



## SPEAKERS

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

NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE

Happy Holidays!

Dec 30, 2015

NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE

Happy New Year!

Jan 06, 2016

Meeting location will NOT be the Elegante -

Watch for more announcements on location and speaker.

Jan 13, 2016

RYLA Team of Sudela, Cherry, Perez, Pierce, & more

## ROTARYGRAMS

**December 9, 2015**

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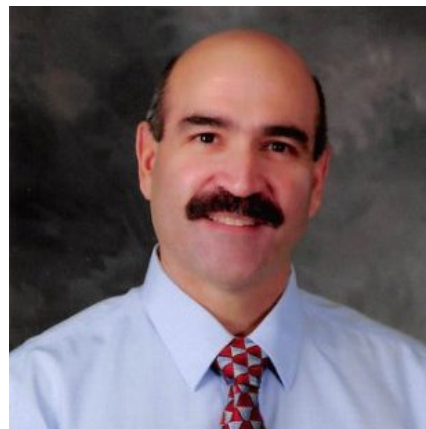
## STORIES

This Week's Program

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**December 9, 2015**

**"What Do You Do When Confronting an Active Shooter?"**



**Ken Carona**

**Sergeant, Port Arthur Police Department**

## Inspirational Moments and Wonderful Memories from RYLA 2016

Jan 27, 2016

[William "Bud" Oliver,  
President/CEO, YMCA of SETX](#)

The Future Looks Bright for the  
YMCA of Southeast Texas

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[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

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club  
Jan 26, 2016 11:45 AM

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No one wants to think it is a possibility, but all too frequently now there are situations that require citizens to know what to do to live through a situation with an active shooter. It is a horrible thought, but as recently as last week, it was confirmed again that this a new reality here in the United States. One can no longer take safety and security for granted or be complacent about knowing how to handle the worst of situations.

We are fortunate to have secured Sergeant Ken Carona as our speaker. Sgt. Carona has been actively teaching the public about ways to remain safe in the most dangerous of situations. He is the Public Information/Media officer with the Port Arthur Police Department where he has been employed for thirty-one years. Sgt. Carona is a trained Critical Incident Stress Management team member.

Regrettably, this is serious, timely and pertinent information. It is not meant to frighten; it is meant to equip you with life-saving information. Be present to listen and learn.

**The meeting on Wednesday will be in the Fountainview Room. If you are planning to bring a number of guests with you, please let the Rotary Office know so that we can arrange for additional seating. Call 409-842-1913. Thank you.**

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## Head Table

### Head Table for December 9



#### Invocation:

**Joshua Taub**  
Rabbi  
Temple Emanuel



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

**Steve Gilbert**  
Marketing & Public Relations  
Manager  
Sour Lake Motor Company



#### Introduction of Guests:

**Sheree Pierce**  
Director of Neighborhood  
Ministries  
Wesley United Methodist Church

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## Introduction of Speaker:

**George Pate**

Client Relations/Sales

Beaumont Occupational Service

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## Calendar of Events

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

<b>December 9</b>	<b>Election of Board Members and Foundation Trustee</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Membership Committee; Noon; AMSET</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 am; The Beaumont Club</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Holiday Party at Lamar Library; \$50 per person (advance reservation only)</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>No meeting at the Elegante</b>
<b>December 23</b>	<b>No meeting at the Elegante</b>
<b>December 30</b>	<b>No meeting at the Elegante</b>

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## Election

### Elections to Take Place on December 9



The election of four new Board members and one Foundation trustee will take place at the meeting on Wednesday, December 9. In order to exercise your right to vote, you must be in attendance.

A sample ballot can be reviewed by linking on the image (right) or below:

## SAMPLE BALLOT

**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT - 2015 ELECTION FOR 2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 Please vote for 8 nominees.

