



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



SPEAKERS

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[Meredith Meuwly, Dallas Heritage Auctions](#)

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

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AMTRAK's Beaumont Connection

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

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"Rotary Takes Service to Heart"

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

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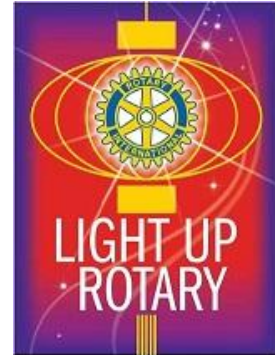
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PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 4, 2015

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

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

Mar 25, 2015

[Rotary Goes to School](#)

Dr. Karen Newton, Chairman

Apr 01, 2015

[JoAnne Settles](#)

Polio Eradication: We Are So Very Close!

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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](#)



Meredith Meuwly

Certified Appraiser

Heritage Auctions & PBS

Antiques Roadshow

Do you have a houseful of antiques? Have you saved special things from your childhood, knowing they would be valuable one day? Come learn from this expert.

This presentation will provide attendees with helpful hints in determining what kinds of items are valuable in the Sports, Music & Entertainment, and Comics markets. Meredith will share stories from the auction house, provide information on how value is determined, and discuss the current market trends for Collectibles.

Meredith Meuwly joined Heritage Auctions in 2007 after spending 5 years with Christie's New York Antiquities Department. At Heritage Auctions, the largest collectibles auctioneer and third largest auction house in the world, she is Senior Consignment Director in the Fine & Decorative Arts Department, overseeing two auctions each year. She became the Director of Appraisal Services, preparing formal appraisals for 38 specialist categories.

In addition to her duties at Heritage, Meredith participates as an appraiser for Antiques Roadshow on PBS, specializing in Glass, Silver, Decorative Arts, and Collectibles. Meredith is a certified appraiser of personal property with the International Society of Appraisers. She serves on the ISA Fine Art committee and is an executive board member of the Foundation for Appraisal Education.

We are grateful to Allen Lea and the McFaddin-Ward

Beaumont Rotary Centennial
Playground
Mar 24, 2015
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

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House Museum for arranging for Ms. Meuwly's visit.

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Head Table for February 4



Invocation:

Phil Dunlap

Partner
Wells, Peyton, Greenberg & Hunt,
LLP



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Rene Greenwald

Program Administrator
Creative Corrections, LLC



Introduction of Guests:

Elaine Shellenberger

Executive Director
Nutrition & Services for Seniors



Introduction of Speaker:

Allen Lea

Executive Director
McFaddin-Ward House Museum

Please note we are no longer able to announce the week's menu. Diners can expect a salad bar, soup, two entree buffet and sides of vegetables or starches. Due to high costs, fruit will no longer be served. Desserts and coffee will be available on the sidebars.

[Calendar of Events](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

February 3	Foundation Board of Trustees meeting; 11:30 a.m., Edison Plaza-1st floor conference
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February 4	Deadline for T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics nominations
February 7	District Mid-Year meeting (registration required)
February 10	Strategic Planning Committee, Noon, Elegante Embassy Room, bring your own lunch
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 Room



Office to Close



The Rotary Office will be closed on February 5 and 6 as the staff will be attending the Large Club Conference.



Please send an email or leave a voice message to be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.



Board Action

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The Board of Directors announces the following membership changes:



Rosemarie "Rosie" DeLano

From: Vice President-Global Wealth, BBVA Compass
Bank

Classification: TRUST BANKING

To: Director of Internal Auditing, Beaumont
Independent School District

Classification: EDUCATION-PUBLIC SCHOOLS-
FINANCIAL

One resignation was accepted with regret:

Dan Maher

Executive Director, Southeast Texas Food Bank

[T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics](#)

Posted on Jan 07, 2015

**NOMINATION INFORMATION
ANNOUNCED**

**T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business
Ethics**



The T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics is presented annually to a Beaumont Rotarian who consistently exhibits the highest ethical standards represented by the Rotary Four-Way Test in his or her chosen vocation.

In 2014, this prestigious honor was presented to Tim Sudela, pictured center above, flanked on the left by the speaker Floyd McSpadden, John Paschall who announced the recipient, and on the right by Award Chairman Craig Escamilla and President Chad Blanchard.

Our Club will award the coveted honor at the February 25th meeting, according to this year's chairman, Ken Evans.

The deadline for nomination is Wednesday, February 4th.

[Access the Nomination Form by linking here or pick one up at a meeting and complete it before February 4.](#)

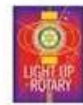
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District Mid-Year Meeting

LAST CALL! Register now

The Rotary year is approximately at the mid-point which means half the goals for the year should be completed and accomplished! How is your committee doing? Do you need some motivation, ideas and support? Consider attending the District 5910 Mid-Year meeting on Saturday, February 7.

Let President Vernon know if you want to attend along with him.



Click on the image to open the

document of information and sign up to attend!

If you need assistance with registration or more information, contact the Rotary Office.

