




**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

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,](#)

## ROTARYGRAMS

February 7, 2018

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MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE**

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## PROGRAM PREVIEW

February 7, 2018

## Fanfares & Festivals!



**Maestro Chelsea Tipton, II**  
Music Director

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**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, LNVA

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, Lutch 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!

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### 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

**Deadline to submit nominations for T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics**

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 meetings for a nomination and a date that is convenient. Contact Barry Bryant at 409-656-4108 or bbryant@billclarkbugsperts.com.

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**CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS**  
(Club events & opportunities for meetings makeups)

22

28

**"Show Your Colors" Flag**

**Project for Presidents Day;**

**5:00 a.m. Scout office**

**Cardinal Drive @ Hwy. 124**

**Rotary After Hours, 5:30-**

**7:00; location tba**

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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

## Sponsors

We never stop moving:



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## BOARD ACTION



**Deadline to make a  
reconstruction, the Board:** Sylvia  
Whitlock at the Rotary  
**accepted registration from:**  
(Attending a larger crowd,  
we shared a headcount for  
seating and food please.)

**approved a former member's  
return to the club with new**

### classification:

**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.



ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT



**T. KELSEY LAMB, SR.  
AWARD FOR  
BUSINESS ETHICS**

presented annually to a  
Beaumont Rotarian who  
consistently exhibits the  
highest ethical standards  
represented by the Four  
Way Test.

**NOMINATION  
DEADLINE:  
FEBRUARY 14**

**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!

IN CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

# COME JOIN US!

MARCH 7, 2018  
NOON  
ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT  
MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL  
\$18



Dr. Sylvia Whitlock will share the story of  
**"Women Also Serve"**  
about the emergence of women into Rotary International  
and her experiences as she became a Rotarian and the  
first woman to serve as President of a Rotary Club in the entire world.

Reservations may be made and tickets purchased online at the  
Club's website ([beaumontrotaryclub.org](http://beaumontrotaryclub.org), see Upcoming Events listing)  
<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3775/Event/quot-women-also-serve-quot-by-author-dr-sylvia-whitlock>  
or phone 409-842-1913.

**Kindly make reservations by 2/28.**

Sylvia Whitlock



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?

 A green poster for a book drive. On the left, there is a cartoon worm character with a yellow halo, wearing a red cape, and holding a magnifying glass. The text on the poster reads:
 

Central Rotary Interact  
Club asks that you  
please contribute to our  
**BOOK DRIVE**

bring new and gently used  
children's books to

**the Rotary office**  
(MCM ELEGANTE HOTEL, SUITE 213)  
**by Noon on**  
**Thursday, February 15**

*Bring Books for Children in grades K-5th!*  
*Deadline extended to February 15 at Noon.*  
*All Books will be donated to Mae Jones Clark*



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."

▶ **START SLIDESHOW**

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