 <b>Jim Baxter</b> A member since October 28, 2009 RCA Director St. Luke The Evangelist Catholic Church Classification: "Religion-Catholic Education"	 <b>Judy Kellstrom</b> A member since September 5, 2007 Certified Life Minister First United Methodist Church Classification: "Religion-Methodist"	 <b>Shannon Williamson</b> A member since September 3, 2014 Branch Manager American Personnel & Temp. Co. Classification: "Professional Services - Management"
 <b>Nakisha Burns</b> A member since February 12, 2018 Special Assistant to the Superintendent Beaumont Independent School District Classification: "Education-Public Schools-Public Schools"	 <b>Allen Lee</b> A member since July 27, 2011 Executive Director Harris County Museum & Historical Society Classification: "Museums - Historical Society"	 <b>Jane Burns</b> A member since September 2, 2010 CNA Partner Western, Longevity & Senior, LLP Classification: "Business Services - Accounting"
 <b>Kathleen Alsup</b> A member since February 28, 2014 Environmental Consultant K&C Consulting LLC Classification: "Consulting Services - Environmental Engineering"	 <b>Joe Domingo</b> A member since January 13, 2005 CEO, Energy Transfer Partners Classification: "Public Utilities-Electricity"	<b>OPTIONAL WRITE IN</b> You may nominate up to two additional members not listed here for a total of 8 votes. (Please print legibly.)

**BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION - 2016-2019 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES**  
 Please vote for 3 nominees.

 <b>Cindy Cherry</b> A member since August 27, 2008 Superintendent Jefferson County Adult Probation Classification: "Government-County-Corrections"	 <b>Marcia Crane</b> A member since April 13, 2005 District Judge U.S. District Court Classification: "Law-Judiciary-U.S. District Judge"	 <b>Talbert Chism</b> A member since July 25, 2012 Trustee The Modern Group Classification: "Manufacturing-Industrial Equipment"
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**OPTIONAL WRITE IN** - You may nominate one member not listed here for the Foundation Board of Trustees. (Please print.)

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### 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!**

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### 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 grade 5 or 6. [You will find a list of some of the requested titles by clicking here.](#)

We will collect the books and donate to the Family Resource Center. You will be putting a smile on a child's face and share the love of reading!

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### 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!

We will make this opportunity available after the holidays, but offer it now for those interested in the gift-giving option.

Thanks for your support!

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### Amazon Smile

### **Holiday Shopping**



We encourage "shopping local" whenever you can but if this holiday finds you doing some online shopping and you plan to purchase through Amazon, please sign up and use an Amazon Smile account.

Anything purchased through AmazonSmile earns 0.5% for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation.

It's easy to start a "Smile" account. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/>. Afterwards, when you start ordering, make sure you log-in through smile.amazon.com instead of Amazon.com for your purchases to add to the Foundations's credits.

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### New Members Welcomed

### **New Member Welcomed to the Club!**



One of the newest Rotarians in the world is Jim Malain! Jim is in Claims Management with Entergy, and is eager to get involved and give Service Above Self. (He immediately volunteered and helped with bell-ringing on Saturday!) Jim was welcomed to the club by President Pat Anderson as he was presented with his membership certificate and Rotary lapel pin. Joining Jim (pictured on the right) was John Weitzel, his sponsor. Welcome, Jim!

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### DONE IN A DAY Project Helping Habitat for Humanity

### **Great Job, Rotarians!**

**The need is noted:****The work begins:****Success!**

Friday, December 4 was a wonderful day! The weather was perfect for an outdoor workday, and Rotarians were eager to get it done! With both skilled and unskilled volunteers, the team worked shoulder-to-shoulder to construct a large ramp with a 180-degree turn mid-way. The finished project looks fabulous and functions well. Nothing feels better than a day of good hard work with friends!

Thank you to Shannon Williamson for organizing the project in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and recruiting volunteer workers. Thank you to all the Rotarians who gave Service Above Self to a worthy project. [See all the photos of the day by linking here.](#)

Michael Perez



Danielle Faraci	Jay Wilson
Tim Sudela	Jeff Beaver
Michele Cobb	Ted Moor (& Barbara)
Regina Lindsey	Matt McCallon

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### Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive

#### **Another Great Job, Rotarians!**



Parkdale Mall was an exciting place to be on Saturday, December 5th! Many people were out doing holiday shopping, and members of the Rotary Club of Beaumont were out helping with the Salvation Army Red Kettle drive.

Every shift reported having a good time and good response with coins making a great noise as they hit the bottom of the kettle. Douglas Fair brought his talent to the scene and enticed some donations by entertaining shoppers with sounds of the season!

