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PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 24, 2016

**"Myths and Truths:
Gun Control Laws in Texas"**



Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics

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Upcoming Events

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club
Feb 23, 2016 11:45 AM

[Rotary After Hours](#)

Jerry Nelson's Hill Country
Feb 25, 2016 5:30 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club
Mar 22, 2016 11:45 AM

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James "Cody" Guedry

Sergeant

Beaumont Police Department

The laws on "concealed carry" are discussed in many circles and debated in many arenas. It's time to have a presentation on the facts and fiction, the ins-and-outs, the "Myths and Truths." We welcome an expert on the topic, Sergeant Cody Guedry.

James "Cody" Guedry is a Sergeant with the Beaumont Police Department. He received a B.S. from Lamar University in 2005 and went on to become a Police Officer.

Since working for Beaumont, Cody has worked in several different divisions including Patrol, Street Crimes Unit, and his current position as Supervisor of the Police Community Relations Unit. As the public information officer, he works with local and national media outlets on a regular basis. He instructs in many different areas and is a member of the Beaumont SWAT team as an operator.

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Head Table for February 24



Invocation:

Barry Bryant

Sales & Marketing Manager
Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Shannon Williamson

Branch Manager
American Personnel & Temps



Introduction of Guests:

Michele Cobb

Chiropractor
Cobb Family Chiropractic

Speaker Introduction:

Cindy Bloodsworth Jeanis

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Calendar of Events

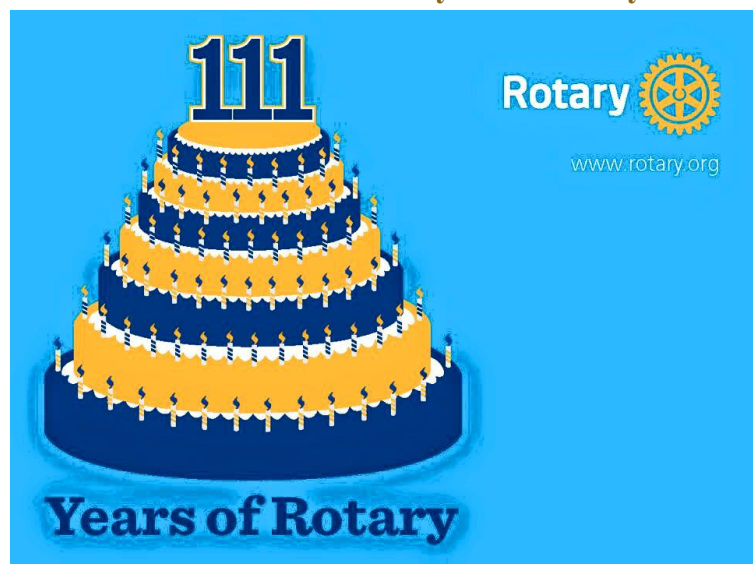
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

February 23	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club
February 25	Rotary After Hours; 5:30 p.m. at Jerry Nelson's Hill Country
February 26	Service Project Proposals due by 5:00 p.m.
February 29	Reservations needed for Wednesday, March 2 meeting
MARCH	
March 2	Celebrating International Women's Day: Women in Rotary!
March 12	SERVICE PROJECT at the Big Thicket - planting the next generation of long-leaf pines

Happy Birthday to Rotary!

Celebrate 111 Years of Rotary on February 23!



International Women's Day 2016

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU, WHETHER YOU ARE


COMING OR NOT!

In recognition of
International Women's Day,
 the **Rotary Club of Beaumont**
 proudly presents

A celebration of
Women in Rotary

Wednesday, March 2nd
12:00 pm.
MCM Elegante Hotel
& Conference Center






Special Guest Speaker



**Past Rotary International
 Vice President
 Anne Matthews**

Ms. Matthews was the first woman elected to both The RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees.

A published author, an education accreditation commissioner, and a public speaker, Anne Matthews has spoken and/or consulted in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and thirty foreign countries on the topics of educational issues and The Rotary Foundation.

Lunch tickets are \$18 per person. To ensure appropriate seating and food, kindly make a reservation by calling the Rotary Club of Beaumont at 409-842-1913 or email: admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org

Reservations are requested by **Monday, February 29 at 5:00 pm.**

We need to know how many people to plan for.
PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE OR ARE NOT
GOING TO ATTEND SO WE CAN MAKE PROPER
ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ALL OUR GUESTS!

THANKS!

Respond here for call the office at 842-1913.

Reservations for International Women's Day ~ March 2 ~ Noon

There are two key ingredients for a good Rotary meeting - plenty of food and plenty of places to sit! In order for us to properly arrange for both, please make a reservation if you will be attending. Please also include names of any guests you will be

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PROJECTS:

READY TO BE PART OF A "GROWING" PROJECT?

