



SPEAKERS

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

[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 16, 2015

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Dec 23, 2015

ROTARYGRAMS

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

November 18, 2015

**"With Thanks for Exceptional
People and Service"**



Vocational Excellence Awards

Described by some as their favorite program of the year, the Vocational Excellence Awards recognize those in our community who diligently go about the performance of their duties in their profession and do so in extraordinary ways.

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Happy Holidays!

Dec 30, 2015

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Happy New Year!

Jan 13, 2016

[RYLA Team of Sudela, Cherry, Perez, Pierce, & more](#)

Inspirational Moments and Wonderful Memories from RYLA 2016

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[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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Perhaps it is additional care, concern, or assistance they give, or just they way the person goes "above and beyond" in the service to others, but each one stands out as deserving of recognition for their outstanding performance of their job.

Rotarians will give deserved recognition of the excellent work and give thanks for exceptional vocational service of others in our community.

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Head Table for November 18



Invocation:

Jim Baxter

RCIA Director

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church



Pledges to the USA & Texas Flags:

Dana Timaeus

Managing Partner

The Timaeus Law Firm, PLLC



Introduction of Guests:

Scot Babineaux

Owner

Scot Babineaux Insurance Agency

[Calendar of Events](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

NOVEMBER	
November 17	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 am; The Beaumont Club
November 17	Rotary After Hours at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas; 5:30-7:00 pm
November 19	Rotaract-Interact-Rotary Mixer at West Brook High School; 6:00 pm
November 25	NO MEETING AT ELEGANTÉ

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DeShong
& Juncker,
L.L.P.



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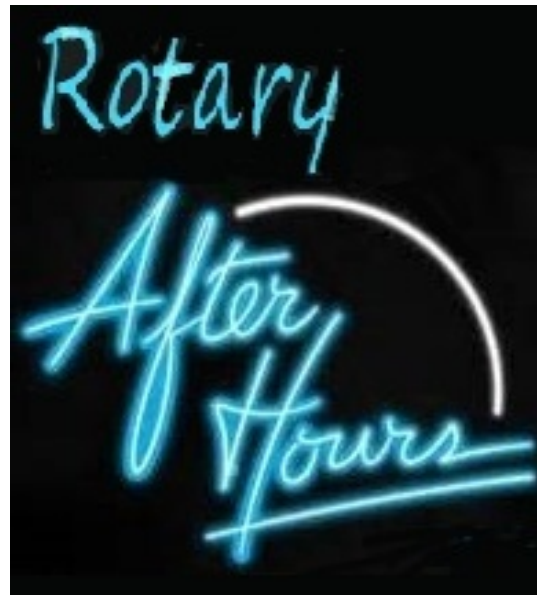
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December 1	New Member Orientation; 4:00 p.m.; Eleganté Room 218
December 2	Foundation Board of Trustees; 1:00; Diplomat IV
December 4	Service Project workday on "Brush with Kindness" project with Habitat for Humanity
December 5	Salvation Army Bell-Ringing at Parkdale Mall
December 9	Election of Board Members and Foundation Trustee
December 15	Holiday Party at Lamar Library; \$50 per person (advance reservation only)
December 16	No meeting at the Eleganté

Rotary After Hours

GREAT PLACE, GREAT FRIENDS!



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

**Tuesday, November 17
5:30-7:00 p.m.
at the
Art Museum
of Southeast Texas**



DONE IN A DAY Project Helping Habitat for Humanity

SCHEDULED!



The next project work the Club will undertake on **Friday, December 4** is "Brush With Kindness" for Habitat for Humanity. This wonderful effort will involve building a wheelchair ramp for someone who needs better and safer access to their home.

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

Chair Shannon Williamson asks you to plan now to give "Service Above Self" to someone who needs you. [Please indicate when you can work by signing up here.](#)

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 **Friday, December 4!**

A Brush With Kindness



Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive**Call to "Service Above Self"**

Rotarians are committed to Service Above Self and what better way to give service to our community than by taking part in the traditional Red Kettle Drive of the Salvation

Army.

Let's do it! Let's join together and staff a day of bell-ringing at a kettle at Parkdale Mall. Chair **Michele Cobb** is asking for you to volunteer for a shift on Saturday, December 5. Bring friends, bring family - it's a great time to bring a prospective new member as well and have a good time doing something good for others!

