



## SPEAKERS

Oct 28, 2015

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Rotary Goes Home (Select your meeting day/time from the list of hosts.)

Nov 04, 2015

[Wayne Prokopetz, Super., Big Thicket Ntl. Preserve](#)

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service

Nov 11, 2015

[\[Meeting will be held in the Fountainview Room.\]](#)

Nov 11, 2015

[Colonel Gregory Baine](#)

Saluting Veterans

Nov 18, 2015

[Jane Burns, Bridget Johnson & VEA Committee](#)

Vocational Excellence Awards:  
"Thankful for Exemplary  
Performance in the Workplace"

Nov 25, 2015

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec 02, 2015

[Ray Woodard, Head Football Coach, Lamar University](#)

Highlights of the 2015 Cardinal  
Football Season

## ROTARYGRAMS

**October 28, 2015**

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## STORIES

[This Week's Program](#)

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**October 28, 2015**

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING AT THE  
ELEGANTE THIS WEEK.**



**Rotary Goes Home**

Dec 09, 2015

[\[Meeting will be held in the Fountainview Room.\]](#)

Dec 09, 2015

[Sgt. Ken Carona, Port Arthur Police Department](#)

The Feared Question: What Do You Do When You Face an Armed, Active Shooter?

Dec 15, 2015

[Holiday Party \(Evening; note NO meeting 12-16\)](#)

Becky Mason, Chair

Dec 23, 2015

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Happy Holidays!

[View entire list](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov 11, 2015 5:00 AM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Nov 17, 2015 11:45 AM

[Rotary After Hours](#)

Art Museum of Southeast Texas

Nov 17, 2015

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club

Dec 15, 2015 11:45 AM

[Holiday Party](#)

Mary & John Gray Library, Lamar University

Dec 15, 2015 6:00 PM

## SPONSORS

There is going to be some great fun this week as Rotarians gather in homes of fellow Rotarians, gracious hosts for Rotary Goes Home. Rather than the weekly meeting, the events are another opportunity for members to get to know one another, learn more about each other, and enjoy building goodwill and better friendships.

Thank you to Elizabeth & Gene Arnold, Mellie & Sam Bevilacqua, Lynn & Kris Castle, Lori & Allan Higgins, Becky & Chuck Mason, Sheree & Vernon Pierce, Connie & Paul Szuch for your gracious hospitality. We are looking forward to the evening!

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## [Calendar of Events](#)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

OCTOBER	
October 28	No meeting at the Elegante today; attend Rotary Goes Home this week as your meeting obligation
NOVEMBER	
November 5	Membership Committee meeting, Noon, Room 216 of the Elegante
November 11	"Show Your Colors" Flag Project for Veterans Day

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## [Office to Close](#)



The Rotary Office will be closed on October 26-28 as the entire 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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[DONE IN A DAY Project Helping Habitat for Humanity](#)

**RESCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7**



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sponsorship guide](#)

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events.

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The next project work the Club will take on is "Brush With Kindness" for Habitat for Humanity. This wonderful effort will involve building wheelchair ramps for those people who cannot get out of their own homes due to stairs or steps on the entry ways.

**With enough people, it should be a "Done in a Day" project. Good feelings for your work should be priceless and will last much longer than one day!**

Chair Shannon Williamson will explain more at upcoming meetings but plan now to give "Service Above Self" to someone who needs you.

Watch this video from Lincolnshire on their involvement in the "Brush With Kindness" program. It will convince you to come out and help with our first Habitat "Brush with Kindness" project, rescheduled for **Saturday, November 7.**

A Brush With Kindness



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[VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS](#)

## Nominations Requested for Coveted VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS



In recognition of "Service Above Self," the Rotary Club of Beaumont will recognize and honor individuals who exemplify a "service above self" attitude in their vocation on Wednesday, November 18.

These coveted awards are given annually to **community members who demonstrate exceptional service, honesty, and friendliness in performing their jobs.** Some past recipients describe receiving this honor as "a treasure," "very special," and "the only time I've received anything like this."

With the chosen date so near Thanksgiving, it will be a wonderful time to give thanks for the good work of others in our community.

We appreciate your support of this honor with your nominations of deserving people who you have come in contact with through your business transactions. Please submit your nomination to Jane Burns at email [jane@wdjcpa.com](mailto:jane@wdjcpa.com) by **Friday, November 6, 2015.**

[Link here to the document and submit your nomination now.](#)

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[Show Your Colors Flag Project](#)

**"Show Your Colors" on November 11**







### **Save the Date to Show Your Colors!**

We need some good men and women to post the flags for Veteran's Day. Mark your calendar now so you don't make other plans for that morning!

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### 2015 Holiday Party

#### **Save The Date for the 2015 Holiday Party!**



Thank you for the great response to our survey regarding your preferences on the annual Holiday Party. Based on a significant majority of the responses, the Holiday Party will be **Tuesday, December 15 at the Lamar University Reception Center, Mary & John Gray Library, 8th Floor.** Social will begin at 6:00, followed by dinner at 6:30 and an entertaining program. Tickets will be \$50 per person and will go on sale in November.

