



The Rotary Club of Beaumont

Club No. 72 - Founded February 26, 1913



SPEAKERS

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 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

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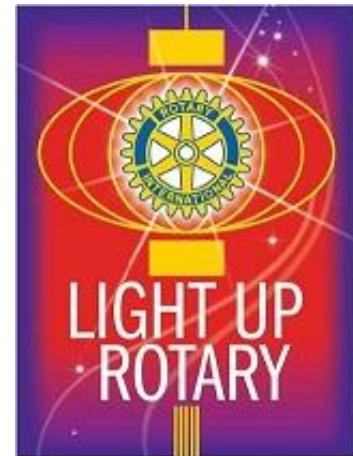
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[This Week's Program](#)

PROGRAM PREVIEW

January 21, 2015

"Employing Exemplary Business Practices"



Jeff Dyson

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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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

[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](#)

Director Lamar MBA Program

If this week's program was a newspaper article, the headline might read "Local Boy Makes Good." Jeff Dyson is an excellent example of a BISD and Lamar graduate who has been a contributing and integral part of our local community for quite some time. He agreed to share "best practices" from his years in business in Beaumont as he might share with students who are now lucky enough to learn from an experienced professional businessman.

For more than 30 years, Jeff Dyson was Owner/President of M & D Supply, Inc. He held or is currently in leadership positions of community service on numerous non-profit and for-profit boards, including Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, Baptist Hospital Southeast Texas, Habitat for Humanity, Southwestern Hardware and Implement Association, and Community Hospital Corporation. Jeff has also served as a board member for MidSouth Bank and Handy Hardware Wholesale.

Since 2007, Jeff has been instructor in the College of Business at Lamar. From 2008 – 2012, he held the position of Coordinator of The Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies. Since 2012, he has served as Director of the renowned Lamar MBA and Graduate Certificate Programs.

Moreover, Jeff was a member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont and was named recipient of the most-coveted T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics, which just about says it all. He is held in high esteem as a man of integrity. He is a business leader among business leaders.

We are delighted to welcome back a former Rotarian, Jeff Dyson.

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[Head Table](#)

Head Table for January 21



Invocation:

Chelsea Tipton

Music Director/ Conductor
Symphony of Southeast Texas

The Beaumont Club
Feb 24, 2015

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Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Philip Long
Principle
Long Architects, Inc.



Introduction of Guests:

Toby Castro
Sales Manager
Texas Coffee Co.



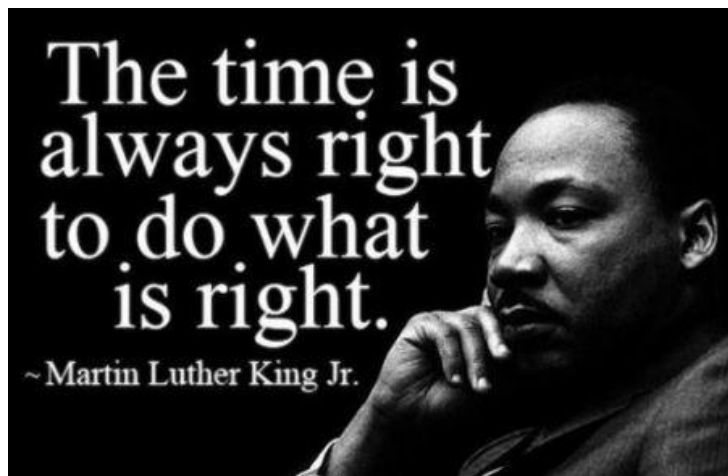
Introduction of Speaker:

Russ Schultz
Dean, College of Fine Arts
Lamar University

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.

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

CELEBRATING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

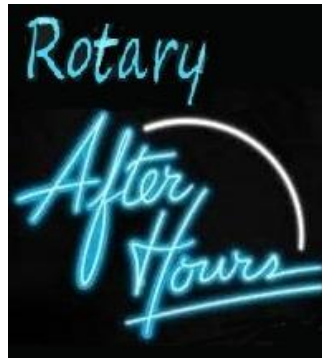
(and meeting make-ups)

January 22	Rotary After Hours at 5:30 p.m., in The Cabana at The Grill

January 27	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at The Beaumont Club
February 3	Foundation Board of Trustees meeting; 11:30 a.m., Edison Plaza-1st floor conference
February 4	Deadline for T. Kelsey Lamb Award for Business Ethics nominations
February 7	District Mid-Year meeting (registration)
February 10	Strategic Plan Committee, Noon, Elegante-Embassy Room, BYOL
February 16	Flag Project for Presidents' Day
February 19	District Conference Committee, 11:30 a.m., Elegante Room tba
February 19	Rotary After Hours, hosted by the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

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**

Board Action

BOARD ACTION

The Board of Directors voted electronically and announces the following membership changes and proposals were approved:



Jay Wilson

From: Multi Media Consultant, The Beaumont Enterprise
Classification: Newspaper - Advertising Consultant

To: Sales and Marketing Manager, Watercraft Plus, LLC
Classification: BOATS AND EQUIPMENT –
MARKETING

Two new member proposals:

Joe Evans, Jr.

