



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



SPEAKERS

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 Court Records

Mar 18, 2015

[Billy Greer](#)

Beaumont Reserve Fleet

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Dr. Karen Newton, Chairman

Apr 01, 2015

[JoAnne Settles](#)

Polio Eradication: We Are So

ROTARYGRAMS

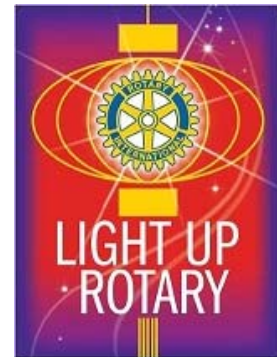
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PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 18, 2015

**"Rotary Has Heart:
Layettes and More!"**



Cindy Cherry
Service Lane Chairman

Very Close!

Apr 08, 2015

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

Progress and Plans for the
Beaumont Independent School
District

Apr 15, 2015

[No Meeting at the Elegante](#)

Rotary Goes Home

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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

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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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 complete on Service Day. Wear your casual working clothes and come prepared to enjoy lunch and a very quick meeting followed by plenty of time to get some work done.

The 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!

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[Head Table](#)

Head Table and Menu for February 18



Invocation:

Kurt Lundgreen

General Manager

Parkdale Mall/CBL Properties



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Sharae Reed

Senior Assistant City Attorney

City of Beaumont

Introduction of Guests:

Bridget Johnson

Executive Director

YWCA Beaumont



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Introduction of Program:
Cindy Cherry
 Supervisor
 Adult Probation

Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

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 Room

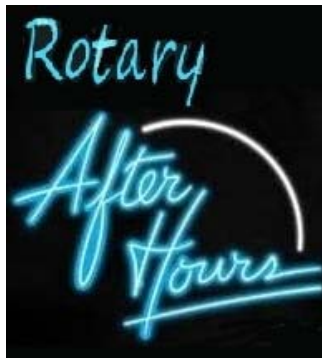
Thank you!

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the "Show Your Colors" Flag Project this morning. While it was a day of gloomy weather, the flags still looked beautiful across the streets of Beaumont. You make us all proud and we are grateful for your Service Above Self.



Rotary After Hours



Rotary After Hours

**5:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 19**

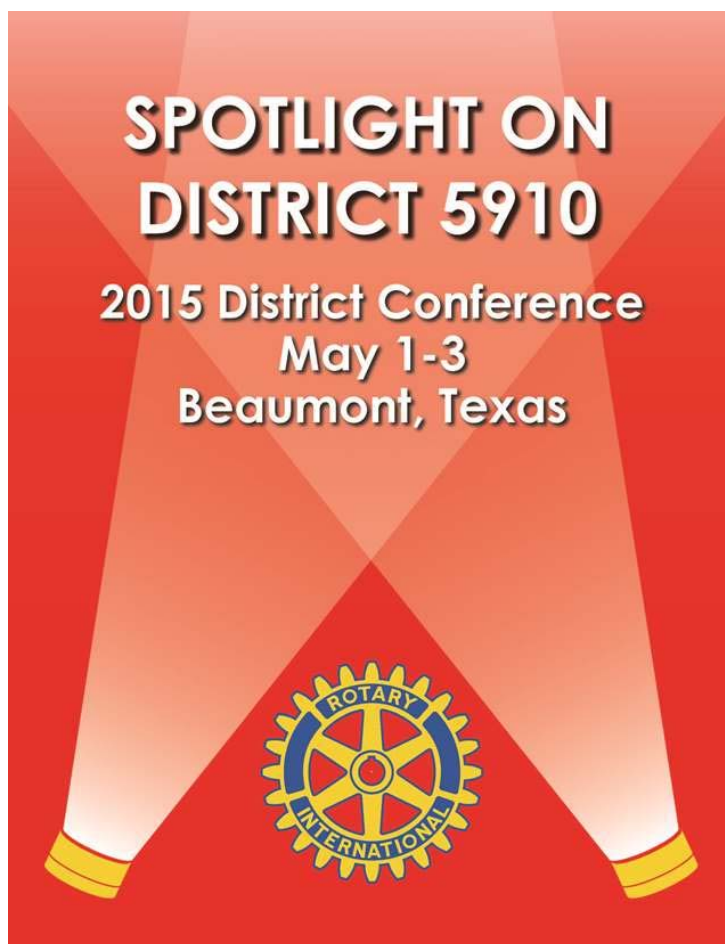
**at the
Art Museum of Southeast
Texas.**

Thank you, Lynn Castle for
hosting!