Club Service Day

FEBRUARY 18: Club Service Day



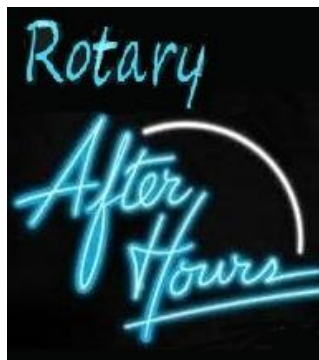
Indeed, “Rotary has heart,” and the Rotary Club of Beaumont has a **BIG** heart, giving time and resources in Service Above Self year round. How appropriate that we designate a date close to Valentine’s Day as our Club Service Day, providing hands-on service to multiple projects and collectively having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



Ask any student who has lived in another country for an entire school year, or ask any family that has hosted an international student for a few months about their experience. Without exception, they will describe it as life-changing and thoroughly enjoyable.

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 families for the final 3 month 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.

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[Congratulation to Blue Badges](#)

Congratulations, Rotary University Graduates!



It was a large "graduating class" at Rotary last week! Four new members moved from Red Badge status to the coveted Blue! President Vernon Pierce (on the left) was very proud to make the presentation to Kathy Chessher, Jay Wilson, Mellie Bevilacqua, and Michele Cobb. On the far right is the Dean of Rotary University, Lynn Castle. Congratulations to all!



Lynn Castle never fails to entertain while carrying on the tradition of making Rotary University graduations a fun, memory-making experience. She takes requests but, with none, still makes a great effort to add a personal touch and her musical (?) talent to the event.

In case you are not aware, even long-time Rotarians can earn advanced degrees. Is a Master or Ph.D. in Rotary Science in your future?

New Member Welcomed

Welcome to the Newest Rotarian in the World!

Members gave a standing ovation for the newest member of the Club. Meet Joe Evans, Jr!



President Vernon Pierce (left) is joined by sponsor George Pate (right) to welcome Joe Evans. Joe is General Manager of Beaumont Occupational Services. He is eager to get involved with the club's Service Lane. Welcome, Joe!

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.

Birthdays

**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**



Robert Besser

February 6



Steve Doblin

February 8



Daniel Jeans

February 9



Teresa Simpson

February 6



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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

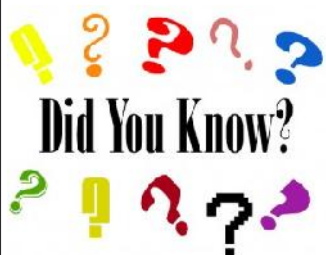
Carolyn McGuire



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



Did You Know?

 <p>Did You Know?</p>	<p>Using their talents, expertise, and leadership, Rotary members worldwide are asked to be gifts to the world this upcoming 2015-16 Rotary year.</p> <p>Rotary International President-elect K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran called the address to incoming district governors the "most significant moment of my life."</p>



"All of you have been given so many gifts. And you have now been given this great gift: one year to take all your talents, all your gifts, everything that you are and can become -- and Be a Gift to the World," said Ravindran, revealing his presidential theme at the annual five-day training meeting in San Diego, California, USA.

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PROGRAM REVIEW

January 28, 2015

"Written in Bone"



Amanda Danning

Forensic Sculptor

by Ted Moor, III

[This week's meeting began as usual with the prayer and pledges to our flag. Vernon then announced that this

(Rotary) year we added 17 new members to our club. Unfortunately, after Lynn Castle came up to be a podium and sang her "Blue Badge" song Vernon recounted the number of members and found that our club lost 27 members during the prior two-minute time frame. As such, Vernon had to report that our club now has a net loss of 10 members. Most of the members that quit during the meeting were forced to resign due to acute hearing loss which made it impossible for them to hear the speaker. All were rushed to a local hospital and we are asking that you please keep these members in your prayers.]

Our speaker this week was Amanda Danning. Amanda is a forensic sculptor that specializes in historical facial reconstructions and works with the Smithsonian and several other museums to help reconstruct what an individual would look like using only the skull as her guide. Her speech was entitled "Written in Bone" and centered on two human skeletons that were found in 1970 just north of Waco, Texas by Albert Redder. Mr. Redder and a friend spent 30 years excavating this particular site in what has turned out to be one of the three most important archeological finds in North America.

The bones that were discovered are just over 11,000 years old (which is 5,000 years before the pyramids were built in Egypt) and are historically special for a variety of reasons. The bones themselves were of a man and a woman that were wrapped in cloth and surrounded by over 100 artifacts. Archeologists believe that it was a ceremonial burial because the couple was surrounded by turtle shells, hawk talons, badger claws and coyote teeth. It is believed that the hawk talons were a symbol of the spirit world while the badger claws represented strength. The turtle shells are believed to have represented earth. Putting all these items together the experts feel that these items symbolize mother Earth silencing the couple and taking their strength.

Another interesting fact is that the bones of this couple are not like those of the American Indian. Instead, they seem to be more European in nature. One difference is their nose was thinner and longer, which is indicative of the humans that lived in colder climates. In addition, the measurement from the back of their head to the opening of the ear is longer than what we see in the American Indians. This find also showed archeologists that there were larger tribes and more people in this area than were originally expected for this time period.

Amanda's talk was very interesting and everyone in the audience was very fascinated by what she had to say. She also made presentations at the McFaddin-Ward House Museum Thursday and Friday.

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