



Speakers

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

[Regina Lindsey, President, Bmt Chamber of Commerce](#)

Great Things Ahead for Beaumont!

Jan 13, 2016

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

Inspirational Moments and Wonderful Memories from RYLA 2016

Jan 20, 2016

[Meeting location will NOT be the Elegante -](#)

Watch for more announcements on location and speaker.

ROTARYGRAMS

December 16, 2015
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[This Week's Program](#)

PROGRAM PREVIEW

December 16, 2015

There will not be a meeting on December 16 as we will enjoy the Holiday Party on December 15.

Jan 20, 2016

[Alan Coleman, DDS and former City Councilman](#)

A Healthy Southeast Texas.in 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

Sponsors

We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



Wathen,
DeShong
& Juncker,
L.L.P.



Tuesday, December 15

6:00 p.m.

Mary & John Gray Library, Lamar University

Reservations only.

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Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

December 15	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 am; The Beaumont Club
December 15	Holiday Party at Lamar Library; 6:00 p.m. social followed by dinner at 6:30; reservations only
December 16	No meeting at the Eleganté
December 23	No meeting at the Eleganté
December 30	No meeting at the Eleganté
December 31	January - June 2016 dues are due.

Holiday Gift-Giving

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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 (before or after if you are not attending) 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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Election

Members Elected to Boards



On December 9, the membership elected four Rotarians to serve on the Club's Board of Directors and one new trustee for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2016.

ELECTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jim Baxter



Nakisha Burns



Joe Domino



Shannon Williamson

ELECTED TO FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Cindy Cherry

CONGRATULATIONS!

[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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[Project is Success!](#)

A GARDEN GROWING MORE THAN VEGETABLES!

The vegetable garden at Nutrition and Services for Seniors is a true example of teamwork by a very diverse group of people. The fifteen 5' x 20' cinder block forms for each bed were constructed by Rotary club members and various volunteers.





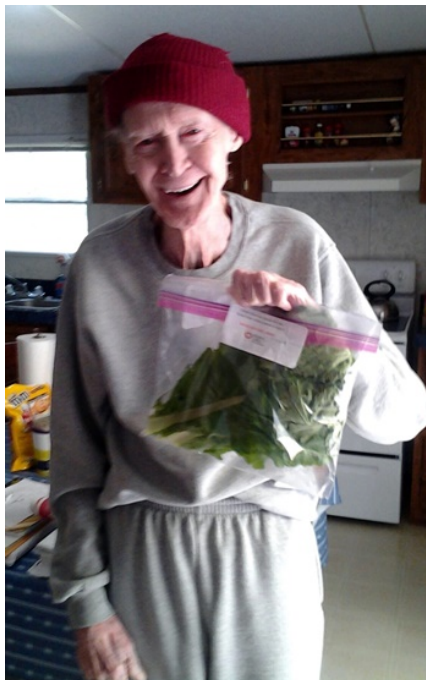
The beds were prepared and filled with soil by Probationers who needed community services hours. Just a side note, most of the volunteers were women! BPD officer Todd Legendre and his driver Darin Long brought prisoners from Jefferson County Correctional Facility to mow grass, paint the storage shed and will return as needed to help with the planned expansion of the garden.

Jefferson County Adult Probation will continue their involvement with this ongoing project and the opportunity it provides for Probationers to gain a sense of accomplishment by contributing to something that they can be proud of.

Melinda Conner with Adult Probation has been instrumental in the progress made at the garden and will continue to work with Elaine, Toni and Tony to make this project a success.



The first harvest is plentiful!



Much happiness is apparent in this friend's face as she is one of the first homebound to receive fresh-from-the-garden veggies.

"Thank you to Rotary for helping bring our garden to life! What a joy it is to watch it grow! As of now we have supplied 42 of our homebound with fresh from the garden veggies. Thank you for partnering with us for this wonderful project. You have truly made a difference!"

Elaine Shellenberger
Executive Director

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive

Another Great Job, Rotarians!



