



Speakers

Nov 22, 2017

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Thanksgiving Holiday

Nov 29, 2017

[David Montagne Executive VP & General Manager](#)

Sabine River Authority of Texas

Dec 06, 2017

[Keith Carter, published photographer & educator](#)

Through the Lense

Dec 12, 2017

[Tentatively scheduled as an evening](#)

Holiday Party

Dec 13, 2017

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Dec 20, 2017

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Holiday

Dec 27, 2017

[NO MEETING AT THE ELEGANTE](#)

Holiday

Jan 03, 2018

[TBA, on the](#)

Patricia Huffman Smith Columbia Space Shuttle Museum

ROTARYGRAMS

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**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

November 22, 2017

NO MEETING



President Tim Sudela and the Board of Directors wish you and your family a warm and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you again on November 29.

Jan 10, 2018

[RYLA Team](#)

Reflections of RYLA Experience

Jan 17, 2018

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

Reintegration of Released Prisoners

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](#)

Tentatively "Rotary Goes to Work"

Jan 31, 2018

[Edna Alemayehu](#)

Guidelines for Supporting Non-Profit Organizations

Feb 07, 2018

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

Announcing the Upcoming Symphony Season!

Feb 14, 2018

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

Layettes and More!

[View entire list](#)

Upcoming Events

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)Art Museum of Southeast Texas
Oct 24, 2017 11:45 AM[Rotary After Hours](#)The Art Studio, Inc.
Oct 26, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM[Show Your Colors Flag Project- Veterans Day](#)

Nov 11, 2017 5:00 AM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)Art Museum of Southeast Texas
Nov 28, 2017 11:45 AM[Board of Directors Meeting](#)Art Museum of Southeast Texas
Dec 19, 2017 11:45 AM

The Rotary office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 22-24.

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CALENDAR OF ROTARY EVENTS

*(Opportunities for meeting makeups)***22****NO MEETING -
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY****28****Board of Directors meeting, 11:45
a.m., The Art Museum of
Southeast Texas**

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BOARD ACTION

Secretary Jane Burns reported on membership changes recently approved by the Board.



In membership matters, the Board approved three new proposals:

Priscilla Garcia, Account Executive, Lamar Advertising
Classification: "Business Services – Outdoor Advertising"
Proposed by Shawn Molina

Jennifer Gregory, Financial Analyst, Coburn Supply Company
Classification: Kitchen/Bath Wholesaling – Finance
Proposed by Mellie Bevilacqua

Marianne Laine, Senior Counsel, Strasburger & Price
Classification: "Law – Admiralty Law"
Proposed by Marcia Crone

If anyone has an objection to these proposed new members, please provide the board with the reason for your objection in writing no later than November 25.

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Election for 2018-2021 Board of Directors and Board of Trustees

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On Wednesday, December 6, the membership will elect four Rotarians to serve on the Club's Board of Directors and one new trustee for the Beaumont Rotary Foundation. The newly-elected will serve for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018.

The Nominating Committee selected qualified candidates who appear on the ballot sample. The sample ballot will appear in the RotaryGrams again next Monday and copies will be on the tables at the meeting on November 29.

You must be present at the meeting on December 6 to cast a ballot, according to Michele Cobb, Sergeant-at-Arms, who will oversee the election.

ROTARY CLUB OF BEAUMONT – 2017 ELECTION FOR 2018-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Please vote for 4 nominees.		
 Karyn Husbands A member since June 20, 2012 President/CEO United Way of Beaumont & North Jefferson County Classification: "Associations-United Way"	 Allen Lea A member since July 27, 2011 Executive Director McFaddin-Ward House Museum Classification: "Museums - Historic Homes"	 Alicia McKibbin A member since August 12, 2015 Executive Director Beaumont Heritage Society Classification: "Museums - Historic Homes"
 Allan Higgins A member since March 11, 2015 Branch Manager ACME Brick Co. Classification: "Brick Manufacturing - Branch Manager"	 Dana Timaeus A member since October 22, 2014 Managing Partner The Timaeus Law Firm, PLLC Classification: "Law-Mediation Law"	 Brad Brown A member since August 18, 1993 Senior Vice President First Financial Trust & Asset Management Company, N. A. Classification: "Business Service-Accounting Service"
 Sheree Pierce A member since July 25, 2014 Director of Neighborhood Ministries Wesley United Methodist Church Classification: "Community Ministries"	 Jane Burns A member since November 2, 2010 CPA-Partner Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, LLP Classification: "Business Service-Accounting"	OPTIONAL WRITE IN You may nominate up to two additional members not listed here for a total of 4 votes. (Please print legibly.) _____ _____
BEAUMONT ROTARY FOUNDATION - 2018-2021 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES		
Please vote for 1 nominee.		
 Robert Turner A member since April 17, 2002 President J. K. Chevrolet-Isuzu Classification: "Automobiles-Retailing"	 Charles Heare A member since May 15, 1996 First Vice President-Wealth Management UBS Financial Services, Inc. Classification: "Brokerage-Investment Advisory Service"	 Henry Venta A member since October 9, 2002 Dean, College of Business Lamar University Classification: "University - Business School"
OPTIONAL WRITE IN - You may nominate <u>one</u> member not listed here for the Foundation Board of Trustees. (Please print.) _____		

