



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



SPEAKERS

Aug 06, 2014

[Vernon Butler, Superintendent of Beaumont ISD](#)

It's Today! Looking Forward to the Future BISD

Aug 13, 2014

[Jack Gill, Managing Partner, Vanguard](#)

Intelligence, Leadership, Entrepreneurship: How They Interlink for Success

Aug 20, 2014

[Kevin Templin, NASA/Johnson Space Center](#)

Human Space Exploration

Aug 27, 2014

[Scott Dueser, Chairman/President/CEO,](#)

First Financial Bankshares, Inc. on Elder Abuse

Sep 03, 2014

[Kathleen Jackson](#)

Texas Water Development Board

Sep 10, 2014

[Michael Truncala](#)

China's Legal System

ROTARYGRAMS

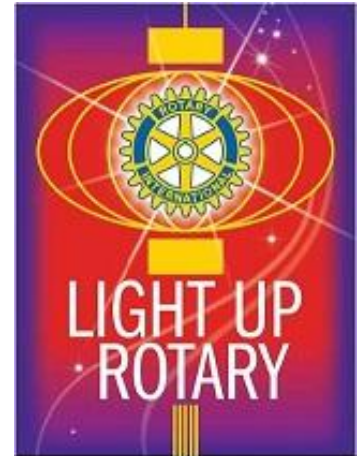
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PROGRAM PREVIEW

August 6, 2014

"Looking Forward"



Vernon Butler
Interim Superintendent

Sep 17, 2014

[John L. Nau, III, Founder & President, Nau Found.](#)

The Nau Center for Texas Cultural Heritage

Sep 24, 2014

[Jovia Mukashama](#)

How Rotary Has Had an Impact in Uganda

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[Rotary After Hours](#)

D'Vine Winery

Aug 14, 2014 5:30 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Aug 26, 2014

[Show Your Colors Flag Project- Patriots Day](#)

Sep 11, 2014 5:00 AM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Sep 23, 2014 11:45 AM

SPONSORS

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We never stop moving:



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Beaumont Independent School District

"Yesterday is gone; it's today! No excuses, we need to be certain that we are moving forward," Butler said to his team who gathered to meet him and learn of his expectations soon after his appointment as Interim Superintendent of BISD.

Butler is no stranger to challenges in the educational system. He is credited with several successes in transformational leadership, some dating back to his days as principal of the then troubled Bel Air High in Ysleta ISD. Bel Air was later recognized under Butler's leadership as a U.S. Department of Education blue ribbon school.

"I am committed to guiding the Beaumont Independent School District toward success. I believe with an unrelenting effort on the part of all employees and with the continued support of stakeholders, Beaumont ISD can meet and exceed the academic and financial targets at which it must arrive. Beaumont ISD must remain a viable educational institution," Butler explained.

- from the BISD website: <http://www.bmtisd.com>

We welcome Mr. Butler as our speaker and join him in looking forward to what the new BISD will become.

District Communications Specialist and Rotarian Nakisha Myles will introduce the Superintendent.

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[Head Table & Menu](#)

Head Table and Menu for August 6



Invocation:

Barry Bryant

Sales and Marketing Manager
Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Jessica Hidalgo

Multi-Media Advertising
Consultant
Beaumont Enterprise



Wathen,
DeShong
& Juncker,
L.L.P.



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Introduction of Guests:

Ivy Pate
Regional Vice President
Christus Health Southeast Texas



Introduction of Speaker:

Nakisha Myles
Communications Specialist
Office of the Superintendent,
BISD

Menu: salad bar, vegetable soup, smoked brisket,
barbecue chicken, baked beans, buttered corn, assorted
pastries and desserts, tea and coffee

Calendar of Events

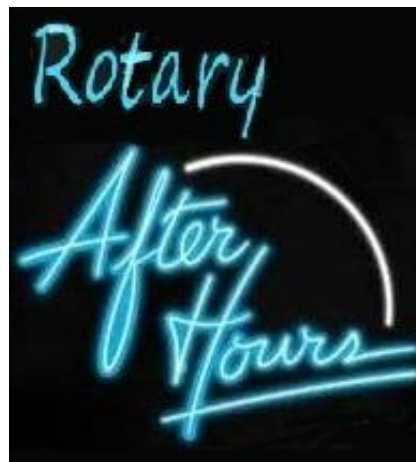
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

AUGUST	
August 4	Read with Rotary at Lunch at the Lake; 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
August 14	Rotary After Hours, 5:30 p.m. at D'Vine Wines, 6755 Phelan Blvd.
August 26	Board of Directors Meeting at the Beaumont Club at 11:45 a.m.

