



## Speakers

Jul 19, 2017

[Sue Bard, Executive Director, SETAC's](#)

Downtown Beaumont Cultural Arts District

Jul 19, 2017

[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Ashley Alemayehu](#)

Announcing and Promoting the new LIT Foundation Charity Golf Tournament

Jul 26, 2017

[Danielle Amoah, Refugee Services of Texas](#)

Refugee Services

Jul 26, 2017

[Memorial Resolution Reading for](#)

James "Jim" D. McNicholas, Sr.

Aug 02, 2017

[Jeff Branick, Judge, Jefferson County](#)

Aug 09, 2017

[Chief James Singletary, Beaumont Police Dept.](#)

Aug 16, 2017

[Paul Latiolais, Director](#)

Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship, Lamar University

Aug 23, 2017

[Rhonda Herrington, Rotary 5910 District Governor](#)

"Making A Difference"

Aug 30, 2017

[Chase Untermeyer, Author & International Business](#)

Consultant, former US Ambassador to Qatar

Aug 30, 2017

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

Southeast Texas Cardiologists Foundation fundraiser

Sep 06, 2017

[Paula Bothe presents Beaumont Community Players](#)

Some Enchanted Meeting: Songs & Scenes from "South Pacific"

Sep 13, 2017

[Steve Forman](#)

Economic Development in Central America

Sep 13, 2017

[Karyn Hawkins Husbands](#)

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: on "United Way Hometown Huddle"

Sep 20, 2017

[Tentatively scheduled as](#)

Rotary Goes Home

Sep 27, 2017

[Chris Fisher, Executive Director, Port of Beaumont](#)

The Port of Beaumont: News and Status Update

## ROTARYGRAMS

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ROTARY:  
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## PROGRAM PREVIEW July 19, 2017

### "The Downtown Beaumont Cultural Arts District"



**Sue Bard**  
Executive Director  
Southeast Texas Arts Council

Sue Bard, Executive Director of the Southeast Texas Arts Council (SETAC), will muse about "The Downtown Beaumont Cultural Arts District." Come learn how this designation will attract and promote artists and encourage business development.

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## Head Table for July 19

### Invocation:



**Kathleen Alsup**  
Environmental Consultant  
RSJ Consulting, LLC

### Pledges to USA & Texas Flags:



**Tressa Clark**  
Executive Director  
Anayat House, Inc.

### Introduction of Guests:



**John Rollins**  
Public Relations/Community Impact Director  
United Way of Beaumont & North Jefferson County

### Rotarian of the Day:

**Ashley Alemayehu**

Beaumont Area Public & Government Affairs  
ExxonMobil

Oct 04, 2017  
["Wine Down With Rotary" will be October 5](#)  
No Meeting on Wednesday, October 4

Oct 11, 2017  
[Keith Carter, published photographer & educator](#)  
Through the Lense

[View entire list](#)

## Upcoming Events

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
The Beaumont Club  
Jul 25, 2017 11:45 AM

[Interact New Officer Training](#)  
Lone Star College  
Aug 12, 2017

[Board of Directors Meeting with District Governor](#)  
The Masons' Home  
Aug 22, 2017

[Show Your Colors Flag Project- Patriots Day](#)  
Sep 11, 2017 5:00 AM

[Rotary Zones 21b-27 Institute](#)  
Omni Houston Hotel  
Sep 14, 2017 – Sep 17, 2017

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)  
The Beaumont Club  
Sep 26, 2017 11:45 AM

[Wine Down With Rotary](#)  
Oct 05, 2017

## Sponsors

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### Introduction of Guest Speaker:



**Doug Fair**  
Executive Director  
Symphony of Southeast Texas

*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.*

## JULY

### CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS

*(Opportunities for meeting makeups)*

**25** **Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m., The Beaumont Club**

**25** **Strategic Planning Committee meeting; 4:00-5:30 p.m., MCM Elegante**

**26** **Reading of Memorial Resolution for James McNicholas at Rotary meeting**

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### BOARD ACTION



A membership proposal was approved by the Board of Directors and announced at the last meeting:

**Liz Fredrichs**, President, BBB of Southeast Texas  
Classification: Associations - Better Business Bureau  
Proposed by Ann Scoggin

In accordance with our bylaws (Article 13, Section 8), please submit written objections related to the aforementioned proposals within 10 days (of July 12) to the board of directors, stating the reason for your objection.

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Rotary dues were due on or before July 1, 2017! Please pay promptly.

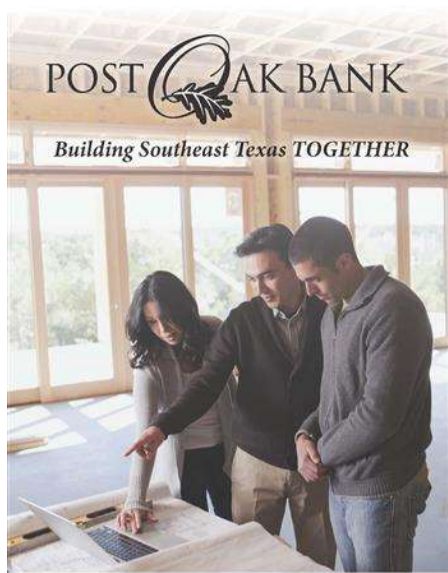
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If you have not done so yet, please save the office staff and the Board of Directors considerable time and expense by paying your dues now!

