




**Rotary**   
Club of Beaumont

The Rotary Club of Beaumont, TX, is a large and diverse fellowship of inspired business, professional, and civic leaders with significant community connections that foster the ideals of Service Above Self and high ethical standards.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

## Speakers

Jan 10, 2018

[RYLA Team](#)

Reflections of RYLA Experience

Jan 17, 2018

[John Ross, US Attorney's Office](#)

Reintegration of Felons Into Society After Release

Jan 17, 2018

[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Gigi Mazzola on](#)

"Clays for Cardio Shoot-Out" for Southeast Texas Cardiologist Association

Jan 24, 2018

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

## ROTARYGRAMS

January 10, 2018

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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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**THE MEETING THIS WEEK WILL BE IN THE  
FOUNTAINVIEW ROOM.**

## PROGRAM PREVIEW

January 10, 2018

The RYLA Experience Shared and Re-Lived!



**Tim Sudela, District RYLA Chair Michael Perez and the 2018 RYLA Team**

From time-to-time, you might have wondered where the money donated to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation is spent, but wonder no more! Not only are funds allocated to projects like layettes, water wells, community service work, and scholarships; it is also

"Rotary Goes to Work" - Josh Smith, Chair

Jan 31, 2018

[Edna Alemayehu, Advocate and Good Will Ambassador](#)

Debunking Misconceptions about Africa and Aid

Feb 07, 2018

[Chelsea Tipton, Symphony of Southeast Texas](#)

Announcing the Upcoming Symphony Season!

Feb 07, 2018

[READING OF MEMORIAL RESOLUTION:](#)

Rotarian Dale Dowell

Feb 14, 2018

[Service Day: Rotary Has Heart!](#)

Layettes and More!

Feb 21, 2018

[Mike Vaughan and Vernon Pierce, Entergy Texas](#)

Transmission Lines, New Generation Plant in Texas, and Smart Meters

Feb 28, 2018

[Liz Fredrichs; President/CEO of the BBB](#)

Marketplace Ethics & T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics presentation-Jim Broussard, Chair

Mar 07, 2018

[Sylvia Whitlock](#)

Celebrating International Women's Day - Rebekah Maxwell, Chair

Mar 14, 2018

[TBA, possible World Rotaract Week](#)

Mar 21, 2018

[Scott Hall, Director, General Manager, LNVA](#)

Update on LNVA: The Water Supply in Texas

Mar 28, 2018

[Trey Fielder, NATGasoline](#)

Apr 04, 2018

[TBA](#)

[View entire list](#)

spent on the **RYLA experience** for sixteen exceptional students to attend, participate in, and learn from the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program.

The student participants and their parents are invited to join us for the meeting on January 10 as we hear about 2018 Camp RYLA and the experiences of the weekend. The program will be led by our energetic and exceptional team that took part as well. Come hear of the fun, see pictures, and welcome the students - perhaps future Rotarians - to the meeting to re-live the fun. You won't regret it!

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## Head Table for January 10

### Invocation:



**Shedrick Evans**

Public Health Special Projects  
Coordinator/Administrative Assistant  
Jefferson County Precinct #4

### Pledges to USA & Texas Flags:



**Lynn Hill**

Co-Owner  
Nuvation Tek

### Introduction of Guests:



**David Shoemaker**

BPEX Maintenance Manager  
ExxonMobil

### Rotarian of the Day:



**Regina Lindsey**

CEO/President  
Greater Beaumont Chamber of  
Commerce

### Introduction of Program:

**Tim Sudela**

President  
American Valve and Hydrant

## Upcoming Events

### Board of Directors Meeting

Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
Dec 19, 2017 11:45 AM

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Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
Jan 23, 2018 11:45 AM

### Show Your Colors Flag Project- Presidents Day

Feb 19, 2018 5:00 AM

### Rotary After Hours

Amelia Farms  
Feb 22, 2018  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### Board of Directors Meeting

Art Museum of Southeast Texas  
Feb 27, 2018 11:45 AM

## Sponsors

We never stop moving:



Southern Homes



*Would you like to take part in the weekly meetings in a more active role? Don't wait to be asked. Volunteer for one of the weekly assignments! Choose your role and a date that is convenient. Contact Barry Bryant at 409-656-4108 or [bbryant@billclarkbugsperts.com](mailto:bbryant@billclarkbugsperts.com).*

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## CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS

*(Club events & opportunities for meeting makeups)*

### JANUARY

13

**Winter Wonderland and  
Operation Warm - Rotarians  
to distribute warm coats to  
children in need in South  
Park neighborhood; 1:00pm -  
3:00pm at Alice Keith Park;  
see sign up to volunteer**

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**Strategic Planning  
Committee; 4:00 p.m.  
Elegante**

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**Board of Directors Meeting;  
11:45 a.m.; Embassy Room,  
MCM Elegante**

