



Speakers

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 be Holiday Inn on Walden Rd.](#)

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

ROTARYGRAMS

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PROGRAM PREVIEW

December 23, 2015

**There will not be a meeting
on December 23.**

**President Pat Anderson
and the Board of Directors
wish you and your family
a safe, happy and peaceful holiday.**

Feb 10, 2016

[Professor Christina Wilbur, Lamar](#)

Corruption and the James Commission in
Beaumont in the 60's

Feb 17, 2016

["Rotary Has Heart!" with LAYETTES and
More!](#)

Annual Service Day

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The Beaumont Club

Jan 26, 2016 11:45 AM

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Calendar of Events

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

December 23	No meeting at the Eleganté
December 30	No meeting at the Eleganté; HAPPY NEW YEAR!
December 31	January - June 2016 dues are due.
January 6	First meeting of 2016!
January 18	Reservation count needed for lunch on Wednesday, Jan. 20; please phone 842-1913.
January 20	Meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on Walden Road

Office to Close for Holiday

ROTARY OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR HOLIDAY



The Rotary Office
will be closed
December 24 -25 and
December 31-January
1 for the holidays.

Please send an email
or leave a voicemail
message. Calls and
emails will be
monitored and
answered as soon
as possible.

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Printed copies were 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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If you need a printed copy of your invoice emailed or mailed to you, or a copy forwarded to another person/office, please phone the Rotary office at 409-842-1913.

A number of payments have been received already. Please help keep that momentum going as it saves the office staff a tremendous amount of time trying to collect late or delinquent payments. Thank you!

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Holiday Gift-Giving

Thank You for Your Generosity!



Michael Perez (pictured center back) was the "elf" who helped to deliver 100 books from Rotarians to the Family Resource Center as the Club's holiday donation this year.

These children, and many others, will enjoy hours of reading and imaginative fun as they experience the many, many books donated to the agency. Thank you to all who gave one or more of these literary treasures.

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Tickets Needed

RYLA Guest Tickets Needed



On January 13, the RYLA team and students will be officially welcomed home from their weekend experience and the club will get to hear about it. This is always a great program with a number of guests invited to attend, including the students and parents.

If you can spare a lunch ticket or two in order for us to graciously accommodate these guests, please donate at the January 6 meeting or send to the office at your convenience.

Thanks for your generous hospitality.

In the News

Vocational Excellence In the News

Rotary Club honors Beaumont workers for vocational excellence

BY KEVIN KING
Business Journal 12/17/15

The Rotary Club of Beaumont recognized 13 individuals from Beaumont for "Service Above Self" on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with Vocational Excellence Awards at the MCM Elegance.

The awards recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service, honesty and friendliness in performing their everyday jobs.

"Rotarians consider all vocations to be important to our community and that all vocations offer an opportunity to serve," said Jane Burns, Rotary Club member and vocational excellence committee chair. "The purpose of the event is to spread goodwill and recognize excellence. We give people a pat on the back that normally don't get that."

The Vocational Excellence Committee solicits nominations from Rotarians. Rotarians fill out a nomination form and the committee decides from the nominations who will receive the award for vocational excellence, Burns said.

Recipients were introduced by the Rotarian who nominated them, who then presented the Vocational Excellence Award.

Award recipients were Patsy Madson, a cashier at CVS on North Dowless Road, nominated by Connie Smith; Solida Harg, a baker at Happy Diner-Delux, nominated by Vernon Porter; Helena Carter, a volunteer for Habitat Humanity of Jefferson County, nominated by Shannon Williams; Kelly Boggs, food

service manager at 31-E-38 on N. Dowless Road, nominated by Lynn Curtis; Institute of Quality Shoe Repair, nominated by Michael Wills; Sun Bell, a waitress from The Grill by Arlene, nominated by Regina Lindsey; Doug Saunders, district for chief at Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 4, nominated by Rod Carroll; Jay Lamagne, co-owner of Tidalight Blue Print, nominated by Cynthia Wills; Nancy McMillan, vice president of operations at the BJB Serving Southeast Texas, nominated by John Puchall; Arndysa Goodson, front desk clerk at the Courtyard by Marriott, nominated by Brenda Gray; Heather Kugel, executive assistant/benefits coordinator at Mass Construction, nominated by Chad Mason; and Lori Dobbs, customer service representative at Third Coast Bank, nominated by Bill Landis.

The Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that works to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 billion Rotarians belong to more than 35,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

For more information about The Rotary Club of Beaumont, contact (409) 842-1913. The Rotary Club of Beaumont is at 2351 I-10 S. in Beaumont.

Rotarian Michael Wills reads his nomination for Albert and John Daniels of Quality Shoe Repair.



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Did you see the great article about the Club's Vocational Excellence Award presentation in the December issue of the **Beaumont Journal**? Nearly a full page, it describes these special honors and names all the presenters and recipients in detail while highlighting the good work of the Club as we promote excellence in the workplace.

Thank you to the Vocational Excellence Award Committee for your work to recognize others. Thank you to Kevin King, Business Editor, and the **Business Journal** for the publicity.

If you click on the image of the article above, a readable version will open in another window.

Kelly Interact Shares Holiday Spirit

Kelly Interact Sponsor Shares of Club's Gift of Charity





A few weeks ago about 13 Kelly Interact members plus three choir members met to stuff 300+ empty toilet rolls with chapstick, rubber Christmas bracelets, holiday candies, and more. They were wrapped with leftover wrapping paper donated by For Heaven Sake.

Last Thursday evening, an even larger group gathered again and went to St. Elizabeth Hospital and delivered those handcrafted treats to every nurses' station, floor-by-floor, including the Emergency Room. The older boys surprised custodial staff hard at work in every nook and cranny including the cafeteria. They sang Christmas carols and gave hugs to many. When they sang Silent Night, people cried. When the group reached the "baby" floor, where a family was gathered awaiting news of their first grandson, the grandparents requested a song and sang along with us. One male nurse hurriedly followed the group to the elevator to take a picture and tell the students what the simple act did for morale.

They were unbelievably kind to the staff and waved to patients, keeping quiet and respectful in serious areas and joyful and crazy when singing "Rudolf" with added words I did not know! I think they could have stayed all night.

Suzanne Lewis
Kelly Interact Faculty Advisor

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

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

Birthdays



Matt McCallon
December 21



Connie Szuch
December 21



Kristie Young
December 22



Sarah Thompson
December 28

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Neches River Festival

Do you know of a young lady entering the Neches River Festival as a princess in 2016?



If your daughter or granddaughter is a student at a Beaumont school, a graduating high school senior planning to take part in the festivities who would like to be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Beaumont, please submit her name by calling the Rotary Office (842-1913.) The Board of Directors will consider all submitted at the next meeting.

Speaker Information

Contact Information for Speaker

Several Rotarians who heard the presentation by Sergeant Ken Carona of the Port Arthur Police Department on December 9 have inquired about how to contact him to arrange for another group to hear his message. His presentation on how to deal with an active shooter situation was certainly one that needs to be repeated at all possible opportunities.



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Program Review

PROGRAM REVIEW

December 15, 2015

"2015 Holiday Party"



Becky Mason
Chairman

The annual Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 15 was awesome fun! The aroma of delicious food piqued the palate. Holiday sounds filled the room and warmed the hearts of 100 Rotarians, spouses, friends, and guests. The very enjoyable traditional holiday music and caroling was provided by the Beaumont Community Players and pianist Betty Duncan.

The big "reveal" of the evening was the announcement of the President Nominee of the Rotary Club of Beaumont: **Tim Sudela**. As President Nominee, Tim will assume office July 1 of 2017.



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