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Dr. Karen Newton, Chair

Mar 30, 2016

[Master Gardeners of Nutrition&Service for Seniors](#)

Producing Produce for Seniors & How to Bring Freshness to Your Own Table

Apr 06, 2016

[Henry Venta, Dean of the College of Business, LU](#)

Ethics and Presentation of the T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics

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The Beaumont Club
Mar 22, 2016 11:45 AM

[Board of Directors Meeting](#)

The Beaumont Club
Apr 26, 2016 11:45 AM

ROTARYGRAMS

March 23, 2016

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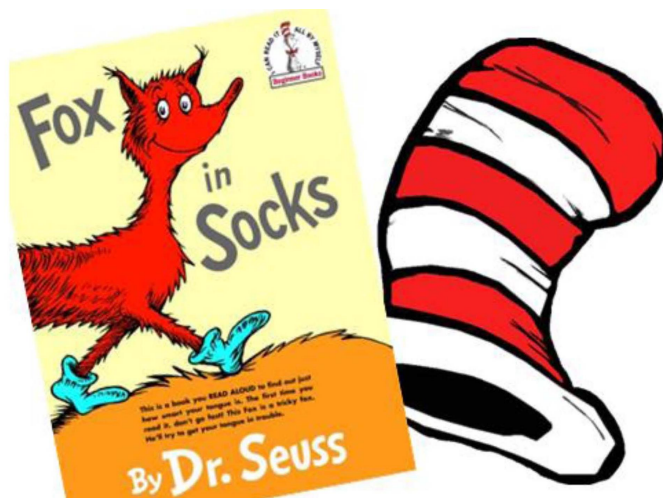
There will NOT be a meeting at the Elegante on Wednesday, March 23.

PROGRAM PREVIEW

March 23, 2016

"ROTARY GOES TO SCHOOL!"

26 MORE PEOPLE URGENTLY NEEDED TO COVER EVERY CLASSROOM. PLEASE SIGN UP NOW!



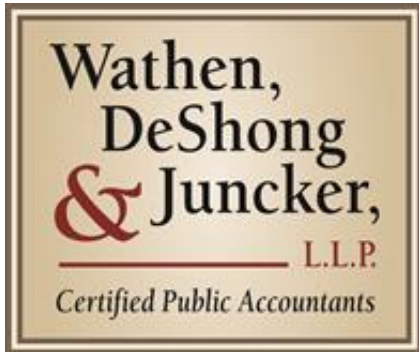
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Promoting literacy is a goal of Rotary International and a favorite project of the Rotary Club of Beaumont. Rotarians will visit each first grade classroom in Beaumont and share the love of reading. Every child will receive a book to keep for their very own. You will want to be a part!

If you have not done so yet, there is still time to sign up to take part in "Rotary Goes to School!" Instead of the normal lunch meeting on Wednesday, March 23, you will enjoy a truly rewarding visit with these youngsters.

Volunteers should arrive by Noon at the school office. Bring a photo ID in order to clear a security check if needed. You will be given a Dr. Seuss hat and escorted to the classroom where you will share in this opportunity.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(and meeting make-ups)

NOW; You are needed	Register for the school you would like to visit for Rotary Goes to School
March 22	Board of Directors meeting; 11:45 a.m. at the Beaumont Club
March 22	Service Project Selection Committee, 1:30 p.m. at 700 North Street
March 23	Rotary Goes to School (no Noon meeting at the Elegante); meet at school at Noon
March 24	Rotary After Hours cruise aboard the "Ivory Bill"; board at 5:15 with departure at 5:30 p.m. with return by 7:30 p.m.

ALL ABOARD! A few seats remain!

Rotary After Hours: A Lovely Evening on the Neches!



There was a big crowd aboard the Ivory Bill last time we took a cruise, and everyone will tell you it was a LOT of fun! Whether this is your first trip or you've been many times, you are sure to enjoy this Rotary After Hours which will take you down the Neches River on a pleasant early spring evening.