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**Beaumont Rotary to Give Coats from  
OPERATION WARM!**





Interested in being a sponsor?  
[Download the website sponsorship guide](#)

## Subscribe to Bulletin

Subscribe to our eBulletin and stay up to date on the latest news and events.  
[Click here to sign up!](#)



On January 13, the Rotary Club of Beaumont is joining with the South Park Neighborhood Association and the Beaumont Health Coalition to host "Winter Wonderland." As you see in the picture above, it will be an afternoon of fun for the children at Alice Keith Park in South Park. The Rotary Club of Beaumont, using disaster relief donations, is purchasing and will distribute new warm winter coats and jackets to children whose families were impacted by the Harvey disaster.

Lynn Hill will chair the project and is asking for volunteers who can help with setting up and preparing, and then with distributing the coats. Plan to work the morning to prepare, or the afternoon to hand-out the coats, or both. You can begin to sign up now by clicking on the image below.



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**January 24 & 25: Rotary Goes to Work!**


*Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man—Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world’s first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. **Rotary’s name came from the group’s early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.***

In the initial years of the organization, Rotarians learned about one another and the various diverse professions of the members by meeting in the offices, factories, businesses and firms of the club members. How about doing as one of the original members did back in the early 1900s?



**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 18.**

Please sign up before the deadline to help the hosts with planning food/lunches.

<p><b>SIGN UP:</b></p> <div><a href="#">Sign Up ▶</a></div>	
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24</b></p>	
<div><p>Cindy Jeanis</p></div>	<p>Beaumont Police Department Shooting Range 4900 Lafin Road</p> <p>12:00 p.m. -1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Please note this is an extended meeting time.</b></p>

# ROTARY GOES TO WORK WITH THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Catered Lunch

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Beaumont Police Shooting Range Classroom

4900 Lafin - Bmt



## -- SHOOT OR DON'T SHOOT --



What would you do?

Don't miss this  
interactive session  
with SPD's Use of  
Force Simulator.  
LIMITED TO 30  
PEOPLE - SIGN UP  
TODAY!



Carly Broussard



Craig Escamilla



Henry Venta

College of Business  
Lamar University

Galloway Business  
Building  
12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Enjoy lunch and learn  
everything you've always  
wanted to know about  
the Lamar University  
College of Business



Mary Poole

Baptist Hospitals  
of Southeast Texas  
3080 College Street

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
**Please note this is  
an extended meeting  
time.**

See the inside a  
helicopter and witness a  
lift-off,  
check out the inside of an  
Acadian Ambulance,  
and meet Dr. RSVP Robot





Dr. RSVP

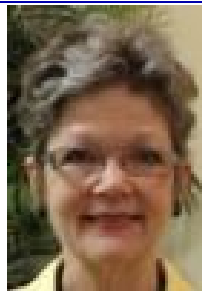


Lynn Castle

Art Museum of Southeast  
Texas  
500 Main Street

12:00 -1:00 p.m.  
Enjoy a delicious lunch  
and enjoy a guided tour  
of the Museum

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25



Sharen Kirksey



Leonard Juncker

**Designs by Sharen**  
165 Ridgeland

Enjoy appetizer buffet and  
adult beverages while  
learning about  
Sharen's design  
business and her home  
office.

**Please note this is  
an evening event  
beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

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### BOARD ACTION

In recent action, the Board:

**accepted resignations, with regret, from:**

Danielle Faraci  
Monique Sennet  
John Weitzel

**terminated:**

Robert Calvert  
Nancy Carlisle  
Kari Fenner  
Cassie Harris

**and approved a new member proposal:**

**Bailey Wingate**, Attorney, Bailey Wingate, PLLC

Classification: "Law - Oil and Gas Law"  
Proposed by W. L. Pate

**If anyone has an objection to this proposal, please provide the board with the reason for your objection in writing within 10 days of January 3. Thank you.**

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In October, following the devastating floods brought to the area by Hurricane Harvey, the Rotary Club of Beaumont was contacted by Wayne Vidrine, President of the Rotary Club of Ville Platte, Louisiana. The members of the Ville Platte club expressed that they wanted to partner with us on a project to assist those in the area left needing assistance. They were especially keen on helping the children of the area in some way and because the "shoe project" for Martin Elementary was nearly completed, the Board welcomed the assistance of Ville Platte as our club decided to work with the Beaumont Health Coalition to fund coats for children. The Ville Platte club raised \$2,100 toward this effort and presented a check to President Tim Sudela at the January 3rd meeting. Rotarians ARE people of action, and together we are funding 410 coats to be distributed on Saturday, January 13. If you can help, please sign up using the online process (see separate article)



Pictured are Wayne Vidrine, president of the Ville Platte, Louisiana Rotary Club receiving a trading banner from Rotary Club of Beaumont President Tim Sudela

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## Congratulations to Rotary University Graduate!