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.](#)

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.

[Rotary Scholarship](#)

Rotary Club of Beaumont Scholarships

The Beaumont Rotary Foundation continues to fund college scholarships for graduating high school seniors. 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.

[Birthdays](#)

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!



Chuck Kalkbrenner

February 16



Bruce Walker

February 16



Troy Aaron
February 17



Paul Eddy
February 17



Shawn Pierce
February 19



Sheree Pierce
February 22

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Family of Rotary

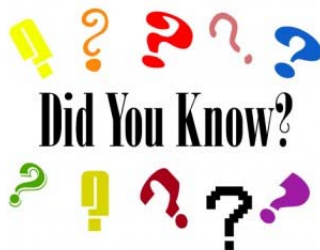


We send wishes for a quick recovery to our friends and fellow Rotarians who have been ill. We hope you are better soon!

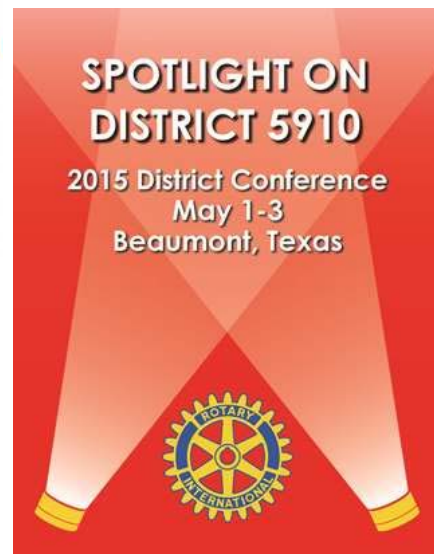
Tolbert Chisum
Chuck Kalkbrenner
Carolyn McGuire

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

Did You Know?



Discount on registration until February 28.



This District Conference is held annually for Rotarians in D5910 to learn of the successful projects of other Clubs and the many committees of the District, share information and enhance collaboration on future efforts among the 40 clubs. With our club as the hosts, you have an ideal opportunity to take part in a District-level function. Read more about it and plan to attend some, if not all, of the Conference on May 1-3.

In conjunction with the event, a pre-conference activity will be a "Shoot Down Polio" Clay Shoot. Come join the fun and know that your "shooting" will benefit Polio eradicating efforts.



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PROGRAM REVIEW

February 11, 2015

"The Amtrak Connection"



Todd Stennis

Director Government Affairs

- South

by Bobbie Applegate

Amtrak operates more than 300 weekday trains over 21,000 miles of track. Todd Stennis, III, Director of Government Affairs – South, gave members an upbeat discussion on Amtrak, ridership and possible future routes.

Todd identified three types of corridors being operated by Amtrak: Northeast, Long and Short distances. Overall, the trend in ridership is increasing at a very good percentage each year. In terms of government support of Amtrak, the subsidy is decreasing and at the end of 2014 the subsidized cost of operations federally was down to \$350 million. Amtrak is proud of the fact that the company itself is paying 93% of its operating costs and that the capital investment of debt is down remarkably.

On time performance is the biggest issue as Amtrak relates to the public. Legislation had been passed during the Bush administration to demand that 80% on time performance was the goal for railroads to be on time, or be fined. Presently the Supreme Court is dealing with this legislation and an opinion is expected this year on whether the law will stand or not.

In 2006, Todd Stennis had his first view of the Beaumont Amtrak depot and he resolved to do something about it. With Union Pacific railroad, City of Beaumont and Amtrak, a plan was devised to build a standard design station (shelter) by the federal government and the City built the Police Substation. With that partnership, things have started looking brighter and ridership is definitely up.

Texas has one short distance corridor (Fort Worth to Oklahoma City) and then stops on the long distance corridors. There are 193 Amtrak employees in Texas who are contributing to the Texas economy. With the central bus and airline traffic dwindling in small markets, Amtrak has definitely got a place to increase growth. The goal is to increase the frequency of trains, the safety of the trains and the reliability of the train system.

It was a beautiful day to meet in downtown Beaumont and many compliments on the meeting space and food were heard.

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