Wings
Nov 21, 2013 at 05:30 PM
Board of Directors Meeting

**Chairman
 House Committee on Insurance**

We are honored to have State Representative John Smithee, Chairman of the House Committee on Insurance, as our November 20 speaker.

Chairman Smithee represents the 86th District comprised of Dallam, Deaf Smith, Hartley, Oldham, Parmer and Randall Counties. Elected as a Republican in November 1984, he has served as Chairman of Insurance since 1993. In addition to the Insurance Committee, Representative Smithee serves on the State Affairs Committee. He was Co-Chair of the Joint Interim Committee on Seacoast Territory Insurance for the 83rd Legislature and is a member of the Windstorm Insurance Legislative Oversight Board.

Chairman Smithee will be introduced by Rotarian Jim Rich.

Head Table & Menu

Head Table and Menu for November 20



Invocation:
Sylvester Hill
 Owner
 Nuvation Tek



Pledges to the USA and Texas Flags:
Linda Williams
 Director of Human Resources
 Goodwill Industries



Introduction of Guests:
Brandon Fisher
 Commercial Banker
 First Financial Bank

Menu: salad bar, vegetable soup, fried catfish, braised beef tips, rice, broccoli with cheese, assorted desserts and pastries, tea & coffee

President's Initiative

President's Initiative: RING MY BELL!

The Beaumont Club
 Nov 26, 2013 at 11:45 AM

Board of Directors Meeting
 The Beaumont Club
 Dec 17, 2013 at 11:45 AM

Holiday Party
 Mary and John Gray Library
 Dec 18, 2013 at 06:00 PM

Sponsors



We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



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 Ringing on November 20



Connie Szuch in appreciation that Paul is NOT speaker this week.

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS
 (and make-up opportunities)

November 19	Board of Directors Meeting; 11:45 a.m., The Beaumont Club
November 20	New Member Orientation; 10:45 a.m.; Cardinal Room
November 21	Rotary After Hours; 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.; Buffalo Wild Wings on Dowlen Road
November 27	No Wednesday meeting at the MCM Elegante' due to Thanksgiving holiday
November 28	Happy Thanksgiving!
December 13	Holiday Party reservation deadline
December 14	Bell Ringing at Parkdale Mall
December 18	Holiday Party; 6:00 p.m. at the Gray Library, Lamar University

Rotary After Hours

Posted by Barry Bryant

Plan Now to Attend!



Need a makeup? Want to have a relaxing and fun evening?

Rotary After Hours will be at the **Buffalo Wild Wings** on



Interested in being a sponsor?
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Dowlen Road on Thursday,
 November 21 **beginning at 5:30** p.m.

Plan to join in the fun!

Board Action

BOARD ACTION

The Board of Directors voted electronically on a new member proposal and approved. Secretary Sharon McCabe made the announcement at the meeting on November 13.

Scott Renick, Attorney, Renick Law Firm, PLLC



Proposed by Lee Freeland with classification: "Law-General Practice"

In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8), please submit written objections related to the aforementioned proposals within 10 days (of November 13) to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection.

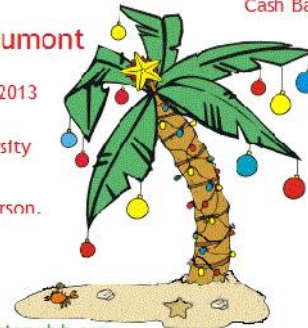
2013 Holiday Party

Join us for the annual
Holiday Party
 of the
Rotary Club of Beaumont

Dinner
 Live Music
 Entertainment
 Cash Bar

Wednesday, December 18, 2013
 6:00 p.m.
 Gray Library - Lamar University

Reservations are \$50 per person.
 Make reservations:
 - at any meeting
 - by mail
 - phone 409.842.1913
 - online at www.beaumontrotaryclub.org



To make your reservation online, click on the invitation or go to: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/3775/Event/e2f66500-8ade-43b9-8b4e-507082f0f295>

Rotarians at Work

Service Above Self



Ring! Ding! Can you hear that ol' familiar sound? Yes, it is time to get in the holiday mood as we begin plans to help with the Salvation Army Kettle drive. Past President David Locke, Chairman, asks that you consider giving one hour of your time on Saturday, December 14 to this effort.

[Pick the time you can work and sign up by linking here or on the photo.](#)

Tee Shirts for Nicaragua

TEE SHIRTS FOR NICARAGUA



A group of Angelina College Rotaractors visited Nicaragua this summer and came back with a simple yet profound idea to help Nicaraguan mothers and the children of the dump. A tee shirt can be cut front and back, hemmed and turned into a

diaper.

Nicaraguan youths are trained to operate foot pedal powered sewing machines so the cutting and hemming are taken care of locally. This becomes a win-win situation for them, the children earn income and Nicaraguan mothers have access to inexpensive diapers.

Where does the supply of tee shirts come from? From you and me! We all have tee shirts past their prime that end up as a dust cloth and we all have participated in functions at which a tee shirt was passed out. Most of us have drawers that are bursting at the joints because of an abundance of shirts!

The shirt can be colored, have a design on it or be plain white. So clean out your closet and bring a bag or stack of shirts to any Rotary meeting or to the Rotary Office. We will store them and bring all collected to the central collection at District Conference in April. Thanks go to Mr.

Frank Huezo of Greenworld Imports who has agreed to ship the donations to Nicaragua.

Let your children and grandchildren know about this effort. Schools and church organizations alike have gotten excited about the opportunity to help. The response has been exciting, and now it's your turn to get busy and spread the word while you gather your own contribution!

