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Dec 07, 2016

[Tucker Ferguson, TX Department of Transportation](#)

Texas Highways Projects in Southeast Texas  
[MEETING WILL BE IN THE FOUNTAINVIEW ROOM]

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[ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF BOARD MEMBERS](#)

Dec 13, 2016

[Past President Chad Blanchard](#)

Holiday Party [NOTE: This is Tuesday evening; no meeting at the Elegante on Wednesday]

Dec 14, 2016

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

The 2016 Holiday Party on December 13 replaces this meeting

Dec 21, 2016

[NO MEETING](#)

Happy Holidays!

Dec 28, 2016

[NO MEETING](#)

Happy New Year!

Jan 04, 2017

[Vince Yuskiewicz, ExxonMobil Project Executive](#)

Good News for Beaumont: The ExxonMobile Beaumont Polyethylene Plant Expansion (BPEX)

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

Vicariously Enjoying the RYLA Experience!

## ROTARYGRAMS

**December 7, 2016**

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

**December 7, 2016**

**The meeting will be in the Fountainview Room.**



**Tucker Ferguson**

**Beaumont District Engineer**

**Texas Department of Transportation**

Reading the TxDOT Twitter feed makes a person tired. The posts about projects starting and finishing are numerous and the work of the Beaumont division of this state-wide agency is jaw-dropping. Of course, just a drive around the area confirms that TxDOT is at work everywhere!

Come hear from Tucker Ferguson, P.E. and District Engineer, and learn about what projects of TxDOT have

Jan 18, 2017

[Bill Davis, Author](#)

Criminal Cases You Cannot Forget

Jan 25, 2017

[TBA, Chair](#)

Rotary Goes to Work

Feb 01, 2017

[Jim Westgate](#)

Effects and Impact of Global Warming

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## Upcoming Events

[Holiday Party](#)

Mary and John Gray Library, 8th floor

Dec 13, 2016 6:00 PM

[2017 Large Club Conference](#)

Omni Nashville Hotel

Jan 22, 2017 – Jan 24, 2017

## Sponsors

We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



recently been complete, what projects are underway, and what is being studied for future improvements of your daily driving.

Tucker Ferguson, P.E., is the District Engineer for the Beaumont District of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). He is responsible for the management, direction and administration of all highway and bridge planning, design, construction and maintenance and operations programs for nearly 2,400 miles and 1,500 bridges in the eight county region of south east Texas (Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange and Tyler Counties).

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The annual election will take place at the beginning of the meeting. Members will elect four people to be seated on the Club's Board of Directors and one incoming Trustee to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation Board. **In order to be eligible to vote in the election, you must be in attendance at this meeting (no emailed ballots will be accepted), and a member in good-standing (i.e., July-December dues current).**

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### Head Table for December 7



**Invocation:**

**Pat Anderson**  
Sales  
Becker Printing



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

**Angela Baker**  
Retired



**Introduction of Guests:**

**Cindy Jeanis**  
Special Projects Coordinator  
Beaumont Police Department



**Introduction of Guest Speaker:**

**Larry Beaulieu**  
Retired

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### Annual Meeting for Election on December 7



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**On December 7, the membership will elect 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, 2017.**

To be eligible to be slated or nominated, "Nominees ... shall have been members of the club for at least two years, and shall have rendered at least one major service to the club. No one may serve more than three consecutive years as director, other than those serving as an officer for the year of that officer's term." (Bylaws, Article 3, Section 2)

Rotarians will vote for up to four people among the eight nominees for the Board, and for one of the three nominees for the Foundation position.

There will be lines for write-in candidates and nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting on December 7.

**YOU MUST BE PRESENT ON DECEMBER 7 TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION.**

Those who were nominated and agreed to serve on the Board of Directors if elected are:

Kathleen Alsup	Rob Glassey
Mellie Bevilacqua	Cindy Bloodsworth Jeanis
Brad Brown	Allen Lea
Jane Burns	Randy Shelton






Those who were nominated and agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation if elected are:

Phil Dunlap  
 Joe Fisher  
 Michael Wolf

A sample ballot is shown below, and a full-page image can be accessed by clicking on the image.




**ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT – 2016 ELECTION FOR 2017-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Please vote for 4 nominees.