Salvation Army Bell-Ringers Needed

Close your eyes for a minute.
 Do you hear them?
 It's the familiar sound of the bell-ringing at holiday time!



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Chair Twila Baker announced the date of **Saturday, December 9** as the day when Rotarians will work the kettle at the main entrance of Parkdale Mall.



Rotarians and friends who volunteer are asked to work for a one-hour shift between the hours of 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.



We want to have a minimum of two people for each shift, but the more the merrier!

Aprons and bells will be provided!



Sign up for your hour shift at: <https://www.signupgenius.com>, or phone the Rotary office at 409-842-1913.

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The Disaster Recovery project Rotarians helped with on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 means a mom and her three children are now able to again refer to their house as "Home, Sweet Home!"



Chair Mahdi Safa (left) was able to combine and utilize the best skills of Rotarians and Lamar Construction Management students, and in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, the project was overwhelmingly successful.



Rotarian Allen Lea (left) and President Tim Sudela complete a sheetrocking assignment.



Kathleen Alsup (left) and President-Elect Lynn Castle (right) were able to use their painting skills.

Other photos of the day can be viewed in the slideshow and you will see many Rotarians hard at work on the job site. Thank you to all who worked.

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DUES INVOICING AND THE BILLING CYCLE



Rotary operates **financially** at the club, district, and international levels. **Dues**, along with contributions to the Beaumont Rotary Foundation, support the work done at each level.

Dues are billed to the individual at the club level, and **the club pays District and International dues on behalf of every member who is on the**

membership roster on January 1 and July 1.

In order for the club to pay dues to Rotary International and District 5910 on January 1, each member **must be** up to date on his/her dues to the Club no later than December 29, in advance of the January 1 assessment by Rotary International.

If your July 1 dues are still unpaid on Friday, December 29, you will be terminated in bad-standing, meaning you are ineligible for membership in this or any other Rotary Club until your past due amount has been paid.

In order to make it as convenient as possible for you to submit a timely payment, the Board of Directors has requested that the ***invoices be sent to members 30-45 days in advance*** so that ***each member has adequate time to budget for the expense, process payment, and assure that the invoice is paid by January 1, 2018.***

You will receive your invoice electronically on **November 21**. If you requested to have a printed copy mailed to you, it should be received within the week. Please phone the office or email admin@beaumontrotaryclub.org to request a different method of billing or payment.

If you wish, you can submit your credit card information to be kept on file so that payments are processed for you in advance of the deadline.

Didn't receive your invoice, have questions or need to change your membership status? Call [409-842-1913](tel:409-842-1913). Thank you.

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BECOME A PAUL HARRIS FELLOW OR A MULTIPLE PHF

Have you considered becoming a Paul Harris Fellow or perhaps adding another Paul Harris Fellow to those you have earned? A Paul Harris Fellow can be earned by a combined contribution of dollars and points totaling 1,000.



If you have ever given money or if money has been given in your name to The Rotary International Foundation, you have an account balance. If that balance reaches 1,000 through additional money or point contributions, you will become a Paul Harris Fellow or a multiple Paul Harris Fellow.

The Beaumont Rotary Club has points which the Board of Directors will consider using to match your contribution so that your balance plus additional contributions plus points equals 1,000. Call the Executive Director at 409-842-1913 to determine what additional contributions you must make by December 31, 2017, in order to take advantage of this offer.