General Manager, Beaumont Occupational Services
Classification: EMPLOYMENT – DRUG TESTING
Proposed by George Pate

Gary Hidalgo

Executive Director, Arc of Greater Beaumont
Classification: SOCIAL SERVICES – INTELLECTUAL
AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Proposed by Cindy Bloodsworth

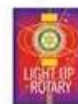
**In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8),
please submit written objections related to the
aforementioned proposal within 10 days (of January 14)
to the board of directors, stating the reason for your
objection.**



[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!

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

[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.](#)

[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!

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.

[Birthdays](#)

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!



Diane Bass

January 21



Kate Carroll

January 21



**Mary Ellen
Robertson**

January 21



**Cindy
Bloodsworth**

January 23



Scott Mann

January 26

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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!

**Lynn Castle
Tolbert Chisum
Oney Fitzpatrick
Chuck Kalkbrenner
Carolyn McGuire**

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

Sympathy Extended



We extend our sympathy to Rotarian

Kurt Lundgreen

who recently lost his father

Walter Sherman Lundgreen

March 23, 1927 - January 9, 2015

BISD Meetings

PUBLIC NOTICE



**Public Meetings
Scheduled for
Superintendent
Search**

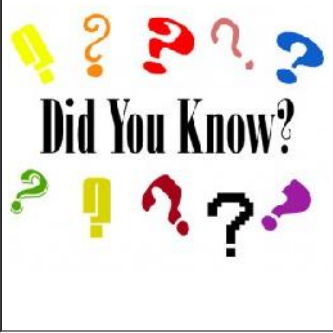

The Beaumont Independent School District Board of Managers has employed Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Executive Search Services to assist with the search for a new superintendent to replace Vernon Butler, current Beaumont ISD Superintendent. The Board has requested that school personnel and 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](#)

[Did You Know?](#)

 <p>Did You Know?</p>	<p>You will be moved when you read this story and learn about this new Rotarian, Paul Alexander, who lives with the lasting effects of polio and the cumbersome but lifesaving iron lung. Read it here: https://www.rotary.org/en/member-news/news-features/man-iron-lung-discovers-rotary</p>
	
<p><u>Give to End Polio Now!</u></p> <p>-----</p>	

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PROGRAM REVIEW

January 14, 2015

"RYLA Makes History"



**Tim Sudela,
Michael Perez,
and
Cindy Cherry**

by John Neely

Our meeting program today was headlined by RYLA Team Leader, Tim Sudela. Tim was introduced by President Elect Pat Anderson who was substituting for President Vernon Pierce.

Tim thanked the RYLA Team which consisted of volunteers Michael Perez, Cindy Cherry, Dr. Teresa Simpson, and Shawn Pierce. He also thanked the volunteers who made up the "supporting cast": Jim Baxter, Cynthia Wolf, Roger Bemis, Carolyn Fernandez, Nakisha Myles. Cindy Cherry's daughter, Hannah, was given a special round of applause for her contributions to the program's success as well.

Each in turn, Tim, Michael and Cindy shared a glimpse into what Camp RYLA 2015 was like for them and for the student delegates this past weekend (January 9 through 11).

Tim told the membership that 280 students from District 5910 attended Camp RYLA with 24 counselors and a number of adult sponsors as well. Student Counselors are selected from one year's participants to return and assist the following year.

Our club sponsored 16 students and the Spindletop Club sponsored four. Tim went on to express his appreciation for the support that our club provides.

Michael Perez introduced all the student-leaders and recognized the parents and family members attending today with them. He explained that the RYLA Team members create back-to-back activities and a busy schedule of events that the counselors then make sure that those activities are completed by the participants.

Cindy briefly explained the schedule which included

Community Group, morning chapel, and other scheduled activities. She highlighted the ROPES Course and showed photos where students worked in teams to successfully accomplish tasks as a group, such as the "wooden skis" and the "spider web." ROPES Courses are designed to promote teamwork and trust.

Camp RYLA provides a setting and an atmosphere, wherein the participants aspire to acquire leadership skills and hone working well in groups.

Team RYLA members were obviously very proud of this year's Camp RYLA, and stated that "there is no way that Rotary members can fully grasp how uplifting this event was without being there. Regardless of how you feel about today's youth, if you had been at Camp RYLA, your faith in our future would have been restored," said Cindy. She thanked the Club for continuing to provide funding for the students to experience RYLA.

The Board expresses thanks to the many Rotarians who contributed an extra meal ticket or more which allowed the students and parents to be our guests for this meeting. It was an important public relations effort and your generosity was much appreciated.

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.

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