



# The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



## SPEAKERS

Jan 14, 2015

[Tim Sudela and RYLA Participants](#)

2015 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Jan 21, 2015

[Jeff Dyson, Director, MBA Program at Lamar](#)

Employing Exemplary Business Practices

Jan 28, 2015

[Amanda Danning, Forensic Sculptor](#)

"Skeletons in My Closet"

Feb 04, 2015

[Meredith Meuwly, Dallas Heritage Auctions](#)

From Antiques Roadshow to Beaumont: What's Valuable and What's Not

Feb 11, 2015

[Todd Stennis, Director-Government Affairs, AMTRAK](#)

AMTRAK's Beaumont Connection

Feb 18, 2015

[Service Day: Layettes and More!](#)

"Rotary Takes Service to Heart"

Feb 25, 2015

[TBA](#)

Ethics and Presentation of the T.

## ROTARYGRAMS

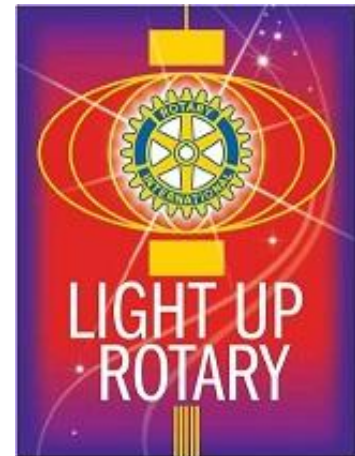
**January 14, 2015**

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## STORIES

[This Week's Program](#)

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**January 14, 2015**

### "RYLA 2015 Makes History"



**Tim Sudela and Team**

Neither rain, sleet nor snow could dampen the fun of RYLA 2015 which concluded on Sunday. Each

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

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[Rotary After Hours](#)

The Cabana at The Grill  
Jan 22, 2015 5:30 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club  
Jan 27, 2015

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

Feb 16, 2015 5:00 AM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club  
Feb 24, 2015

[Rotary After Hours](#)

Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
Feb 26, 2015 5:30 PM

## SPONSORS

year, the impact this program has on students from across District 5910 is amazing and inspirational.

We will get to hear about the event and vicariously share in some of the experiences. Our team of volunteers, led by Tim Sudela, and some of the student participants will share photos and tales of the weekend with us. This will be great fun and you will be energized too; don't miss it!

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## [Head Table](#)

### Head Table for January 14



#### Invocation:

**Joshua Taub**  
Rabbi  
Temple Emanuel



#### Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

**Nakisha Myles**  
Communications Specialist  
Beaumont Independent School District



#### Introduction of Guests:

**Robert J. Robertson**  
Agent/Producer  
J. S. Edwards and Sherlock



#### Introduction of Speaker:

**Cindy Cherry**  
Supervisor  
Jefferson County Adult Probation

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. Desserts and coffee will be available on the sidebars.



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## Calendar of Events

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

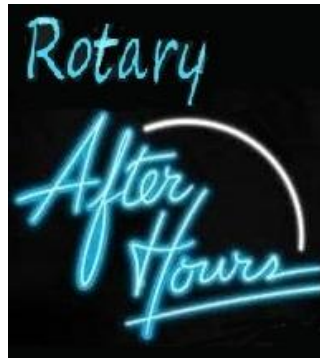
(and meeting make-ups)

<b>January 15</b>	<b>District Conference Planning Committee, 11:30 a.m.; Ballroom D</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Strategic Plan Committee, Noon, Elegante-Embassy Room, BYOL</b>
<b>January 22</b>	<b>Rotary After Hours at 5:30 p.m., in The Cabana at The Grill</b>
<b>January 27</b>	<b>Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at The Beaumont Club</b>
<b>February 4</b>	<b>Deadline for T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics nominations</b>

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### Rotary After Hours

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This fun and relaxing evening is an opportunity for a meeting makeup.

**Thursday, January 22  
5:30 p.m.**

**The Cabana at  
The Grill  
6680 Calder Avenue**

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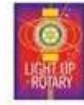
### District Mid-Year Meeting

#### Stay the Course!

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. Click on the image to open the document of information and sign up to attend!



Rotary  
District 5910  
**Mid-Year Meeting**  
Saturday, February 7, 2015  
Woodridge Forest Middle School • New Caney ISD  
4540 Woodridge Parkway • Porter, Texas



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

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[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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[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!

President Vernon Pierce envisions a day when, rather than a speaker presentation, Club members become actively involved in hands-on service projects. Including the annual assembly of Layette bags for women and children of Nicaragua, everyone will have the opportunity to roll up his/her sleeves and give of themselves in service to one or more projects.

Will your favorite nonprofit, service organization be involved? Is there something the club members can do to help you get a project started and/or completed at the weekly meeting? Perhaps it is as simple as folding papers or affixing stamps to a mailing, assembling items for client giftbags, repairing small toys, or any other task\* for which a service organization (please, no for-profit business projects!) needs volunteer assistance. We need to hear that you have an idea for the Club Service Day!