 <p><b>Randy Shelton</b> A member since October 25, 2006 Judge 279<sup>th</sup> District Court Classification: "Law – Family Law"</p>	 <p><b>Allen Lea</b> A member since July 27, 2011 Executive Director McFaddin-Ward House Museum Classification: "Museums - Historic Homes"</p>	 <p><b>Jane Burns</b> A member since November 2, 2010 CPA-Partner Watthen, DeShong &amp; Juncker, LLP Classification: "Business Service - Accounting"</p>
 <p><b>Kathleen Alsop</b> A member since February 12, 2014 Environmental Consultant RSI Consulting, LLC Classification: "Consulting Services – Environmental Engineering"</p>	 <p><b>Rob Glassey</b> A member since November 16, 2011 Co-Owner/General Manager Armour General Contracting Classification: "Construction – Residential/Commercial"</p>	 <p><b>Mellie Bevilacqua</b> A member since October 29, 2014 Executive Director Foundation for Southeast Texas Classification: "Associations – Foundation for Southeast Texas"</p>
 <p><b>Cindy Jeanis</b> A member since March 27, 2013 Special Projects Coordinator Beaumont Police Department Classification: "Governmental Relations"</p>	 <p><b>Brad Brown</b> A member since August 18, 1993 Senior Vice President First Financial Trust &amp; Asset Management Company, N. A. Classification: "Business Service - Accounting Service"</p>	<p><b>OPTIONAL WRITE IN</b> You may nominate up to two additional members not listed here for a total of 4 votes. (Please print legibly.)</p>

**BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION - 2017-2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES**

Please vote for 1 nominee.

 <p><b>Phil Duniap</b> A member since August 26, 1998 Partner Wells, Peyton, Greenberg &amp; Hunt, LLP Classification: "Law – Title Law"</p>	 <p><b>Joe J. Fisher</b> A member since November 1, 1981 Principal Argent Trust Co., NA Classification: "Wealth Management"</p>	 <p><b>Michael Wolf</b> A member since October 8, 1986 Partner Wolf Bunt &amp; Associates Classification: "Brokerage – Financial Consulting"</p>
<p><b>OPTIONAL WRITE IN</b> - You may nominate <u>one</u> member not listed here for the Foundation Board of Trustees. (Please print.)</p>		

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

(and opportunities for meeting makeups)

<b>December 6</b>	<b>Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Noon, Gateway Mortgage Company</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>New Member Orientation, 10:45 a.m.; Diplomats III-IV</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>ELECTION of 4 Directors to the Board &amp; a Foundation Trustee</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Red Kettle Bell-Ringing at Parkdale Mall, all day - sign up for a shift</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Board of Directors meeting, 11:45 a.m., the Beaumont Club</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Holiday Party (and meeting for the week), 6:00 p.m. at Mary and John Gray Library, Lamar University, \$50 per person-advance reservation</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>RYLA Orientation, 6:00 p.m.; Kelly High School Theatre</b>
<b>December 19</b>	<b>Done-in-a-Day project at Womens and Childrens Shelter</b>

**December 21 & 28**

**Weekly meeting is cancelled because of holiday season; no meeting makeup is required.**

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**LOOK  
WHAT'S  
AHEAD!**



The Wednesday, December 14 meeting has been changed to Tuesday evening December 13. We will celebrate the holiday season together with a fun dinner, music and games. Those in attendance will hear the President Nominee announced as well. Holiday attire or business casual dress is appropriate.



**2016  
Holiday Party**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
MAZEL TOV  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
HAPPY HANUKKAH  
SEASON'S  
GREETINGS  
HAPPY KWANZAA  
PEACE  
ON EARTH  
AND GOODWILL  
TOWARDS ALL**

**There will NOT be a meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 21 or 28.**

**Happy Holidays!**

**Weekly meetings will resume on January 4 with an exciting and informative program on the ExxonMobil expansion and the economic impact on the area.**

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***Come Celebrate the Season!  
at the annual  
Rotary Holiday Party  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016***

***Mary and John Gray Library  
Lamar University***



*6:00 pm social  
6:30 pm dinner*



The Holiday Party will be **Tuesday, December 13 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 tradition, the President Nominee will be announced on this special occasion. **Mark your calendar now for this "don't miss" event to celebrate the holiday with your Rotary friends!**

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**SIGN UP NOW!**

The holiday season is here and that ol' familiar sound of the bell ringing at the Red Kettle collection sites is filling the air - at the mall, the shopping centers, grocery stores and more.



Rotary is called on to serve in this important way again.

The date selected is **Saturday, December 10** at the main entrance of Parkdale Mall. The volunteer list is filling but **we still need volunteers in the late afternoon and evening hours.** If you are available to help, please sign up to work a shift (or two) at our sign-up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aadaf22aafd0-salvation>

Sign up your family and/or friends too. They will thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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**Let's Give a Holiday Gift Together!**



"Rotarians at Work" again! This quarter, the Club will be creating a real holiday gift for Family Services Women's and Children's Shelter of Southeast Texas.