Rotary After Hours

It's Another Rotary After Hours!



Thursday, August 14
5:30 p.m.
D'Vine Wine

6755 Phelan Blvd.

Remember attendance counts as a meeting make-up.

[Read with Rotary!](#)

FIRST READ WITH ROTARY IS SUCCESS!

Reading is fun....

Reading to children is fun AND REWARDING!



Jim Baxter reads to an attentive group of children and mothers.

On Monday, August 4th, Rotarians gathered at the Event Center and the Rotary Centennial Playground and had a grand time reading and looking at books with children of all ages. The media was out and our own club photographers captured the fun as well.

Thank you to Nakisha Myles and Judy Kelfstrom for the great photos. [See them all here.](#)

Thank you to the volunteers: Cindy Cherry, Larry Beaulieu, Tillie Hickman, Paula Bothe, Judy Kelfstrom, Elaine Shellenberger, Steve Doblin, Connie Szuch, Rosie DeLano, Nakisha Myles, Kathleen Alsup, Jim Baxter, Van Greer, and Steve Lucas.

[New Members Welcomed](#)

Welcome to the Newest Rotarians in the World!

There was enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation as three new members were welcomed to the Rotary Club of Beaumont on Wednesday, July 30 as the newest Rotarians in the world,

proclaimed by District Governor Don Taylor.

Pictured below (left to right):

Norma Sampson, Executive Director of the Julie Roger's Gift of Life Program, who was proposed by Becky Mason;

Sheree Pierce, also proposed by Becky Mason, and is Director of Neighborhood Ministries for Wesley United Methodist Church; and,

Jason Armstrong, Owner/Manager of the UPS Stores, was proposed to return to membership in the club after a brief absence by Randy Fluke.



Welcome Sheree, Norma and Jason!

Sponsor Recognition

RI BEGINS NEW SPONSOR RECOGNITION



The New Member Sponsor Recognition Program is an exciting new initiative approved by the Rotary International Board of Directors. It honors Rotary members who sponsor new members.

All sponsors of members admitted to Rotary are eligible to receive a specially designed membership pin and colored pin backer from Rotary in recognition of their commitment to the organization's membership growth. A current member who sponsors one new member will receive a recognition pin with a blue backer. As additional members are sponsored, new colored backers will be awarded to signify the sponsor's achievement.



Recognized at the last meeting and receiving the first new recognition pins in our club were:

- **Randy Fluke** for proposing one newly admitted member and
- **Becky Mason** for proposing two newly admitted members.

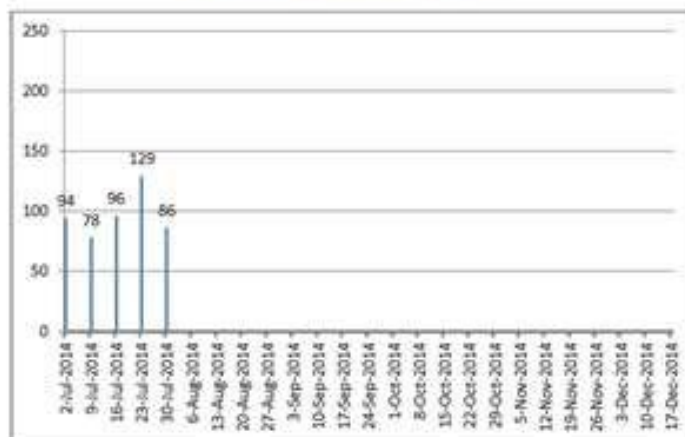
Becky and Randy are pictured with the District Governor (far left) and the new members they proposed.

Attendance Report

Watch Attendance Grow!

Let's get the pie piece larger and the line headed back upwards!