For more information and to express your interest, please contact the Rotary Office at 842-1913 or stay briefly after the meeting on Wednesday, January 14.

We are looking forward to this exciting day and hope your favorite service organization will be a part.

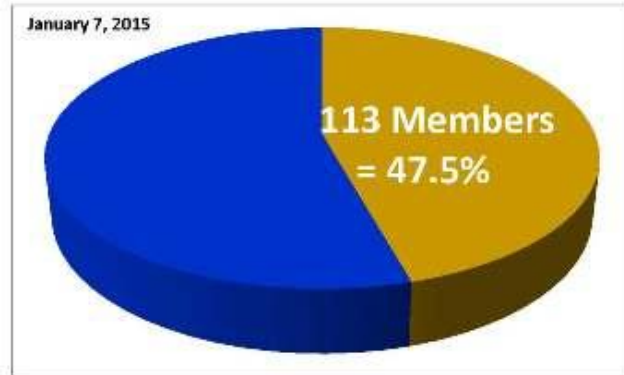
\*Please remember, we are planning to have projects done in the Ballrooms of the Elegante. Any materials needed for the project will need to be brought to the

hotel and removed when completed.

Attendance Report

**Grow Attendance to Grow Membership!**

The new year began with GREAT attendance at the meeting!



Mark your weekly calendar with a standing appointment of "Rotary meeting" on Wednesday and come enjoy lunch, fellowship and hear a great program!

**See you at Rotary!**

Birthdays

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



**Robert Celli**

January 12



**Philip Long**

January 13



**Brenda Gray**

January 15



**Barry Bryant**

January 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**  
**Oney Fitzpatrick**  
**Chuck Kalkbrenner**  
**Carolyn McGuire**

**We were delighted to see Connie Szuch and Tolbert Chisum back at Rotary this week.**

- Tolbert is more than halfway through his chemo treatments and reports doing well.
- Connie is feeling much improved after a third back surgery and, though still required to restrict activity, she is beginning to get back into her usual busy routine.

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

[Sympathy Extended](#)



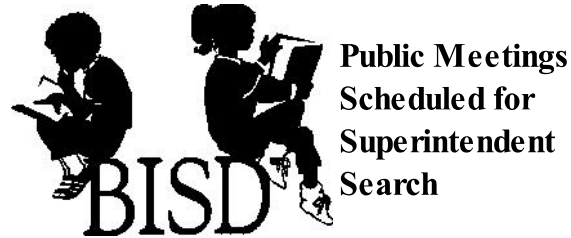
With sadness, we announce the death  
of Rotarian  
**William Smythe Shepherd, Sr.**

Smythe Shepherd joined the Rotary Club of Beaumont in April, 1939. After 50 years of active membership and service, Smythe became an Honorary member in 1989. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

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[BISD Meetings](#)

**PUBLIC NOTICE**



The Beaumont Independent School District Board of Managers has employed Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Executive Search Services to assist with the search for a new superintendent to replace Vernon Butler, current Beaumont ISD Superintendent. The Board has requested that school personnel and the public be involved in developing the qualifications and characteristics of the person the Board should seek to become the new superintendent.

Community involvement meetings will be held Tuesday, January 20 – 22, 2015. The TASB search consultant will facilitate discussions with community members. To view the schedule for these meetings please click below.

[Search for BISD Superintendent & Schedule of Public Meetings](#)

[Program Review](#)

**PROGRAM REVIEW**

**January 7, 2015**

**"Yes, It Happens in Beaumont"**





## **Lisa Boler**

### **Harvest House**

by Bobbie Applegate

Lisa Boler is with Harvest House, an organization working to call public attention to the issue of sex trafficking. Lisa works with the Beaumont Police Department and especially Officer Joe Ornelas, the officer charged with training and education about this problem in our area.

Officer Ornelas gave some staggering statistics concerning this crime and the persons who become victims.

- The global cost of a slave is about \$90.
- There are 27-30 million people who are or have been victims of sex trafficking.
- The profits of sex trafficking are estimated to be \$30 to \$32 billion dollars a year (unrecorded income of course).
- The victim's average ages are between 12 and 14.

Officer Ornelas explained that trafficking applies to three general areas: sex, labor and organs. Victims who have been smuggled have all identity taken from them and they are often "beaten into submission." Smuggling results in a person being on their own once they arrive in the location.

The I-10 corridor is the primary route for trafficking. The victims are sold many, many times over, and their only escape may be from someone recognizing what is happening and calling 911.

Two brief videos of teenagers, one 18 and one 13,

presented the strategy of the traffickers in dealing with teenage girls. The accounts were very sobering and enlightening.

What we can do:

- Talk to our children and grandchildren.
- Be afraid of the "boyfriends."
- Check out utilized computers and cell phones.
- Take part in community events to raise awareness.

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Sponsor of the Week

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Sponsor ads appear on the website continuously and are included in the sidebar of the *RotaryGrams* each week. One will be spotlighted weekly to express our appreciation.

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