



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



SPEAKERS

Feb 11, 2015

Todd Stennis, Director-
Government Affairs, AMTRAK

AMTRAK's Beaumont
Connection

Feb 11, 2015

[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY:
Judge Marcia Crone, on

Law Day Art Contest 2015 by US
District Court for the Eastern
District of Texas, Beaumont
Division]

Feb 18, 2015

Service Day: LAYETTES and More!
"Rotary Takes Service to Heart"

Feb 25, 2015

TBA

Ethics and Presentation of the T.
Kelsey Lamb Award for Business
Ethics

Feb 25, 2015

Meeting will be held in the
Fountainview Room

Mar 04, 2015

Joe Tortorice

Homegrown & Successful: The
Jason's Deli Story

Mar 11, 2015

Judge Mark Davidson

The Good, Bad and Odd Things
You Did Not Know About Texas

ROTARYGRAMS

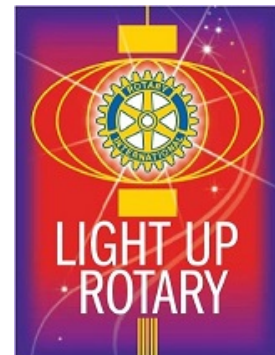
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STORIES

This Week's Program

**It is appropriate that this week, with a program on travel,
a change in meeting location will have you travelling!
The meeting will be held at the Event Centre.**



PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 11, 2015

"Amtrak: The

Court Records

Mar 18, 2015

[Billy Greer](#)

Beaumont Reserve Fleet

Mar 25, 2015

[Rotary Goes to School](#)

Dr. Karen Newton, Chairman

Apr 01, 2015

[JoAnne Settles](#)

Polio Eradication: We Are So Very Close!

Apr 08, 2015

[Dr. Jimmy Simmons, BISD Board of Managers](#)

Progress and Plans for the Beaumont Independent School District

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Feb 16, 2015 5:00 AM

[District Conference Planning Meeting](#)

Feb 19, 2015 11:30 AM

[Rotary After Hours](#)

Art Museum of Southeast Texas

Feb 19, 2015 5:30 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Feb 24, 2015

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Mar 24, 2015

[Rotary After Hours with Chamber Mix & Mingle](#)

Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground

Mar 24, 2015

Beaumont Connection"



Thomas ("Todd") L. Stennis, III
Director, Government Affairs-South

"Amtrak, the national rail operator, ...operates more than 300 trains each day — at speeds up to 150 mph — to more than 500 destinations." (Amtrak website)

Do people in the Beaumont area ride the train? You bet they do! In 2014, the Beaumont Amtrak station alone had more than **3400** boardings and alightings.

Our speaker Todd Stennis will have to do some traveling too as he resides in Gulfport, MS. He is Director of Government Affairs in the South for Amtrak. His primary duties include working with state and local governments served by Amtrak in: Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Come learn more about Amtrak and the Beaumont connection.

[Read more...](#)

[Head Table](#)

Head Table and Menu for February 11



Invocation:

Rob Glassey

Co-Owner/General Manager
Armour General Contractors

Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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Leonard Juncker
Partner - Retired
Wathen DeShong & Juncker, LLP



Introduction of Guests:
Sharen Kirksey
Designer
Designs by Sharen



Introduction of Speaker:
W. L. Pate
President/Owner
Pate Resources Group

MENU: Tossed Salad with choice of dressings and toppings, fresh fruit salad, herb roasted chicken, roast sirloin with red wine sauce, roasted new potatoes, wild rice pilaf, sweet & smoky green beans, steamed broccoli and cauliflower florets, rolls & butter, gourmet brownies, warm bread pudding with bourbon caramel sauce, tea & coffee

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

| | |
|-------------|---|
| February 10 | Strategic Planning Committee, Noon, Elegante Embassy Room, bring your own lunch |
| February 11 | Weekly meeting will be at the Beaumont Event Centre |
| February 11 | Special Projects Committee meeting, following Rotary meeting, at the Foundation for Southeast Texas building. |
| February 16 | Flag Project for Presidents' Day |
| February 19 | District Conference Planning Committee, 11:30 a.m. at the Elegante, Cardinal Room |
| February 19 | Rotary After Hours, hosted at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 5:30-7:00 p.m. |
| February 24 | Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at The Beaumont Club |
| February 25 | Meeting will be in the Fountainview |

[Flag Project](#)

Posted on Feb 12, 2014

Show Your Colors Flag Project - February 16



We are hoping you can volunteer to help with the "Show Your Colors" Flag Project for Presidents Day on Monday, February 16. We need you!

If you own or have access to a truck or large SUV, we need you as a route driver too.

Please call Pat Anderson at 782-4057 to volunteer as soon as possible!

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR TIME AND ENERGY!
Thanks for being great Rotarians and giving Service Above Self to the Club and your Beaumont neighbors.

[Read more...](#)

[Club Service Day](#)

FEBRUARY 18: Club Service Day



Indeed, "Rotary has heart," and the Rotary Club of Beaumont has a **BIG** heart, giving time and resources in Service Above Self year round. How appropriate that we designate a date close to Valentine's Day as our Club Service Day, providing hands-on service to multiple projects and collectively having a **BIG** impact!

We have plans for several different hands-on service projects

to work on and possibly complete on Service Day. First priority is to assemble 200 Layette bags for women and children of Nicaragua. Everyone will have the opportunity to roll up his/her sleeves and lend a hand also to Gift of Life, Habitat for Humanity, and the American Cancer Society.

Bring co-workers and friends who also believe in having fun while helping others. Don't miss it!

Rotary After Hours

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The next Rotary After Hours is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 19 at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas.

