



Speakers

- Aug 09, 2017

[Chief James Singletary, Beaumont Police Dept.](#)
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[ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: Stephanie Shoemaker on](#)

Mental Health America (MHA) of Southeast Texas
- Aug 16, 2017

[Paul Latiolais, Director](#)

Center for Innovation, Commercialization, and Entrepreneurship, Lamar University
- Aug 16, 2017

[Karyn Hawkins Husbands](#)

ROTARIAN OF THE DAY: on “United Way Hometown Huddle”
- 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](#)

Transformative Development: Doing “Good” Well
- 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
- 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
- Oct 18, 2017

[Congressman Randy Weber, 14th District](#)

Straight from Washington, D.C.: A Legislative Update

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PROGRAM PREVIEW
August 9, 2017

"From the Chief's Desk"



James Singletary
Chief
Beaumont Police Department

It is a pleasure to welcome Chief Jimmy Singletary as the speaker this week. His presentations are always informative and enjoyable as he provides an update about the Police Department and the services provided to the citizens of Beaumont.

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Head Table for August 9

Invocation:



David Shoemaker
BPEP Maintenance Manager
ExxonMobil

Pledges to USA & Texas Flags:



Joe Domino
Retired

Introduction of Guests:

Gigi Mazzola
Physician's Liaison
Southeast Texas Cardiology Associates

Oct 25, 2017
[Joanne Settles, Nursing Professor &](#)
Rotary District 5930 Polio Chair on "World Polio Day"

Nov 01, 2017
[Zena Stephens, Jefferson County Sheriff](#)
TBA

[View entire list](#)

Upcoming Events

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

[Board of Directors Meeting with District Governor](#)
MCM Elegante Hotel
Aug 23, 2017 11:00 AM

[Rotary After Hours](#)
Portus Lounge
Aug 31, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[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

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)
The Beaumont Club
Oct 24, 2017 11:45 AM

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Rotarian of the Day:



Stephanie Shoemaker
Co-Founder/Partner
Robertson, Shoemaker & Associates, LLC

Introduction of Guest Speaker:



Cindy Jeanis
Special Projects Coordinator
Beaumont Police Department

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.

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AUGUST
CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS
(Opportunities for meeting makeups)

- 12

Interact Clubs' Training Workshop at Lone Star College in Montgomery
- 23

Board of Directors meeting; 11:00 a.m., Ballroom D at the MCM Elegante
- 31

Rotary After Hours, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Portus Lounge, 6632 Phelan Boulevard

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August 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!

Pat Anderson
Joshua Taub

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

PROGRAM REVIEW
August 2, 2017

"An Update on Jefferson County"



Jeff Branick
County Judge
by Chuck Heare

Judge Jeff Branick addressed coastal restoration in Jefferson County at our meeting on Wednesday. He grew up in Jefferson County and spent many formative years out in the marsh country. When he became Judge, he realized how important the marshes are to Jefferson County as a buffering zone for storms that make landfall in our area. While the ribbon of beach and marshes have existed for millennia, they have recently been severely threatened by two hurricanes, Rita and Ike. Had they not been present during these storms, particularly Ike, the damage to our area would have been much more severe.

Searching for options, Judge Branick became aware of 14 partners already collaborating since 2000 to save our coast. Their Salt Bayou Watershed Restoration Plan revealed four restorative measures that need to be taken. Two of those have already been completed through grants and cooperation among various state and federal natural resource agencies. The first was a baffle restricting salt water in Keith Lake fish pass. Next, a 17-mile beach berm was recently built by the Texas General Land Office to prevent salt water overwash from smaller storms. A third step involves installing two siphons to transport fresh water from north of the Intracoastal Waterway into the Salt Bayou watershed restoring hydrologic flows that push salt water out of the marsh system. The siphons have funding and permitting in sight.

The final phase involves dredging and pumping offshore sand to rebuild the dunes and beaches in or adjacent to McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. The cost for this final stage is estimated to be \$45 million, and about half of that cost may be covered from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill fines paid by BP. He is optimistic that this project will be completed because of the strategic importance of the petroleum refining industry in Jefferson County to the US. Benefits from the work completed have already been realized. Erosion from wave action has been slowed or stopped, the marsh is beginning to grow more vegetation, and wildlife, not seen for years in the marsh and dune areas, has begun to reappear.

Our county is having a difficult budget year because of reduced tax receipts from lower oil prices and increased employee benefit expenses. That's the bad news. The good news is the county refinanced the Ford Park debt several years ago saving \$11 million in interest.

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