



## SPEAKERS

Nov 04, 2015

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

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service

Nov 04, 2015

[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Kristie Young on](#)

Heart Association's "Heart of Rock N Roll" 5K]

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

Dec 09, 2015

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

Dec 09, 2015

## ROTARYGRAMS

**November 4, 2015**

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## STORIES

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**November 4, 2015**



**Wayne Prokopetz**

**Superintendent**

**and**

**Josh Springer**

**Big Thicket National Preserve**

"Life of all types abounds in the Big Thicket. This national preserve protects the incredible diversity of life found where multiple habitats converge in southeast Texas. Hiking trails and waterways meander

[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

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through nine different ecosystems, from longleaf pine forests to cypress-lined bayous. It is a place of discovery, a place to wander and explore, a place to marvel at the richness of nature."

-from website: <http://www.nps.gov/bith/index.htm>

Superintendent Prokopetz will give a short introduction to the National Park Service (NPS) and Big Thicket National Preserve (BITH) and Josh Stringer will talk on the NPS/BITH Centennial Program.

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## [Head Table](#)

### Head Table for November 4



#### Invocation:

**John Paschall**

President/CEO

Better Business Bureau of

Southeast Texas



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

**Joe Evans, Jr.**

General Manager

Beaumont Occupational Services



#### Introduction of Guests:

**Regina Lindsey**

CEO/President

Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

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#### Introduction of Guest Speaker:

**Bruce Walker**

Executive Director

Big Thicket Association

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#### ROTARIAN OF THE DAY:

**Kristie Young**

Associate Director of Development  
Lamar University

on the "American Heart Walk"

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## Calendar of Events

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

NOVEMBER	
November 5	Membership Committee meeting, Noon, Room 216 of the Elegante; BYOB
November 7	Service Project workday on "Brush with Kindness" project with Habitat for Humanity
November 10	Foundation Board of Trustees meeting at Edison Plaza
November 11	"Show Your Colors" Flag Project for Veterans Day
November 17	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45am; The Beaumont Club
November 17	Rotary After Hours at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas: 5:30-7:00pm
November 19	Rotaract-Interact-Club Mixer at West Brook High School; 6:00pm
November 25	NO MEETING AT ELEGANTÉ

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## VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

**Deadline approaching!**

**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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**[DONE IN A DAY Project Helping Habitat for Humanity](#)**

## **RESCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 7**



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 Wednesday' meeting 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



[Sign Up](#)

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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. If you have committed to Pat Anderson, you are scheduled; if you have not yet done so, please phone the Rotary Office at 409-842-1913. We need you!

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[2015 Holiday Party](#)

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



**HOLIDAY PARTY 2015**

## **BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD!**

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 are on sale now [through the online reservations \(click here\)](#). Of course, you may also make your reservations and purchase tickets at any upcoming meeting.

As is our custom, the President Nominee will be announced on this special occasion. Mark your calendar now for this "don't miss" event!

### Can You Help?

**DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18**  
**ROTARACT & INTERACT 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, **focusing on deodorant and mouthwash.**

You can bring donations to any meeting or directly to the Rotary office, and we will see that it is given to the youth organizations.

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### Kelly Interact Project

#### **Kelly Interact Club**



Kelly Interact Students created a pumpkin masterpiece and shared the picture with us. You've got to admit - it is a very creative idea to make a movie snack tray of popcorn, root beer, and M&Ms!

### 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!

Bobbie Applegate  
Lee Freeland  
Sylvester Hill

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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



**Allen Lea**

November 2



**Henry Venta**

November 3



**Tom Heilman**

November 6



**Mellie Bevilacqua**

November 6



**Euric Fuselier**

November 7



**John Worthington**

November 7



**Charles "Chuck" Mason, Jr.**

November 8



**Mary Jane Benning**

November 9

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## Beaumont Rotarians are Honored by Capital One



"Capital One announced its fifth annual Capital One Community Spotlight Award recipients, Charles and Becky Mason. The Award recognizes business leaders whose leadership and involvement in the community has had a significantly positive impact."

Of course, we know the Masons as our club members and Rotarians who have also made significant impact on our Club, District 5910, and the entire Rotary International organization through their leadership and generosity.

Congratulations, Becky and Chuck! Thank you for all you do.

photo & information excerpted from The Beaumont Business Journal,  
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[Sympathy to Rotarians](#)



We extend deepest sympathy to Rotarian  
**Lum Edwards, III**  
on the loss of his mother  
**Mary Ann Edwards**  
**October 12, 1934-October 24, 2015**  
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We extend deepest sympathy to Rotarian  
**Robert J. Robertson**  
on the loss of his daughter  
**Sara Colleen Robertson Scofield**  
**August 16, 1963-October 25, 2015**  
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We extend deepest sympathy to Rotarian  
**Lon Fleps**  
on the loss of his mother  
**Doris Elizabeth Gober Felps**  
**April 16, 1926-October 29, 2015**  
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Program Review

**PROGRAM REVIEW**  
**Week of October 26-30, 2015**

**"Rotary Goes Home"**



**Michael Perez**  
**Chairman**

The hosts rolled out the red carpets and welcomed Rotarians and guests into their homes with warm hospitality!

The photos tell the story of the fun and fellowship enjoyed by all and you need to see them - [click here](#).

Our gracious hosts were Becky and Chuck Mason, Sheree and Vernon Pierce, Elizabeth and Gene Arnold, Lori and Allan Higgins, Lynn and Kris Castle, Connie and Paul Szuch, and Mellie and Sam Bevilacqua.

Cynthia and Michael Wolf arranged for a lunch gathering at the Beaumont Club for those who could not make an evening event. She wrote a narrative of the day including, *"Seventeen Rotarians and one Guest enjoyed conversation at three tables of six and getting to know one another better during Table Talk and during Introductions, and creating a Rotary memory captured in our Group Picture which recorded the attendance."*

Wherever "Rotary Goes Home" was held, a good time was had by all!

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