JULY 30, 2014

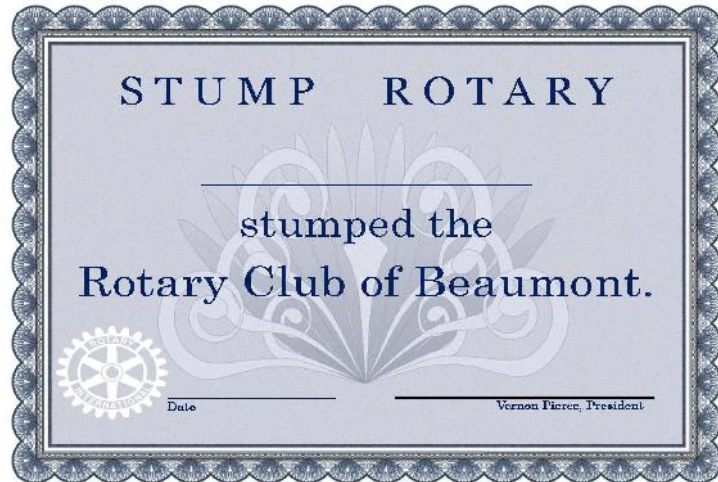


Mark your weekly calendar as "Rotary meeting" on Wednesday and come enjoy lunch, fellowship and a great program!

See you at Rotary!

Stump Rotary!

Can You Stump Rotary?



President Vernon Pierce has a fun new way to increase the Foundation coffers, and you can take part too! Be the person to Stump Rotary!



Send a photo of yourself from a few years back and some hints or clues that can be shared. If no one in the room can identify you, you will stump Rotary. The honor comes with a handsome certificate, complete with the President's signature!

If, however, the members can name who is in the photo, you will NOT stump Rotary and you will owe The Beaumont Rotary Foundation a donation of \$20 or more! That's what happened to this adorable bunny!

The challenge is yours!

Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Jessica Hidalgo
August 6



Shiv Bagri
August 8

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[Sympathy Extended](#)



Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to

Jay Old
on the recent loss of his stepfather
Robert Floyd DuBois, Jr.

Services will be Tuesday, August 5.
[\(Read obituary here.\)](#)

[Welcome, Little One!](#)

[Welcome, little one!](#)



A warm welcome to
Charles Williams Mason
on August 3, 2014
6 lbs, 9 oz. and 19 inches

**Congratulations to Evie, Lauren & Chad Mason
and
grandparents Becky and Chuck Mason!**

Best Wishes

WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY



We send wishes for a quick recovery to friends and fellow Rotarians who have recently been ill or had surgery.

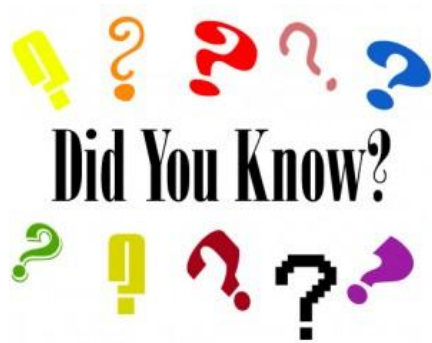
We hope you are feeling better soon!

Jay Johnson
Chuck Kalkbrenner
Russ Schultz

(Please let us know of others who should be included in our weekly good wishes article.)

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PROGRAM REVIEW

July 30, 2014

"District 5910 Governor's Message and Challenge"



Don Taylor
District Governor

by Rotarian John Neely

The Rotary speaker today was our own District Governor Don Taylor, who was introduced by Past District Governor Chuck Mason.

District Governor Taylor began his remarks by stating that "being the Governor for District 5910 has been a tremendously rewarding, and wonderful experience." Don also verified something that Chuck Mason announced to the entire Rotary

gathering as he introduced the Governor, "years ago, his wife, Barbara, really **DID** pick him up!"

Governor Taylor stated, "I bring you greetings from Rotary International, as well as Rotary International President Gary Huang, whose slogan is "Light Up Rotary." President Huang must have admired club President Vernon Pierce's Rotary and Entergy association!

Don went on to say, "you may like Rotary for the speakers....you may like Rotary for the fellowship....maybe for the service projects, and maybe for the friendships.....or any combination of them.....it doesn't matter... your participation parallels what Confucius said: "It is better to light ONE candle, than to curse the darkness." Our enthusiasm about who we are, and the service projects that our club performs, is one of the best ways to attract new members."

"In the past ten years, Rotary has added over a million members....yet, our numbers remain generally the same, mainly because members fade away. The more we are involved in community projects that our media report on, the more our existing members will be inspired to serve.

Governor Taylor talked about the "life-cycle" of business and related it to Rotary membership:

- 1) New member excitement (hard-working)
- 2) Dwindling enthusiasm (coasting)
- 3) Resting on our laurels (complacency or loss of relevance)
- 4) Go or Grow (either re-start at #1 or vanish)

Together, we grow develop, mature, and serve.

Clubs should set aside time each week to find ways to inform our communities of what Rotary is and how we benefit the community.