Congratulations to Sean M. Perrodin on the occasion of his Rotary University graduation to a coveted Blue Badge. Making the presentation of this honor was "Dean" Joanne Brown, pictured on the left, and President Tim Sudela on the right.

*If you are not aware, you should know even long-time Rotarians can earn advanced degrees. Who is the next Master or Ph.D. degree candidate? Talk with Rotary University Dean, Joanne Brown, about the next step in your Rotary education.*

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Rotary dues were due on or before December 31, 2017!  
Thank you to those who have already taken care of this business matter so promptly!

Pay online using the link on your invoice or the secure payment page ([click here](#)).

If you prefer, mail a check to:  
2355 IH 10 South, Suite 213  
Beaumont, TX 77705

If you have not done so yet, please save the office staff and the Board of Directors considerable time and expense by paying your dues now!

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## Rotary District 5910 Mid-Year and Pre-PETS Meeting



**8:30 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Saturday, Feb. 3,**  
**2018**

**Tentative location:**  
**Lone Star College-**  
**Montgomery**

**Registration fee: \$30**

### *Who should attend?*

- ***Presidents*** - meet with Governor Rhonda to plan second half of your year
- ***Presidents-elect*** - meet with Governor-elect John to prepare for PETS (March 1-4 in Dallas)
- ***Presidents-nominee*** - meet with Governor-nominee Betsy to get acquainted and start thinking about your work together
- ***Assistant governors*** – meet with one of the above groups
- ***Club leaders, emerging leaders, committee chairs, all interested Rotarians*** - discuss and share best practices and club success stories

Email any questions and information requests to Becky Mason ([BeckyLMason@mac.com](mailto:BeckyLMason@mac.com)) who is assisting District Trainer Emken Linton on this session.

**CLICK ON BUTTON TO  
REGISTER NOW!**

or phone the Rotary Office at 409-842-1913 to register and arrange for shared transportation.

# SAVE THE DATE!

IN CELEBRATION OF  
2018 INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY. YOU ARE  
INVITED TO HEAR

SYLVIA WHITLOCK, PH.D.

SPEAK AT THE  
ROTARY CLUB OF  
BEAUMONT, TX.

## 03-07-18




Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT  
OF ANY ROTARY CLUB IN THE WORLD  
DUARTE, CALIFORNIA

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**Robert Spina**  
January 8



**Mary Poole**  
January 10



**Bobby Celli**  
January 12

**Brenda Gray**  
January 15

**Kerry Moncla**  
January 13

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We send wishes for a quick recovery to our friends and fellow Rotarians who are ill, are anticipating or recovering from surgery, or just in need of encouragement and support.

**Jane Burns  
Jay Johnson  
Roger McCabe  
Glenn McWherter**

*If you know of others who should be added to this list, please advise the office staff at 409-842-1913.*

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Another thank you for the gift cards from Martin Elementary Fifth Grade Teachers

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## **PROGRAM REVIEW** **January 3, 2018**

### **"Remembering Our Astronauts"**

**Belinda Gay  
Vice President  
Patricia Huffman Smith "Remembering Columbia" NASA  
Museum**

On April 12, 1981, the Space Shuttle Columbia roared into a deep blue sky as the nation's first reusable space shuttle. After flying 28 missions, it was making its descent to Kennedy Space Center on February 1, 2003, when it began to disintegrate over East Texas and was tragically lost. The ensuing search over the next two weeks for the remains of the seven astronauts involved many of the local residents of Hemphill, TX, and resulted in the recovery and return of all seven astronauts to their families. Only about 40% of the shuttle was recovered.

Before each search crew went out, the chaplain prayed over the teams and felt compelled to recite Joshua 1: 6-9 which encouraged them "to be strong and courageous .... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." They discovered later that the Mission Commander, Rick Husbands, had recited the exact same scripture to his family and crew before the mission.

The citizens of Hemphill decided to open a museum to remember the Columbia, its crew and the two searchers who lost their lives in the recovery efforts. Initially, the museum was planned to be housed in an 800 sq.ft. building next to the Hemphill library. After consulting NASA officials, it was recommended the museum be much larger. One of the local residents, A.J. Smith offered to provide the funds for a 3500 sq.ft. building if the museum would be named after his deceased wife – Patricia Huffman Smith.

The museum contains a 1/15<sup>th</sup> shuttle replica, a theatre showing 3D films from NASA, a digital learning center, space related items and artifacts including Laurel Clark's space suit, Ilan Ramon's diary and other personal items donated by the families of the astronauts. Ms. Gay said it takes about 1 1/2 hours to tour the museum, it's only about two hours north of Beaumont, and she encouraged all to come and visit.

► START SLIDESHOW

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