Mark your calendar now for this "don't miss" event!

### Board Action

## **BOARD ACTION**



The Board of Directors has announced membership changes.

#### **RESIGNATIONS WITH REGRETS**

Jim Rich  
Brian Schlesinger

#### **TERMINATION:**

Darlene Jackson

Secretary Ryan Smith announced other Board action also:

- Approved changes to the meeting schedule for the 2015 holidays; there will not be a Wednesday Noon meeting on December 23 or December 30.
- Approved the Club taking part in the Salvation Army Kettle Drive in December.
- Approved pursuing a project with other clubs in District 5910 on an International Global Grant to fund 40 water wells in Nicaragua.

The next Board meeting is November 17 and any member is welcome to attend.

In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8), please submit written objections related to the aforementioned within 10 days (of October 21) to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection.

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[New Members Welcomed](#)

**New Members Welcomed to the Club!**



Rotarians gave a standing ovation to welcome Mary Jane Benning as a new member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. President Pat Anderson posed with her and her sponsor, Douglas Fair. Mary Jane is Executive Director of the Neches River Festival, and is proud to share that she attended Rotary meetings as a youngster when her father, Mark Steinhagen, was a member and President of our Club. Welcome, Mary Jane!



It was a pleasure for President Pat Anderson (pictured left) to welcome Mark Hall to membership in the Rotary Club of Beaumont. Mark is Resident Director of Merrill Lynch and fellow Rotarians were amazed to learn that he is a mountain-climber having conquered Mount Kilimanjaro! His next goal is Mount Aconcagua in Chile. Field trip anyone? Proud to have you in the club, Mark!

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### Can You Help?

## **ROTARACT & INTERACT LEADING SERVICE PROJECT**



Interact and Rotaract clubs are joining together to pack toiletry bags for local youth rescued from human trafficking. Please help by saving small personal care items such as soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, ponytail bands, combs, and hairbrushes. You can bring donations to any meeting and we will see that it is given to the youth organizations.

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### 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  
Sylvester Hill  
Cynthia Wolf

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

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### Birthdays



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



**Chad Mason**

October 28



**Paul Skinner**

October 29



**Janet Walker**

October 29



**Travis Brewer**

October 31



**Toby Castro**

October 31



**Dean Conwell**

October 31



**Connie Browning**

November 1



**Allen Lea**

November 2

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## PROGRAM REVIEW

**October 21, 2015**

## "Functions of the District Clerk's Office & Changes to Come"



**Jamie Smith**

**Jefferson County District Clerk**

by Chris Ayers

Jamie Smith is the District Clerk for Jefferson County and discussed the roles and operations of that department with our club. The Clerk is an elected position who serves 4 year terms and is the custodian of all court pleadings and papers. This means that they are responsible for all documents from the court, act as records manager and are responsible for collecting court fines and fees. They also collect data and serve as a data manager but are most widely known for acting as the administrator of juries and jury summons.

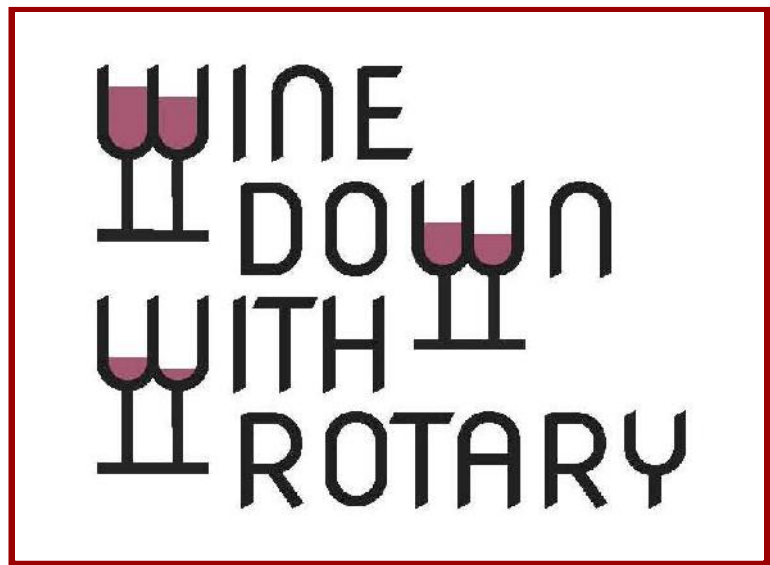
Beginning in 2016, residents of Jefferson County will have the option to empanel and qualify for jury duty online thru a new system titled I-Jury. This initiative will save citizen's time and energy and save the municipality money – upwards of \$600 each day.

The mission of the District Clerk is to efficiently and effectively service the requests and requirements of the people of Beaumont while providing accountable and friendly customer service.

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We are very grateful to the many Rotarians and friends who are sponsors and underwriters for the event, and promised to acknowledge their generosity throughout the month of October. Please click on image below to read it full screen, and patronize these businesses if appropriate and otherwise express thanks to those individuals who made such significant donations.

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