It's all for the benefit of others but everyone still likes to learn of the successful outcome of work completed. The Rotary Kettle bell-ringing on December 5 was VERY successful!

Rotary collected a whopping **\$792.79!** Last year, we collected \$709, and in 2013, \$574. A normal/average total for a Saturday at that very door is about \$325, and a really good day rarely tops \$400. So, if you helped in the effort, give yourself a pat on the back! You did a really good thing for others. You did "Service Above Self!"

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

Thank you again 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!

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

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
Jay Johnson

Welcome, Little Ones!



Millie Jane Jones

Daughter of Rotarian Ross Jones
Welcomed to the world on December 12, 2015



Harrison James McCabe

Grandson & Godson of Rotarians Sharon & Roger McCabe
Welcomed to the world on October 13, 2015

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

[Birthdays](#)



Bert Smith

December 15



Derrick Barber

December 16



Joyce Hafford

December 16



Richard Bothel

December 17



John Quigley

December 18



Matt McCallon

December 21



Connie Szuch

December 21

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[Dues Invoices](#)

THANK YOU FOR PROMPT PAYMENTS!



Invoices for January-June 2016 dues were sent and payment is due by January 1. There is 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 check your email inbox and if you are not seeing it, please check your "spam" folder. Call the Rotary office if you need another copy emailed to you.

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 9, 2015

**"What Can You Do in the
Event of an Active Shooter"**



Sergeant Ken Carona

Port Arthur Police Department

by Bobbie Applegate

Sgt Carona's police career spans 34 years, the last 31 with the Port Arthur Police Department. He has been trained to educate police officers and civilians on what they can do to minimize the number of deaths when there is an active shooter or shooters (Columbine, San Bernardino).

One of the things that has been created by the media is that the "killers" become more known than the actual victims of the killings. It's the victims who are important, and we are creating an atmosphere where the killers are the focus of information.

In these horrific situations, most of the events are started and ended within two minutes. In two minutes, 600 rounds of ammunition can be fired. The average police time arriving on the scene is three minutes so with this in mind it is important for the intended victims to know how to stop the killing or escape from the killing.

A video was presented of one of the Columbine victims who was shot three times but survived. She was in the classroom where in nine minutes nine students and a teacher were killed before the gunman turned the gun on himself at the front of the classroom. She held her breath each time the killer passed her desk but still incurred injuries.

People go through three phases when confronted with this situation: Denial, Deliberation and Decisive Moments. In the Denial phase, people should trust their instincts when they hear something that is uncommon and not assume it is a truck backfiring. Hiding and hoping doesn't work for escaping the killer. As a person's cognitive processes start to slow down due to the stress, the intended victim should be aware of what is actually happening.

In the Deliberation stage, the first thing to do is try to calm

yourself so that you can help others. Try breathing calmly first and then approach others. Then consider your options of exiting from the area (avoid the idea that you have to go out the same way you came in. Look over the exits that are available even if you have to break a window. CALL 911.

Second step in deliberation is to deny entry to the shooter. Turn off the lights, lock all doors and see if an escape route is viable. The last step is Defend yourself. Think what you can do to position yourself to throw something at the shooter or harm the shooter. Consider all possible “weapons” available wherever you are. If someone has a concealed handgun license, a mindset of shoot to kill is needed.

FBI statistics show that active shooter events are rising every year with an average of 5 people killed, not counting the shooter. The shooters have no unique profiles other than male but the prevailing mindset is to have the largest body count available. The police response time is 3 minutes but if the average time of the shootings is two minutes, they will be unable to defend the initial killings. When the police do arrive, they do not know who is who and they need everyone to obey their commands. EMS and fire personnel are not allowed to enter until the police have secured the area.

Security costs money and speed in responding costs money. What is the cost of doing something about this now versus later? It’s a type of insurance cost. We all should be aware and be prepared as best we can if confronted with an active shooter. We need to change our thought processes about how we deal with these situations.

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