Your help is needed in restoring a treasured part of Texas - the Big Thicket! The Big Thicket Association is seeking Rotarians' assistance in planting 10,000 seedlings for the Centennial Forest project in 2016. This will also help restore the native Long Leaf Pine forest in the Big Thicket. The tree seedlings are very small and the tools needed to plant the trees are provided.

Kathryn Walker, project coordinator reported:

"We had a total of 80 volunteers from a variety of groups (Master Naturalists, Native Plant Society, Scouts, BTA) and planted 10,000 seedlings. And it was a beautiful day to be outside. Thanks for your support."

Dan Wright participated and we are very glad he did! He took these photos for us.



Described as "Baby Long Leaf"



This is a "Toddler Long Leaf"



Members of the club, friends and family members are needed to join in the effort to help plant trees on the last remaining tree planting day - **Saturday, March 12.**

Saturday, March 12th

Meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Visitors Center or at 9:00 a.m. at the Big Sandy Creek planting site (directions below)

Project chairs are Nakisha Burns and Karyn Hawkins. They are in the process of arranging carpooling or group transportation. Please indicate on the sign up if you would like to share transportation or plan to drive yourself (and your family or friends.)

Directions from Beaumont to planting site:

Travel North on HWY 69...continue on Hwy 69 north past Kountze then turn left on 1003 (Honey Island)...turn right on

FM 943 ...at the Big Sandy Creek Unit sign stay to the right on FM 1276...continue past Dallardsville...turn left at FM 1276 on to Lily Road...follow the signs to planting site. If you arrive later a Ranger can give you directions.

Come on out! Be like Dan and wear our "Rotarian at Work" shirt! [Sign up \(link here\)](#) so we know you plan to help.

RSVP requested by Noon on **Friday, March 11^h**. We need to know how many are coming!

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Service Projects Selection

WHAT PROJECT WILL WE TAKE ON NEXT?



The Service Projects Selection Committee is again opening the process for submission of new service project ideas with which the club can become involved. We have done some good work at local agencies that needed some assistance. It was fun and very rewarding, and it's time to do more!

Now it is time to look ahead and consider where and how the Club can contribute to another hands-on project that can have an impact on our community. Give it some thought, talk to others and submit a proposal for consideration.

[Download the brief form here](#) and submit by **February 26.**

Looking Ahead

LOOK

WHAT'S AHEAD!



March 2 is the celebration of International Women's Day: Women in Rotary! Please read separate article and respond with your rsvp.

In recognition of

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the **Rotary Club of Beaumont**

proudly presents

A celebration of
Women in Rotary 

Wednesday, March 2nd
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Special Guest Speaker



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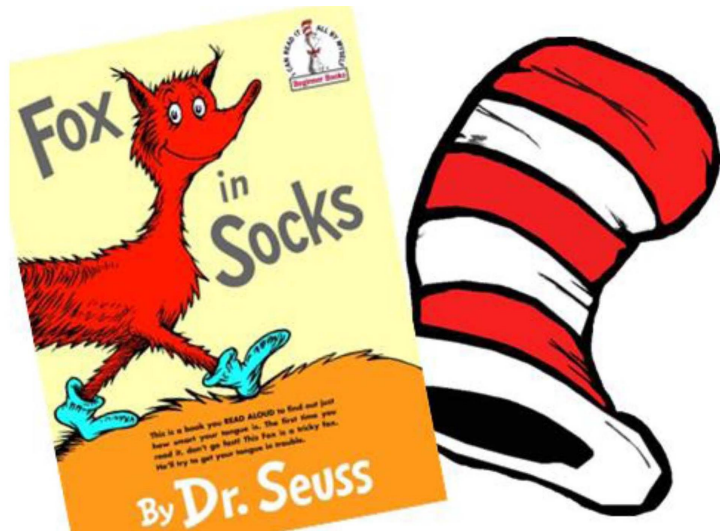
March 9 will be devoted to recognizing World Rotaract Week. Our program will be presented by the Lamar and Beaumont Rotaract clubs.

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Rotary Goes to School

ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL



Promoting literacy is a goal of Rotary International and a favorite project of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. Each spring, Rotarians flood the first grade classrooms across Beaumont and share the love of reading and delivering a book for every child to keep for their very own.

You want to be a part of this.

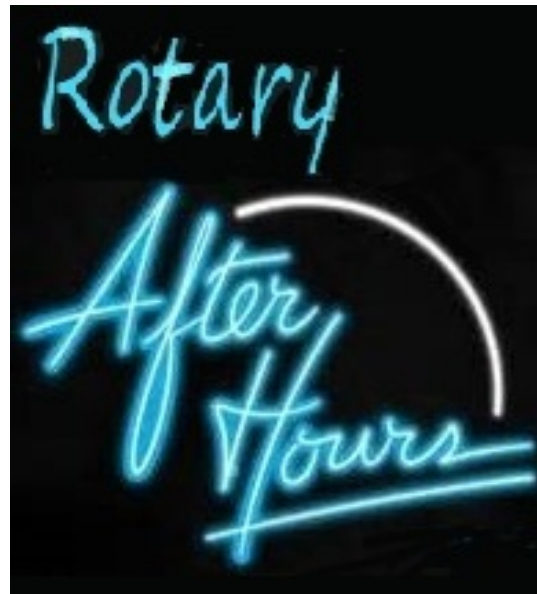
Sign up to take part in "Rotary Goes to School!" Instead of the normal lunch meeting on Wednesday, March 23, you'll enjoy a truly rewarding visit with a young child.

