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MISSION STATEMENT

Speakers

standards.

Feb 07, 2018 <u>Chelsea Tipton, Symphony of</u> <u>Southeast Texas</u>

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,

ROTARYGRAMS

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PROGRAM PREVIEW February 7, 2018

Fanfares & Festivals!



Chelsea Tipton, II
Music Director
Symphony of Southeast Texas

In 2018-19, the Symphony of Southeast Texas will celebrate the 10th year of Chelsea Tipton as Music Director. Chelsea has taken the orchestra and audiences to exciting heights, benefiting from his dynamic personality. Chelsea's presentation will survey

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 Lamar University Rotaract officers World Rotaract Week 2018

Mar 21, 2018

Scott Hall, Director, General Manager,

Update on LNVA: The Water Supply in Texas

Mar 28, 2018 Trey Fielder, NATGasoline

Apr 04, 2018 Marilyn Manson-Hayes and Company Preview of "1930's Beaumont Voices," a program of the Lamar Center for History and Culture

Apr 11, 2018 Karen Bell, Office of British Consulate-General

International Trade with the United Kingdom

Apr 18, 2018 Youth Day!

Celebrating Youth Day!: Interact Clubs, Scholarships, YSAS Awards

Apr 25, 2018

Lynae Sanford, Managing Director, **Lutcher Theatre**

A Taste of Broadway in Southeast Texas

View entire list

Upcoming Events

Show Your Colors Flag Project-Presidents Day Feb 19, 2018 5:00 AM

the 2018-19 SOST season and the spectacular performances ahead!

Head Table for February 7



Linsi Walker Financial Advisor Morgan Stanley

Pledges to USA & Texas Flags:



Joy Walker Minister Unity of Southeast Texas

Introduction of Guests:



Jennifer Burch CEO/Owner Best Hospice of Texas

Introduction of Speaker:



Douglas Fair Executive Director Symphony of Southeast Texas

FEBRUARY

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 weekhaminations for Tyokolse and a date that is on enient. Contact Barry Bryunt 1160 \$55.50 AWAS a for bbryant@billclarkbugsperts.com. . . Rusiness Ethics

"Show Your Colors" Flag

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> Rotary After Hours, 5:30-* * * * *7**:**00 * location tba

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

"Women Also Serve" by author Dr. Sylvia Whitlock

MCM Elegante Grand Ballroom Mar 07, 2018 12:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Board of Directors Meeting

Art Museum of Southeast Texas Apr 24, 2018 11:45 AM

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BOARD ACTION

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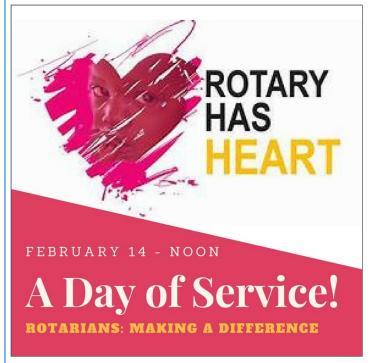
Teresa Simpson, Special Assistant to Dean for Student Recruitment, Retention and Success, College of Education, Lamar University
Classification: "Education - Student Success"

and approved a new member proposal:

Todd Simoneaux, CFO, City of Beaumont Classification: "Municipal Government - Finance" Proposed by Dean Conwell

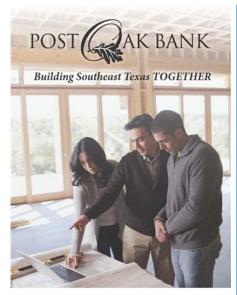
If anyone has an objection to this proposal, please provide the board with the reason for your objection in writing within 10 days of January 31. Thank you.

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Plan to be present for the weekly meeting on February 14 when Rotarians will be actively involved in assembling 150 layette bags and other projects for local non-profits. Not only do members enjoy this opportunity each year, it is a grand opportunity to bring a friend or co-worker who will also enjoy being of service to others.

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NOMINATION INFORMATION

T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics



T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. 1942-43 President of the Rotary Club of Beaumont

The T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics is presented annually to a Beaumont Rotarian who consistently exhibits the highest ethical standards

represented by the Rotary Four-Way Test in his or her chosen vocation.

The original criteria for the award explains:

- 1. Nominees must be a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of Beaumont.
- 2. Nominees will have exhibited high ethical standards in their chosen vocation arising from a specific incident or by their consistent actions over a period of time.

First presented in 1996, the T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics has annually recognized some of the Club's outstanding members. In 2017, this prestigious honor was presented to Dana Timaeus.



2017 chairman Joe Domino, speaker Gerald Condon, 2017 recipient Dana Timaeus, and nominator Chuck Mason

Our Club will award the coveted honor at the February 28th meeting, according to this year's chairman, Jim Broussard. Liz Fredrichs, President/CEO of the Better Business Bureau Serving Southeast Texas, has been selected as the speaker for the program.

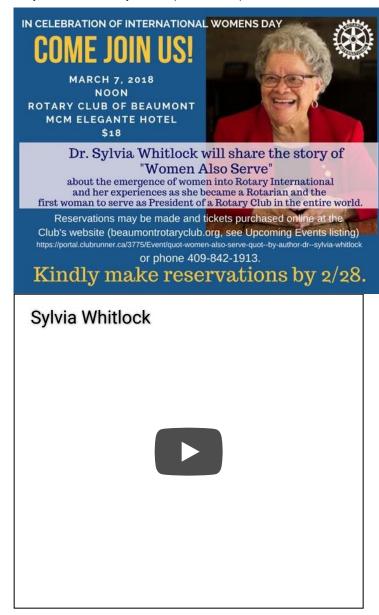


The deadline for nomination is Wednesday, February 14th. Access the Nomination Form by linking here or pick one up at a meeting and complete it before February 14.

