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Mar 22, 2016 11:45 AM

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Apr 26, 2016 11:45 AM

ROTARYGRAMS

April 20, 2016

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Be a gift to the world

The meeting on Wednesday, April 20 will be in the Fountainview Room at the MCM Elegante.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

April 20, 2016

"Getting to Know the Latino Immigrants in Our Area"

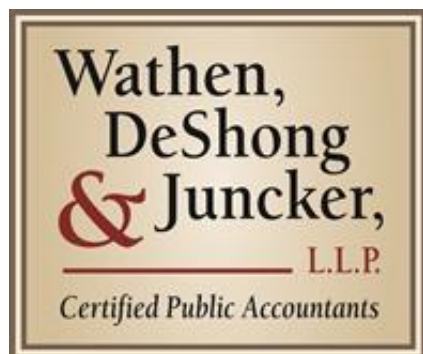
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May 14, 2016 – May 15, 2016

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Jesus Abrego

Director

**Hispanic Ministries
Catholic Charities**

In 2009, Jesus Abrego founded the inaugural Hispanic Family Conference in the Diocese of Beaumont. The event directly addressed the challenges faced by Hispanic Catholic families. Just two years later, conference attendance was so high that the diocese had to rent five separate venues to accommodate the throngs of people. Through his innovative programs, he mentors Hispanics of all ages, forming essential leaders for both the church and the community.

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Head Table for April 20



Invocation:

Kari Fenner

Major Gifts Officers
Red Cross of Southeast Texas



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Kenny Blanda

Senior Executive Director
Magnolia Manor Cantex

Introduction of Guests:



Gary Hidalgo
Executive Director
Arc of Greater Beaumont



Introduction of Speaker:
Dana Timaeus
Managing Partner
The Timaeus Law Firm, PLLC

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

April 20	Youth Service Above Self Award nominations due
April 21	Rotary After Hours at the Wheelhouse in Port Neches, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
April 22	Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting, Noon, Edison Plaza Conference Room
April 22-24	District 5910 Conference at LaToretta in Montgomery, TX
April 26	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club
April 26	Ribbon-cutting of Born Learning Trail at the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground, 4:00-6:00 (see article below)
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May 14-15	Spindletop Soap Box Derby Pit Crew in action; two shifts (breakfast & lunch); sign up online
May 21	Service Project for Buckner's FYI Center on the Lamar campus; sign up online
May 21	District 5910 Assembly and Seminar for 2016-17 Leadership in Liberty
May 30	Flag Project for Memorial Day, 5:00 a.m.

LOOK

WHAT'S AHEAD!



April 27 will be the exciting, invigorating celebration of Rotary Youth programs. The Interact Clubs at Kelly and West Brook will inspire with the many projects they have successfully completed this year, we will honor students with the Youth Service Above Self Awards and honor two Scholarship recipients. It's going to be a great day!



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SCHOLARSHIPS



Curious minds want to know: what are predictions for the 2016 Hurricane season in Southeast Texas? **On May 4**, we will welcome back our favorite forecaster, Chris Hebert, TropicsWatch Manager with StormGeo of Houston.

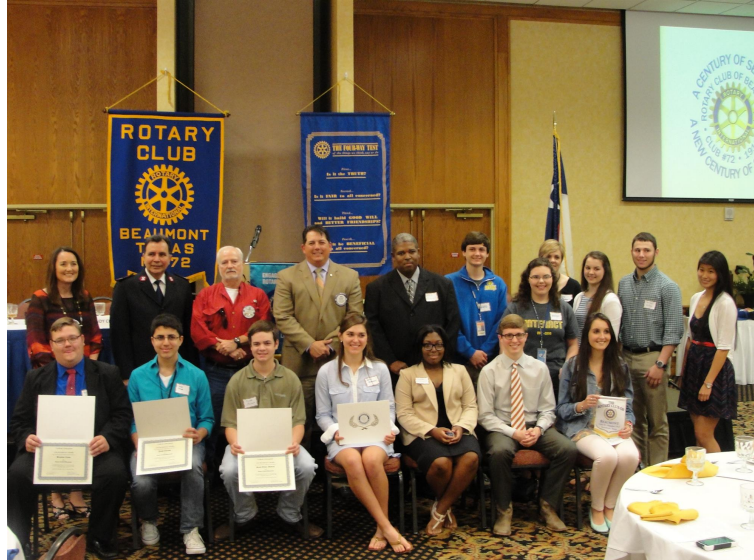
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Rotary After Hours