To sign up for the school you would like to visit, click on this link: ["ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL"](#)

Volunteers should arrive by Noon at the school office. Bring a photo id in order to clear a security check if needed. You will be given a Dr. Seuss hat and escorted to the classroom where you will find the books ready to be shared with each child.

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Rotary After Hours



**Plan to attend the next
Rotary After Hours
and enjoy Rotary fellowship!**

**Thursday, February 25
5:30-7:00 p.m.
at**



3871 Stagg Drive

**Come join us!
Appetizers provided;
cash bar.**

Rotary After Hours: Cruise on the Neches

ALL ABOARD! Limited Space; Reserve Now!

Rotary After Hours: A Lovely Evening on the Neches!



Whether this is your first trip or you've been many times, you are sure to enjoy this Rotary After Hours which will take you on a cruise down the Neches River on a pleasant early spring evening.

Mark your calendar and plan to reserve your spot on the Ivory Bill on **Thursday, March 24** for a two-hour tour. Snacks and drinks will be available. Tickets are **\$10** per person and we can only take 35 people (spouses and guests are welcome), so don't delay.

The party is growing! Eight places are reserved to date. WITHOUT 35 PAID RESERVATIONS, WE MUST CANCEL THE TRIP. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS 8:00 A.M. on TUESDAY, MARCH 15.

[A sign up is online; link to it here.](#)

New Members Welcomed

Members Welcomed to the Club!

Make sure you meet and get to know the two newest Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Beaumont.

Mark Davis, Executive Meetings Manager,
Elegante Hotel & Conference Center

CLASSIFICATION: "HOTELS-SALES
AND SERVICE"

Proposed by Brenda Gray



Denise Berry, Development Director,
Boys' Haven of America, Inc.

CLASSIFICATION: "ASSOCIATIONS -
BOYS' HAVEN OF AMERICA"

Proposed by Rob Glassey

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Congratulations to Blue Badge

Congratulations, Brenda Gray, Ph.D.!



No, not a new Blue Badge, but Brenda Gray earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Rotary Science degree and Dean Lynn Castle presented it to her at the meeting on February 17, Brenda is now sporting a new emblem on her badge to signify the distinction.

In case you are not aware, even long-time Rotarians can earn advanced degrees. Who will be the next Master or Ph.D. degree candidate?

Family of Rotary



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

Lee Freeland

Please let us know if you or another Rotarian should be included in our weekly good wishes article!

Trending on Twitter



The "Jubilee of Rotarians" to Take Place in Rome



Pope Francis will celebrate the "Jubilee of Rotarians" on April 30th, 2016 in Rome with the Rotary International President, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran. President Ravi said, "I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across the world."

The website is up: here you can reserve your seat and read the schedule of the Jubilee of Rotarians: www.rotary-jubilee2016.org. Register by March 15.

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February 22



Michael Perez
February 27



Rene Greenwald
February 29

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PROGRAM REVIEW

February 17, 2016

**"Rotary Has Heart:
2016 Service Day!"**



by Chris Ayers

We changed things up this week and had an in-house service project day rather than the regular Rotary meeting and speaker.

During "Rotary Has Heart" Service Day, 200 layette bags were assembled and will be sent to Nicaragua for women and newborn babies in need. This project is funded in part with a grant from Rotary District 5910 and matched with funds from the Beaumont Rotary Foundation and individual donors. (You can still make a tax-deductible gift by contacting the Rotary Office at 409-842-1913.)

Thanks to Sharon McCabe, Kathleen Alsup, and Chad Blanchard for ordering supplies for the bags and doing preparation work, and to Munro's for storing the layette bags until they can be shipped.

Rotarians also assembled small goodie bags that are used in the school education programs for Gift of Life and prepared a mailing for Nutrition & Services for Seniors as part of the event projects.

It was a very successful day for the Club and the agencies we helped. Everyone left feeling they had done some work to benefit others, and that always feels good.

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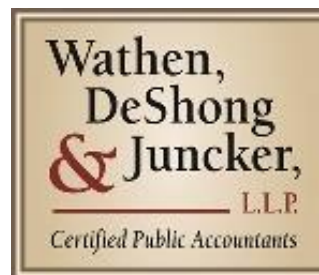
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