Thank you to **Michele Cobb** for organizing this project and recruiting the volunteers. Thanks also go the **Shannon Williamson** for overseeing the day of work.

Thank you to those who volunteered:

Fred Kristiansen	Alan Sampson
Rene Greenwald	Cindy Cherry
John Quigley	Lynn Castle
Steve McDonald	John Weitzel
Ann Scoggin	Jim Malain
Pat Anderson	Doug Fair
Glenn McWherter (and son)	Mary Jane Benning
Tim Sudela (and Casey)	Bel Lamb
Scott Hatcher (and family)	Charlie Foxworth (and family)
Steve Gilbert	Shannon Williamson

**THANK YOU, ROTARIANS!**

[\(Photos available here.\)](#)

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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

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*Please let us know of others to be included in our weekly good wishes article.*  
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### [Birthdays](#)



**Jason Kuchera**

December 7



**Chris Ayers**

December 8



**Evelyn Lord**

December 8



**Marcia Crone**

December 12

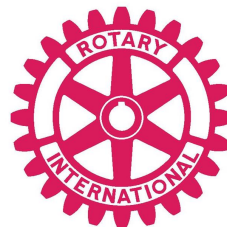
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**[Know a Young Professional?](#)**

# Rotaract

## Rotary Club Partner



Do YOU know a young professional between 18-30 years old? The Beaumont Rotaract Club is looking for new members who want to serve their community.

If you know someone with a heart for service, please email Lionel at [lberry@co.jefferson.tx.us](mailto:lberry@co.jefferson.tx.us) with that individual's contact information. OR invite them to attend the next meeting on December 8th at 12pm at the Beaumont Club (590 Orleans Street, Beaumont).

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### Dues Invoices

**THANK YOU FOR PROMPT PAYMENTS!**



Invoices for January-June 2016 dues will be sent this week and payment is due by January 1. There will be a link built into the emailed invoice so you need only click on the link in order to be automatically directed to your personal payment page. Please watch your email inbox.

Printed copies will be mailed to those who have requested that form of invoicing; call the Rotary Office at 409-842-1913 now if you do not have that directive in place.

You are asked to please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation for "Service Above Self" at the same time. Your generous donation helps to fund the many projects of the club in our community. Simply add the extra donation to your dues payment and **do so before December 31 if you would like the deduction in 2015.**

If you would like to process your payment right away, please click on the image above and you will be automatically directed to the secure payment page. And if you would like to mail your check, please send to:

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Program Review

## **PROGRAM REVIEW**

**December 2, 2015**

### **"Reviewing the 2015 Lamar Football Season"**



#### **Cardinal Football Ends Emotional Year**

by John Neely

Today's Rotary speaker was Doctor Ray Woodard, Lamar Cardinals Football Coach.

Ray Woodard is one of the very few college head coaches to have earned a doctorate degree. Dr. Woodard was eloquently introduced by W.L. Pate who elaborated on the many accomplishments of Ray Woodard.

Ray characterized this past year as the most emotional season of his career:

- winning in Waco;
- winning over Sam Houston;
- rotating the play-time of two significantly injured quarterbacks;
- losing the Homecoming game; and
- finishing the season at 8-4.

Recruitment for next year is going "very well, and (the coaching staff) will continue to work on the quarterback situation." Initial recruitment is based on the players talents. Having said that, Ray went on to say that the potential recruit is then evaluated during a "home-visit." Equally important to their talent is how the recruit treats and interacts with their family and community.

When asked about athletes academic achievement, Ray



mentioned that newer NCAA rules require that the athletes achieve at least 20% of their degree/course-work each year in order to be eligible to play. The two "big money games" for 2016 and 2017 will be University of Houston and North Texas.



Accompanying "Doc" Woodard, and listening intently, was Kade Harrington. Kade played his first two seasons with the Cardinals while injured. This year, Kade was named as one of 3 finalist for the FCS Player of the Year!

With pride, Ray spoke of having the top rushing defense. Listening to the Head Coach speak, anyone could tell that he is very comfortable with his coaching staff as well as the core of his players.

You could feel his optimism about the 2016 season.

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