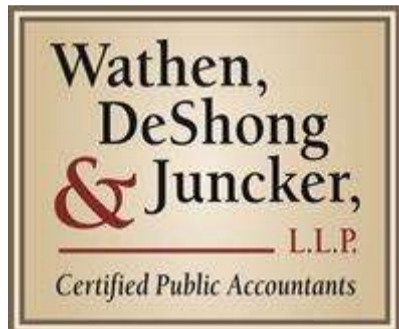
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How will you make a difference this year?  
What is your passion?  
What committees or projects inspire you to action?  
What will be your legacy?

If you were not at the meeting on July 12 or did not complete an inventory indicating how you want to make a difference this year, please link to the



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form below and complete it electronically now. Check all of the committee or projects where you feel a passion for service. Committee Chairs for many projects would like to start meeting soon, so send in our interest inventory right away! If you completed and left a copy at the meeting on July 12, thank you, and you do not need to submit another response.

**FILL OUT FORM**

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**Welcome to the Newest Rotarians in the World!**



Beakal Alemayehu, Managing Partner with Ethio Texan, LLC, is welcomed to the club by his wife, Ashley Smith Alemayehu. BK's servant heart is evident by his history of volunteer efforts. Before moving to Beaumont, he served with the Houston area American Red Cross with disaster and humanitarian relief efforts. He came to the Beaumont / Orange area in 2016 to assist with the flood issues that occurred in March. We are glad you joined us, BK!



Robert Spina, Dean of the College of Education and Human Development, at Lamar University is welcomed to the club. Bob was sponsored by Uliana Trylowsky and is joined by Lamar colleague Kristie Young as he is introduced. Relatively new to Beaumont, Bob is looking forward to participating in the clubs projects and getting to know fellow Rotarians. Welcome, Bob!



After living in Austin and Dallas, Linsi Walker has returned to the area as a Financial Manager with Morgan Stanley. She loves being outdoors and is enjoying reviving her golf game. She is an eager Rotarian, readily committing to working on several committees and projects. Linsi is sponsored by Mellie Proctor Bevilacqua. Welcome to the Club, Linsi!

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Dale Dowell  
July 17



Tressa Clarke  
July 18



W. L. Pate, Jr.  
July 20

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rotary International President-elect Sam F. Owori died unexpectedly on 13 July due to complications from surgery. Sam was a member of the Rotary Club Kampala, Uganda, for 38 years.



“Rotary has become a way of life for me – with the intrinsic value and core belief in mutual responsibility and concern for one another as a cornerstone,” Sam said when he was nominated last year. “I feel immense satisfaction knowing that through Rotary, I’ve helped someone live better.”

Sam's term as Rotary's 108th president would have begun on 1 July 2018.

“Please remember Sam as the outstanding, hardworking Rotarian he was,” said Rotary International President Ian Riseley. “In this difficult time, I ask you to keep his wife, Norah, the Owori family, and Sam's millions of friends around the world in your thoughts.”

Under Sam's leadership, the number of clubs in Uganda swelled from nine to 89 over the course of 29 years.

Sam saw in Rotary members "an incredible passion to make a difference," and wanted to "harness that enthusiasm and pride so that every project becomes the engine of peace and prosperity."

“Sam was a special person in so many ways, and his unexpected death is a huge loss to Rotary, his community, and the world,” Riseley said. “We are establishing details on plans to celebrate his life as they become available.”

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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!

**Joshua Taub**

*To add your name or another Rotarian to this list of those needing our good wishes, please email: [admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org](mailto:admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org).*

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## PROGRAM REVIEW July 12, 2017

**"Call to Action: Rotary Making a Difference!"**



**Lee Wheeler**  
**Wheeler Commercial**

by John Neely

Our speaker for Rotary today was Lee Wheeler, III, founder & Owner of Wheeler Commercial Real Estate. Lee was introduced by Barry Bryant of Bill Clark Pest Control.

As the writer, I was expecting to hear about the commercial real estate market in South East Texas as well as about Lee's years of experience with commercial real estate. As a proud American and a veteran, I certainly appreciated and respect Lee's years of military service as a U.S. Marine and his 4 combat-tours. I expected that he would talk mostly of himself and his business. He did neither!

Instead, Lee gave us an inspirational presentation of a "Call To Action: Making A Difference!" Lee shared information related to just how great Rotary is, and how very special our club is by reminding (perhaps teaching) Rotarians of some of the Club's significant and notable historical facts.

Turns out that Lee knows a lot more about the history of Rotary and our club than I ever knew or remembered. His presentation focused on the legacy that is Rotary, just like other great organizations, like our military, and what our forebearers left us, and what we contribute to when we get "called into action," a legacy of service above self!

Lee wanted to remind us all that our organization is great because of what was accomplished by those who came before us. When speaking of leaving a legacy, Lee mentioned the pride of our military and those who came before us, as well as our pride in our Rotary Club which, in spirit, carries the dedication of Rotarians of the past. Andrew Carnegie is best remembered for his legacy of philanthropy and what he left behind (libraries, etc.), rather than the wealth that he created.

Rotary has a long and proud history of "service above self", and how we impact the people in our community and in the world, that the spirit of all of our members throughout the years, goes with us in whatever we do. Lee shared that he gets so much joy when helping others, just like the folks in the Rotary Club of Beaumont. He strongly encouraged all club members to sign-up to make a difference by serving through the programs of our service lanes and committees as he concluded his "Call To Action: Making A Difference." His charge was well-stated, "Continue to build the Legacy of Rotary!"

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