Thursday, April 21
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
The Neches River
Wheelhouse
720 Lee Avenue
Port Neches Riverfront

ROTARY TO RECOGNIZE LOCAL STUDENTS FOR SERVICE ABOVE SELF



2014 Recipients

The Rotary Club of Beaumont will recognize and honor students who have exemplified the Rotary "Service Above Self" attitude by demonstrating exceptional service in their school and community.

Award presentations will be made Wednesday, April 27, 2016, during the meeting to celebrate other youth activities and programs. **Please note that this special recognition is not accompanied by a monetary award or scholarship.**

Rotarians are asked to complete a nomination form and return it right away. The deadline was listed as last week, but there is still time to include a deserving student you know.

Download a copy of the form at: [Documents/en-ca/9864e6ce-6617-4789-92a2-50a2a4596d46/1](http://portal.clubrunner.ca/9864e6ce-6617-4789-92a2-50a2a4596d46/1)

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New Feature Added to Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground



The Downtown Trailblazers, one of several Leadership Southeast Texas (LSET) teams from the Class of 2016, will host the grand opening of their community service project from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Beaumont Rotary Centennial Playground. The free event is open to the public and will feature a 4 p.m. ribbon cutting by Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames.

The “Born Learning Trail” promotes learning for young children by focusing on motor skills, creativity and critical thinking skills through an interactive, fun and visually engaging educational experience. Funding for the project was provided by the United Way of Beaumont and North Jefferson County and the Foundation for Southeast Texas.

Rotarians who are members of the Downtown Trailblazers team are Mellie Bevilacqua, Foundation for Southeast Texas; René Greenwald, Creative Corrections; Karyn Hawkins, United Way of Beaumont North Jefferson County; Dr. Derina Holtzhausen, Lamar University; and Rabbi Joshua Taub, Temple Emanuel.

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Ready, Set, Go!



Hear those engines revving? The youngsters have been preparing and they are ready to participate in the **Spindletop Rotary Club's Soap Box Derby on May 14 and 15.**

Our club helps the Spindletop Club by serving breakfast and lunch for the workers of the event so they can focus on the children, the cars, and the race action!

We are grateful to **Gerald Condon** for again providing his wonderful cooker and equipment. **Shannon Williamson** is chairing and recruiting volunteers to serve the food and drinks during the morning and lunch hours on Saturday and Sunday.

If you can help, please sign up online at:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aadaf22aafd0-spindletop2> or let Shannon or Jacque know.

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Rotarians At Work Again!



The next quarterly service project scheduled will be on Saturday, May 21 at the Buckner FYI Center on the campus of Lamar University where we will do some indoor painting for the students' community center. Cindy Cherry, Chair, will tell us more about it at upcoming meetings but, meanwhile, save the date and make plans to join in the fun.

Sign up now if you are going to plan to work:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4AADAF22AAFD0-buckner>

Volunteers need to complete two very brief matters of electronic paperwork required by Buckner's:

Apply for [Beaumont – Rotary 16 here](https://volunteer.buckner.org/p-1371-beaumont-rotary-club-2016.aspx) -
<https://volunteer.buckner.org/p-1371-beaumont-rotary-club-2016.aspx>