Sign Up

[Give a Gift](#)

Give a Gift to Someone You'll Never Meet



That's right. You can personally underwrite the donation of a layette bag for a mother and child in Nicaragua and though you will never meet them, you can be assured that your gift is much appreciated.

For only a \$50 donation per bag, we will purchase all the required items and see that it reaches someone who needs a hand up.

Make your donation at a meeting and we will supply a gift card so you can let someone know you made the donation in their honor this holiday season!

Thanks for your support!

[2015 Holiday Party](#)

Make Your Reservation for the Holiday Party!



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 the custom, the President Nominee will be announced on this special occasion. **Mark your calendar now for this "don't miss" event to celebrate the holiday!**

Holiday Gift-Giving

Give the Gift of Books this Holiday!



The holiday season puts everyone in the gift-giving spirit and you, too, can contribute a valuable gift to young people in

our community.

When you attend the Holiday Party (or before if you cannot attend) bring a new book as a gift for a child. It can be any reading level up to about grade 5. We will collect the books and donate to the Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club for their after-school program when children are encouraged to do their schoolwork and have the opportunity to read or play.

You will be putting a smile on a child's face and share the love of reading!

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Can You Help?

DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 18 TO DONATE ITEMS
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. **We have not collected many items yet so please look in your vanity drawers and cabinets for items you can donate and bring them this week.**

Spotlight



**Beaumont Rotarians
to be Honored
as One of the
"40 Under 40"**



Amber Clark
Amber Woods
Andrew McClusky
Angela Hill
April Tolbert
Becky Romero
James "Blue" Broussard
Bobby Beaver
Brandon Fisher
Cade Bernsen
Charlee Hanna-Rule
Chrissie Mouton
Christopher Bates
Clifford Chance
Danial Carlson
Danielle Nettles
Derek McWilliams
Derrick Freeman
Farrah Severs Young
Forest Hamilton

Garrett Syphrett
Michael Garrison Fuller
Jacob Wills
Jessica Depew
Joshua Davis
Justin Bumsted
Kimberly Cao
Kris Jenkins
Lauren Thieme
Lionel Berry
Marcelo Molfino
Mellie Bevilacqua
Nakisha Burns
Nancy Correa
Natalie Johns
Rachel Grove
Sheigh Summerlin Rhoades
Teri Hawthorne
Tyler Henneke
Zeke Hill



[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
Craig Lively

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

[Birthdays](#)



Jeff Beaver
November 19



Jim Broussard
November 20



Tim Gaddis
November 20



Brandon Fisher
November 21



Kevin Dodson
November 22



Ross Jones
November 22

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PROGRAM REVIEW

November 11, 2015

**"Honoring the Service
of Veterans"**



Colonel Gregory Baine

by John Neely

Veterans Day was the honored theme of our Rotary Meeting today during which each branch of our Armed Forces - Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and the Coast Guard - were given special recognition.

Our Rotary Speaker today, Veterans Day, November 11th, was Colonel Gregory Baine, US Army. Colonel Baine was introduced by Mayor Becky Ames.

Colonel Baines opened his presentation with a video clip from former President Ronald Reagan in which he expressed his profound respect for the men and women who serve in our Armed Forces.

Colonel Baines then quoted Teddy Roosevelt's impassioned speech wherein he emphasized that (paraphrased), "Credit should never be given to the critics, but to the individuals who have chosen to enter the arena."

Throughout his presentation, Colonel Baine praised our Armed Forces and repeatedly mentioned "respect, honor, commitment" along with "freedom, hope, and gratitude" and he challenged all to "reflect on what it means to be an American."

The Colonel mentioned various "theaters" such as Lexington, Gettysburg, North Africa, Sicily, France, Europe, the South Pacific, Inchon, Viet Nam, Grenada, Panama, Bosnia, Kosovov, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran and more.

Colonel Baines also spoke of the price that has, is, and will

be paid, not only by veterans, but also by the families of veterans, past, present, and future. "These are the guardians of freedom, opportunity, and hope."

Colonel Baines stated that "being prepared for war is the BEST way to move toward peace" and that the United States of America is "the Land of the free, because of the brave."

Salute to all veterans and their families!

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