All such donations are tax-deductible, but **must be received by December 31 for 2017 taxes. (Please make note that December 31 is on Sunday.)**

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Jim Broussard
November 20



Tim Gaddis
November 20



Kevin Dodson
November 22

David Locke
November 23

Charlie Weinbaum
November 23

Glenn McWherter
November 24

Larry Beaulieu
November 25

Carol Fernandez
November 25

Eddie Arnold
November 26

Margaret Cherb
November 26

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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.

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 **November 15, 2017**

"Expressing Gratitude for Exceptional Service"

2017 Vocational Excellence Awards

Mary Poole, Chairman

by John Neely

On Wednesday, November 15, 2017, the Rotary Club of Beaumont held the annual and eagerly-anticipated **Vocational Excellence Award** program. Individuals were nominated by Rotarians. This year, nine individuals who exemplify a "Service Above Self" attitude in the performance of their job were recognized and honored. These coveted awards are given annually to members of the community who demonstrate "exceptional service, high ethical standards and professional achievements in the spirit of the Rotary Four Way Test."

The 2017 recipients were:

**Sara Gubala and her sidekick,
Kennedy**

Sara Gubala, instructor of political science at Lamar University, and her springer spaniel, Kennedy, have a way of brightening up a room. Through their service at Baptist Hospital, they have brought smiles to children and seniors and helped motivate injured patients toward recovery. Most recently, they spent countless hours helping folks deal with the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey in Port Arthur. Sara and Kennedy were nominated by Mary Poole.

Dr. Donna Prudhomme

A wonderful example of "Service Above Self," **Dr. Donna Prudhomme** leads by example on the Clifton J. Ozen High School campus using her organization skills to motivate young students. She gives of her time, talent, and resources to inspire students. Dr. Prudhomme was nominated by Sean M. Perrodin.

Larry Payne & Bobby Frank

Larry Payne and **Bobby Frank** are famous in Beaumont for making a difference to the hundreds who see them at work every school day of the year. Both are crossing guards who put their hearts into their work,

making sure that children are safe. You can't put a price on that or on the number of smiles they have put on faces as they wave at every car that passes in the Marshall school zone. Larry and Bobby were nominated by Regina Lindsey, CEO of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce.

Marcia Alexander

Originally from Trinidad, Tobago, **Marcia Alexander** is the owner & designer of Alterations and Designs. Marcia was recognized for her wonderful attitude and her attention to detail in her work. She was described as innovative and meticulous, and is an asset to Beaumont. Marcia was nominated by Marcia Crone.

Helen Cathey

Helen Cathey, the store manager at Sears in Parkdale Mall, was presented with a momentous opportunity/task, and made it possible for Rotarians to complete the goal of getting 620 pairs of shoes/footgear for students at Martin Elementary following the flooding Harvey brought to the Pine Street neighborhood. Helen was nominated by both Becky Mason and Rosie Delano who spearheaded the project.

Andy Gardner

Andy Gardner works at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, and was the "eyes & ears" of hurricane-related issues at the Museum during and following the Harvey flooding in the area. The Executive Director could not immediately return to Jefferson County during Harvey, and Andy repeatedly performed site-inspections to report any damage or issue. Andy proactively assembled a team of volunteers which elevated all of the artwork at least 3-feet off ground-level as a precaution. He was recognized for his dedication and "Service Above Self" by Lynn Castle.

Dale Rutherford

Dale Rutherford, store manager at White's Tires, was recognized for providing excellent service to customers. Dale's courteous and friendly personality, as well as his automotive expertise, provides customers with cost-saving solutions. Dale was nominated by Pat Anderson.

Carlo Busceme, III

Beloved Beaumont philanthropist and "rock" of the Busceme family, **Carlo Busceme, III**, died in September

2017. Carlo Busceme, 65, was president of the Texas Coffee Company, known for Seaport Coffee and TexJoy seasoning and spices, and a regular contributor to the Southeast Texas Arts Council, the Art Studio, Inc., the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, and various other arts and community organizations throughout the area. He was on the board of the Symphony of Southeast Texas and Magnolia Cemetery. Carlo has often been described as a "powerful light in the community," and "one of the kindest souls I've ever encountered" and a "bright, shining light." Carlo was a devout Christian, and a member of St. Anne Parish. His family was the center of his life, and he will be missed by all. Carlo was nominated posthumously by Doug Fair, and the award was presented to his son, Carlo Busceme, IV.

Mary Poole, Marketing Director for Baptist Hospital of Southeast Texas, was this year's Chair and facilitator. Mary's enthusiasm for vocational excellence, as well as the work that she does, infused Rotarians and recipients alike.

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