Let's fill up that shipping container!

[Pay it Forward](#)

Pay It Forward!



In the second half of the Rotary year, between January and June, we will be hosting students and their parents on multiple occasions for special meetings. We will have the RYLA students join us for a meeting, followed by Youth Service Above Self Award recipients, scholarship recipients, Interact club students and more. Your help to cover the cost of the meal tickets would be greatly appreciated. Please consider donating a meal ticket or two from the next book you purchase. If you are able, please **pay it forward** for the next generation of Rotarians to enjoy lunch with us. There is a place to drop an extra ticket at the start of the buffet line each week.

Thank you!

[Show Your Colors Flag Project](#)

Volunteers "Showed Their Colors" on Veterans' Day!



There were a few names left off the initial list of flag volunteers published last week. Everyone is equally appreciated!



Thank you to Chairman Pat Anderson and the volunteers: Daniel Jeans, George Crawford, Tim Sudela, Mike King, Charles Shelton, Florian Estrada, George Pate, Leonard Juncker, Sharen Kirksey, John Neely, Larry Beaulieu, Chad Blanchard, Slate Babineaux, Keith Giblin, Phil Dunlap, Rob Glassey, Gene Arnold, Craig Lively, Cindy Cherry, Butch Cherry, Scott Hatcher, Brandon Fisher, Travis Brewer, David Locke, David Heinz, and Michael Perez.

Jump In and Make a Contribution

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION!

We are not talking about a monetary contribution but rather a gift of your time and talents. In addition to the head table assignments, we need Rotarians to help each week as greeters, badge scanner, photographer, attendance checker. Please volunteer in advance so we know to count on you, or say "yes" when asked. [You can complete a quick response form by linking here.](#)

Weekly Meeting Assistance

Weekly meetings run smoothly when Rotarians are involved in making it so. We need assistance each week with important tasks and assignments. It's not just for Red Badges anymore! (As we "graduate" more and more Red Badges, we have a smaller pool to employ.)

* Required

Name *

This is a required question

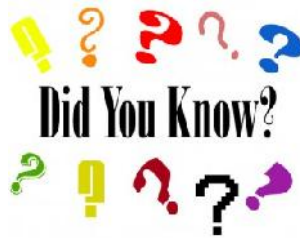
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When can you help at a meeting and what is your choice of assignment? *

(Please check the box for the assignment you prefer, on the week you are able.)

	November 20	December 4	December 11
Pre-meeting set-up	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Register guests	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Did You Know?



Did you know, the city of Beaumont has a new website and there is a great article and page with pictures about the opening of the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground?

Read it here:

<http://beaumonttexas.gov/barrier-free-playground-opens-possibilities-play-beaumont/>

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!





James Broussard
November 20

Jeff Beaver
November 19



Tim Gaddis
November 20



Craig Kearns
November 20



Brandon Fisher
November 21



Kevin Dodson
November 22



Carol Flatten
November 22



David Locke
November 23



Charlie Weinbaum
November 23



Larry Beaulieu
November 25



Carol Fernandez

November 25

Thank you!

A Special Treat!



Those attending the meeting on November 13 had a real treat. Tommy Hebert had adorned the room with fresh cut hybrid roses from his rose garden, and they were beautiful indeed! What a special gift.

Thank you for sharing with us, Tommy!

Program Review

PROGRAM REVIEW November 13, 2013

"Great Things are Happening at Lamar Institute of Technology"



**Paul Szuch
President**

and

David Mosley

**Coordinator of Institutional Effectiveness and Grants
Lamar Institute of Technology**

by Rotarian Bobbie Applegate

Paul Szuch, President of Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT), arrived in 2006 and many good changes have taken place since that time. LIT is a two-year institution under the Texas State University System and has been separate from Lamar for 20 years. Associate Degrees and programs are under 5 broad areas: Allied Health &

Sciences, Business Technology, Public Safety & Service, Technology and General Education & Developmental Studies.

Dr. Szuch assures us that even though these degrees are in many areas other than traditional four-year institutions students who attend LIT also need the skill set of reading and writing. LIT has the oldest police academy in the state and has a 100% pass rate. This fall 3,183 students are on campus and of those students, 52% are part-time. Forty-one per cent are in the 18-21 age-group. After 35, there are relatively no students. They award 500 certificates each year and their job placement rate is 88.5%.

LIT is presently in a 3 Year planning phase to adjust their campus and buildings to the new needs that are being addressed by new warehouses for training and building more 2 story buildings with classrooms and offices on both floors. They are hoping for new bonds to be released by the state to complete the present vision presented for the campus. The total needed for the 3 stage planning is \$50 million (about the same as the new football stadium on Interstate 10).

Dr. Szuch presented his picture of LIT with energy and wit that kept Rotarians interested and informed. It is obvious that LIT is a valuable member of our community that continually assesses the job market and the degrees it offers.

\$FIRST_NAME\$ \$LAST_NAME\$'s Commitments
\$CLUB_EVENT_COMMITMENTS\$

Club Events

Date	Event	Location	Name
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\$DISTRCT_EVENT_COMMITMENTS\$

District Events

Date	Event	Location	Name
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\$MEETING_COMMITMENTS\$

Duty Roster

Responsibility	Name
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\$ORIENTATION_COMMITMENTS\$

New Member Orientation

New Member	Action	Completed On
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\$CLUB_COMMITTEE_COMMITMENTS\$

Current Club Committees

Committee	Role
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Current District Committees