The Shelter is in the midst of some remodeling and they need help with completing the project so it can quickly be put to use.

We can make it happen, as our gift to this non-profit that assists victims of domestic abuse.

Rotarians are needed to paint a community room, install carpet squares and hang blinds. This is another "done in a day" project if we have enough people to help. Can you?



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016  
9:00 a.m.**

The address for the facility is not public. Please call the Rotary office at 842-1913 to let us know you will volunteer for the project and the address will be provided to you.

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**Support the Beaumont Rotary Foundation**



We encourage you to "shop local" whenever you can but if you are doing some online shopping, please sign up and use an Amazon Smile account. **Anything purchased through AmazonSmile earns 0.5% for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation and all you need to do is shop as you normally do with Amazon.com.**

It's easy to start a "Smile" account. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select the Beaumont Rotary Foundation to receive your donation. Afterwards, when you place an order, simply log-in through [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) instead of Amazon.com for your purchases to earn money for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation.

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**Pay Dues Easily: Credit Card Authorization**



How would you like to be assured your semi-annual Rotary dues are automatically charged to your credit card? You have that option and we can take one concern off your mind. Payment will be completed according to your instructions.

Use the Authorization Agreement to provide the credit card information along with your instructions.

**Download form here: [AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR CREDIT CARD SERVICES](#)**

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**Chad Blanchard**

December 6



**Fred Kristiansen**

December 6



**Josh Smith**

December 6



**Robert Turner**

December 6



**Jason Kuchera**

December 7



**Chris Ayers**

December 8





**Evelyn Lord**  
December 8



**Marcia Crone**  
December 12

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### **FAMILY OF ROTARY**



We send wishes for a quick recovery to our friends and fellow Rotarians who have been ill, had or are facing surgery, or just need our thoughts and prayers. We hope you are better soon!

Lee Freeland  
Ernest Hymel  
Joshua Taub

*Please let us know if you or another Rotarian should be included in our weekly good wishes article!*

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**We extend heartfelt sympathy to  
both  
Tolbert Chisum  
and  
John Weitzel  
on the passing of his mother-in-law recently.**

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### **PROGRAM REVIEW**

**November 30, 2016**

**"Vocational Excellence Awards: Giving Thanks  
for Those Who Demonstrate Exemplary Work"**



**2016 Vocational Excellence Award  
Recipients & Nominators**

What a wonderful day! On November 30, Rotarians took such great pleasure in recognizing hard work and professional contributions of thirteen individuals who give their best work in their chosen profession. They exemplify the Four Way Test in their work and inspire others to do the same. Each was honored with a brief presentation by the Rotarian nominator and received a framed certificate to remember their exemplary work is noted by those around them.

Thank you to all those who submitted a proposal for a deserving candidate. And, thank you to the committee: Chair- Bridget Johnson, Sharae Reed, Nancy Stretcher, and Sheree Pierce.

**Coby Bryant**  
Calder Woods Assisted Living  
Proposed by Sheree Pierce



**Pat Calhoun**  
Workforce Education, LIT  
Proposed by Joanne Brown

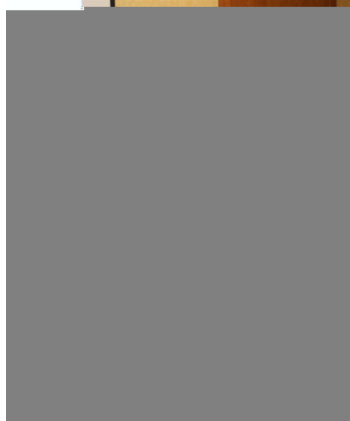


**Matthew Faraci**  
Matthew Faraci A/C  
& Heating  
Proposed by Jim Baxter



**W. B. (Bill) Hataway**  
Numerous businesses &  
community organizations  
Nominated by John Quigley

**Deborah Jordan**  
Munro's Cleaners  
Nominated by Chuck Heare



**Sherry Kilgore**  
Education, LIT  
Nominated by Nancy Stretcher

**David Lornette**  
City of Beaumont  
Nominated by Lynn Castle

**Ben Mazzara**  
Buckner's Calder Woods  
Nominated by Steve Lucas

**Tommy Singleton**  
The Medical Center of  
Southeast Texas/Victory  
Campus  
Nominated by Becky Ames

**Martha Williams**  
**Remon Ewings**  
**Natalia Rodriguez**  
Rao's Bakery  
Nominated by Bridget Johnson

**Laurie Witterstaeter**  
Beaumont Police Department  
Nominated by Cindy Jeanis

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