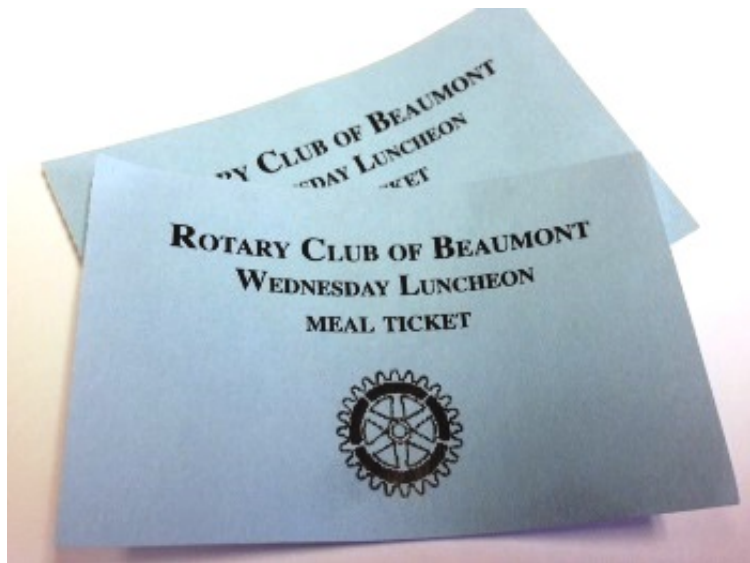
Continue until you receive a confirmation email thanking you for your application

Sign [Electronic paperwork here](https://na2.docusign.net/MEMBER/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=b04ee19f-6fe4-4b61-88b1-12d8fbfc7250) -
<https://na2.docusign.net/MEMBER/PowerFormSigning.aspx?PowerFormId=b04ee19f-6fe4-4b61-88b1-12d8fbfc7250>

Continue until you receive a confirmation from Buckner International of the paperwork

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Guest Tickets Needed



April 27 will be our Youth Day Celebration when we recognize the Interact Clubs, honor the Youth Service Above Self honorees, and name the two Rotary Scholarship recipients. We will invite all these students, school sponsors and parents to attend the Rotary lunch meeting that day. If you can spare a lunch ticket or two in order for us to graciously accommodate these guests, please donate at the meeting on Wednesday. There will be a donation spot at the lunch line.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Need an idea for a Mother's Day gift?

The
Beaumont Rotary Foundation
provides



Layette Bags
for health and welfare of
women and children in Nicaragua

A charitable donation was made in honor of

YOUR WIFE, MOTHER, SISTER, FRIEND

for Mother's Day
by

YOU

to the
Beaumont Rotary Foundation
to fund a

Layette Bag
for a mother and child in Nicaragua.

This gift will provide items necessary for
the healthy care of a newborn baby
in an impoverish rural region of the world.

Does your wife, mother, sister, friend already have everything she could want or need for Mother's Day? Would she appreciate the thoughtful idea of knowing a layette bag, donated in her honor, will help a newborn baby in Nicaragua get a better, healthy start to life?

For a \$50 tax-deductible donation to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, we will provide you with a gift card to present to your loved one, and we will add a donation card to a bag we assemble and send to Nicaragua. Make your "purchase" of a layette bag at any weekly meeting or use the online payment page for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation. We are happy to help you with your gift shopping and will even mail a card if your loved one is not in the area. Call the Rotary office (409-842-1913) and let us help you make this a special Mother's Day!

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Sponsor Needed



As outgoing President, Chad Blanchard gave a gift to every Rotarian - a Rotarian at Work shirt, and they have been put to really good use! They are bright and easily spotted in the outdoor work members have taken on in the last year or more. With only a few (very large sizes) of the initial order remaining, it is time to re-stock for new members!

We can get a reorder of the same shirt at a very reasonable price but would love an underwriter or sponsor so we can devote all funds to the projects we are taking on. Your firm or business will be promoted in the RotaryGrams, on the website as well as at our weekly meetings on the pre-meeting photo display. We can even discuss adding your business logo to the shirt.

If you would like to become our "Rotarian at Work" shirt sponsor, please let Jacque hear from you right away.