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"WOMEN ALSO SERVE"

Don't miss this opportunity! In celebration of International Women's Day 2018, the Rotary Club of Beaumont will welcome Dr. Sylvia Whitlock to Beaumont to speak at the March 7, 2018 meeting. Sylvia travels extensively, sharing her story of the first Rotary Club in the world to open its membership to women, even before the International organization had officially approved women in the male-only organization. Not only were the women welcomed, Sylvia became the first woman to hold the office of President within her club. Come hear her story - from her!



Members will be asked to make a reservation for this meeting as we are expecting a large number of visitors and Rotarians from other clubs. We need reservations in order to have adequate seating and meals prepared. Guest meal tickets are \$18; click here to make a reservation and purchase by credit card.

February 28 is the deadline to purchase tickets and make reservations.

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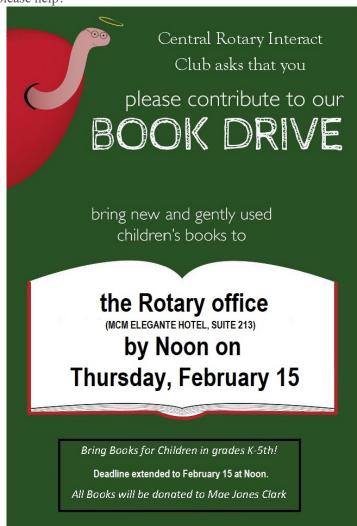
Welcome to the Newest Rotarian in the World!



Bailey Wingate was welcomed to the club by President Tim Sudela. Bailey is a 7th generation Jefferson County resident, a LU graduate, and he received his law degree from Texas Southern. Welcome to the club, Bailey!

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The Central Interact Book Drive we learned about at the meeting last week has been extended to collect more books! Can you please help?



The Interact Club asks for new or gently used children's books that would be appropriate for Pre-K to 5th Grade students.

If you deliver to the Rotary Office by Noon on February 15, we will deliver them to the Interact Club which will donate all received to Mae Jones Clark Elementary.

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Joy Walker February 5



Robert Besser February 6



Dan Jeans February 9



Teresa Simpson February 9



Nakisha Burns February 11

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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.

Jay Johnson Roger McCabe

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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PROGRAM REVIEW January 31, 2018

"Debunking Misconceptions about Africa and Aid"



Edna Alemayehu International Development Consultant

Our speaker today was International Development consultant, Edna Alemayehu. Edna was introduced by Ashley Alemayehu.

Edna stated that "Due to the unbalanced coverage of Africa in mainstream media when most people think of Africa, and places like Ethiopia they think of hunger and poverty, places that need saving, which is an unbalanced narrative." Africa is comprised of 54 countries, that are in different stages of economic growth. Africa is not poor, it is just poorly managed. It is the richest continent in human and natural resources. It has the largest youth population in the world, and 30% of the world's remaining minerals. It is the mismanagement of these resources that has kept it from realizing its full potential.

Africa's ongoing struggle to create stable nation states can be traced back to the Berlin Conference of 1884. Where all the major European nations met to decide the partitioning of Africa. These nations "decided" to carve-up the continent of Africa (colonization) for their own purposes. The Conference was NOT attended by any representative of the African nation. By 1914, 90% of Africa was divided among seven European nations, the only African countries not under European power were Liberia and Ethiopia. Liberia was under the protection of the United States, Ethiopia was the only African nation to maintain its independence by resisting and defeating the Italians in 1896. Ethiopia is arguably the most misrepresented country on the continent due to a massive humanitarian aid and media campaign in the 1980's. When in fact it is one of humanity's oldest civilizations and one of the oldest Christian nations in the world.

Edna argues that, "the one-sided "despair" story of Africa affects our approach to aid, how we give it, and how ineffective that aid becomes. It completely misses or misreads important events and changes on the continent. Without the ownership, full participation and knowledge of beneficiaries, positive and sustainable change will not happen. Good intentions cannot replace good intelligence."

Good intentions without good information can have unintended harmful consequences. Take for example sending free t-shirts to Africa. Dumping free t-shirts onto the continent suppresses the local textile economy, putting tailors out of business. The textile industry in sub-Saharan Africa has plummeted as a result of free clothing from the West.

Many "helpful missions" are detrimental, since they fail to receive direct input as to the real needs, neglecting to ask for and accept direction from the local stakeholders. Free products only end up strengthening dependency.

There are so many positive elements and stories about Africa which are never seen in print or through mainstream media, such as: Africa produces more women entrepreneurs than any other part of the world (18% in Africa compared to only 12% in North America, countries like Ethiopia and Rwanda who have overcome extreme poverty and war have the fastest growing economies in the continent. Six out of the ten fastest growing economies in the world are African. The rapid expansion of mobile phones and internet connections has transformed how the continent functions all together, creating unparalleled access to market prices, health service delivery, banking services, and governance.

Edna concluded by stating that the goal is "to help African nations find sustainable development solutions NOT to strengthen the cycle of dependence. No country in the world has amassed wealth through hand-outs and charity, what African countries need is growth opportunities and strong leadership."



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