Save the Date!

Rotary Youth Exchange, A Life-Changing Experience

**Rotary Youth Exchange,
A Life-Changing Experience**



It is the last minute now and we need you to step up for a most important task. Please volunteer to host our exchange student from mid-March until the end of the school year.

Our club is hosting a young lady, Catharina Cristante, a 16-year-old from Brazil this year. Catharina is due to transition into a new Host Home at the beginning of March. Your help is really needed to help us identify a potential host family for the final 3 months of her stay. Catharina is a charming 16 year old, 11th grade student, currently attending West Brook. She would be a delightful addition to

any household.

Do you know anyone who would be willing to open up their home to our visiting student? Would you consider doing so yourself? Please consider this wonderful opportunity for you and your family or suggest it to someone you know. The host families do not need to include a Rotarian to serve as a host.

For more information, please phone Lum Edwards, III, at 832-7736 ext. 132.

[Read more...](#)

[Rotary Scholarship](#)

Rotary Club of Beaumont Scholarships

The Beaumont Rotary Foundation continues to fund college scholarships for graduating high school seniors. If you have a child or grandchild preparing for graduation in 2015, please let them know the scholarship applications are available through the high school counselor or from the Club's [website by linking here](#). **The deadline to submit an application is March 1.**

[Help Interact](#)

Want to help our Interact Clubs?



The local Interact Clubs - West Brook, Kelly, Vidor and Orangefield - are joining together to do a project for children in Mexico. They plan to put together some "candy tubes" and ship them to a school or orphanage there. They need paper tubes and individually wrapped hard or chewy candies (not chocolate).

Please save paper tubes from paper towels, toilet paper or gift wrapping paper and bring to a Rotary meeting before March 18. Your candy donation will help too and will be gratefully accepted.

[Hosting the District Conference](#)

Get Prepared for the Bright Lights!

The Rotary Club of Beaumont will host the 2015 District Conference!



On May 1 - 3, the Rotary Club of Beaumont will host the District 5910 Conference for delegates from 40 clubs. Registration is open and we are ready to see your name on the list of Conference participants. [Go to the District website to register here.](#)

Birthdays

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!



Daniel Jeans
February 9



Teresa Simpson
February 9



Nakisha Myles

February 11



Harland Merriam

February 13



Charlie Foxworth

February 14



Chris Lamson

February 14



David Teuscher

February 15



Chuck Kalkbrenner

February 16



Bruce Walker

February 16

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[Family of Rotary](#)

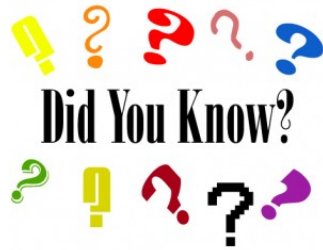


We send wishes for a quick recovery to our friends and fellow Rotarians who have been ill. We hope you are better soon!

Tolbert Chisum
Chuck Kalkbrenner
Carolyn McGuire

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

Did You Know?



The Rotary Foundation has continued its steady growth, moving up 35 spots to 85th in The Chronicle of Philanthropy's [annual ranking](#) of the top 400 nonprofit organizations in the United States. The ranking is based on monetary contributions from private sources and reflects the increasing generosity of those who support Rotary's mission.

According to The Chronicle of Philanthropy, The Rotary Foundation received \$239,576,000 in 2013, a 32.4 percent increase from the previous year.

Full article: [THE ROTARY FOUNDATION RISES ON EXPERT LIST OF TOP NONPROFITS](#)

[Read more...](#)

Program Review

PROGRAM REVIEW

February 4, 2015

**"Trash vs. Treasure:
Finding Value in the Collectibles
and Pop Culture Market"**



Meredith Meuwly

Certified Appraiser

by John Neely

Our speaker today was Meredith Meuwly, Director for Appraisals for Dallas Heritage Auctions. Ms. Meuwly was introduced by Rotarian Allen Lea with the McFaddin-Ward House Museum.

Ms. Meuwly's began her presentation explaining that there are four primary groups of collectibles:

- 1) sports
- 2) music
- 3) entertainment
- 4) comics

Ms. Meuwly went on to expand on these four groups.

SPORTS:

- A) Baseball - which out-sells all other groups and sports
- B) All other sports

Sports collectibles are:

- -Vintage cards, generally earlier than 1980 and preferably pre-1970, are the most sought-after
- -autographs of Hall of Fame players, World Champions, etc.
- -Game-used items (shirts, balls, mitts, etc.) from major/historic events and major stars of the MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL
- -There is also a "good" market for the aforementioned RE: NCAA
- -Trophies, plaques, Championship rings, etc.
- -Ephemera ... i.e., event-programs, tickets, etc.

MUSIC:

- Hand-written lyrics, original sheet music, stage costumes, etc. (the value of which increases in the

event of scarcity, an early/premature death/tragic event)

- Records of pre-1980 songs, in excellent condition
- Autographs

ENTERTAINMENT:

- Film
- Television
- Radio

Similar to the lists above, including stage props, signed-contracts, movie posters, celebrity art & collectibles



COMICS

Classification Periods:

- Platinum Age (1897-1937)
- Golden Age (1938-1955)
- Silver Age (1956-1970)
- Bronze Age (1970-1985)
- Modern Age (1985-current day)

The "Super hero" market has skyrocketed!

Sponsor of the Week

| SPONSOR OF THE WEEK | |
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| <p>Sponsor ads appear on the website continuously and are included in the sidebar of the <i>RotaryGrams</i> each week. One will be spotlighted weekly to express our appreciation.</p> | <p>We never stop moving:</p>  <p>COLDWELL BANKER </p> <p>Southern Homes</p> |

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