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Members Welcomed to the Club!

Be sure to meet and get to know the newest Rotarians in the Rotary Club of Beaumont.



Kari Fenner

Major Gifts Officer,
Red Cross of Southeast
Texas

CLASSIFICATION:
"ASSOCIATIONS –
RED CROSS"

Proposed by Pat
Anderson

**Courtney Griffith**

Financial Advisor,
Wells Fargo Advisors

CLASSIFICATION:
"FINANCE-
INVESTMENTS"

Proposed by Bobbie
Applegate

**Ranika Prince-Gilliam**

Community Relations
Manager, Rose Place
Senior Living

Classification:
HEALTH SERVICES –
SENIOR LIVING

Proposed by Jacque
Chapman

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Congratulations to Newest Blue Badge!



Gary Moncla enjoys the moment when Dean of Rotary University Lynn Castle presents his Bachelor of Rotary Science degree! We sure have fun with our "graduations" from Red Badge to Blue! Congratulations, Gary.

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?

In the News: Club Receives Honor

You did it!
Congratulations

A hearty to congratulations to the [#RotaryClub](#) of Beaumont being named Volunteer Organization of the Month! Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" is reflected in their dedication to supporting [#Habitat](#)



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BBC Reports:

**Vaccine switched in 'milestone'
towards ending polio**



More than 150 countries have begun switching to a different polio vaccine - an important milestone towards polio eradication, health campaigners say.

The new vaccine will target the two remaining strains of the virus under a switchover 18 months in the planning.

There were just 74 cases of the paralyzing disease in 2015 and there have been 10 so far this year.

All of the cases were in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Africa has been free of polio for more than a year.

Switching the vaccine from one successfully used to fight polio for more than 30 years is a huge logistical exercise.

Read full article: <http://www.bbc.com/news/health-36055507>.

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We send wishes for a quick recovery to our friends and fellow Rotarians who have been ill, had or are facing surgery, or just need our thoughts and prayers. We hope you are better soon!

Sam Fazio
Lee Freeland
Judy Kelfstrom
Connie Szuch
Cheryl Williams
Michael Wolf

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



**Congratulations to
Rotarian
Sheri Arnold
on Honor!**



Coldwell Banker Commercial Arnold and Associates (CBCAAA) was recently presented with the Mentor/Protégé of the Year award at the 2016 Coldwell Banker Commercial Global Conference in Orlando, Florida.

Sheri Arnold, President of CBCAAA, and Jes Prince, Associate Broker, were honored during the April 12 conference. This is the first time an all-female team has been awarded in Coldwell Banker history.

photo and news report from the
Beaumont Enterprise, April 15, 2016



Kathleen Alsup
April 20



Doug Chase
April 20



Jim Malain
April 21



George Pate
April 21



David Heinz
April 23



James McNicholas
April 23



Ryan Smith
April 23

PROGRAM REVIEW

April 13, 2016**"Israel - Remembering the Past,
Living the Present, Trusting the Future"****Dr. Doron Bookshtein****Tour Guide, Teacher & Diplomat**

by Chris Ayers

Doron Bookshtein visited Rotary as an Israeli Diplomat although he humorously stated that he was undiplomatic. At the age of 16, he immigrated to Israel, served in the military and eventually worked his way to the Israeli Special Forces. He came to the U.S and earned a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard.

Doron gave a very interesting speech about the history of Israel and how that history relates to today. From the beginning of time, Israel has almost been impossible to settle. Today, the fight to settle and control its lands continues. Israel is essentially a bridge – it connects Asia to Europe and connects Christianity to Judaism to Islam. There have been 187 different conquests of Israel because of the vast interests in its geography, religious history, economic capacity, and millennial-old arguments. Most people don't know that on 5/14/1948 the country of Israel was established by a UN agreement where the land was purchased and accepted by all surrounding nations.

Doron Brookshtein was an outstanding speaker and gave great historical perspectives regarding Israel, its people, and its position in the world.

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