Mark your calendar and plan to reserve your spot on the Ivory Bill on **Thursday, March 24** for a two-hour tour. Snacks and drinks will be available. Tickets are **\$10** per person and we can only take 35 people (spouses and guests are welcome), so don't delay.

[A sign up is online; link to it here.](#)



**LOOK
WHAT'S
AHEAD!**



On **March 30**, we will hear an update on the Nutrition & Services for Seniors garden project that Rotary assisted to develop and will learn tips for planting and growing a home garden. Come learn from the Masters.



April 6 will be another very special meeting. The coveted T. Kelsey Lamb, Sr. Award for Business Ethics will be presented by Chair Joe Domino following a presentation by speaker and Rotarian, Dr. Henry Venta.

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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!

Gene Arnold
Lee Freeland
Fred Kristiansen
Cheryl Williams

Please let us know if you or another Rotarian should be included in our weekly good wishes article!



**Congratulations to
Members
Elaine Shellenberger
&
Kristie Young
Named
Pioneering Women!**

Pioneering Women announced its "2016 Women Who Mean Business" honorees. The seven women, who will be celebrated at an August 4, luncheon, were recognized at a media event at City Hall. The honorees are **Ina Alvidres, Gail Cawley Showalter, Janet Floyd, Ellen Shellenberger, Louanna Thomas, Raquel West, Kristie Young.** Family and friends gathered as **Mayor Becky Ames** paid tribute to the ladies. Pioneering Women seeks to inspire and uplift women and girls and raises money to help women, who need a helping hand, achieve educational and professional goals. The organization's founder, **Georgine Guillory** likes to say Pioneering Women "helps grow women to greatness."

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Rod Carroll
March 21



Bessie Chisum
March 22



Kenny Kraemer
March 22



Kim Dunaway
March 24



Rob Glassey
March 25



Ed Edson
March 27

**Rotarian Invocation
was Inspiring**

At the March 16 meeting, Rotarian Judy Kelfstrom offered an invocation that was moving and inspiring. She agreed that it could be shared and reprinted here.



- As Rotarians we know how helping hands can build a water well in the most remote parts of the world, and change lives.
- As Rotarians we know how our helping hands can build a playground for kids with special needs and change lives.
- As Rotarians we know how helping hands can plant vegetable gardens for seniors and change lives.
- As Rotarians we know how hands digging deep into pockets and giving our dollars can help eradicate the dreaded disease called Polio, and change lives.
- And as Rotarians we know how important extending a hand in friendship means. It can, and does change lives every day.

For these things and more, let us give thanks in prayer.

Most merciful God we ask your protection on all those who are facing a life changing event this day. Be it natural disaster, loss of job, family turmoil or catastrophic illness. Help us, as Rotarians, to continue to extend our hands in friendship and in love as we put service above self. We are so very blessed to be a part of this wonderful organization and we pray that we never take it, or our lives for granted. Bless this food for the nourishment of our minds and bodies, Bless the hands that prepared it, and bless our

speaker as he brings a very important message that indeed could be life changing. Amen.

- by Judy Kelfstrom

PROGRAM REVIEW

March 16, 2016

"Zika Virus- The Latest Threat Posed by Mosquitoes"



Bart Foster, Ph.D.
Bill Clark Pest Control, Inc.

by Ted Moor

Our guest this week was Bart Foster who has his doctorate in entomology from Texas A&M. Bart grew up in Madisonville, Texas on his family's farm raising horses and cattle. Now he is married and has four children, who most likely (due to a family genetic disorder) will want to go to Texas A&M.

Dr. Foster started off his presentation by reading a document from Memphis, Tennessee that was written in 1878. The article was about the devastation caused by an outbreak of yellow fever (which is transmitted by mosquitoes). In that outbreak over 759 people died, which accounted for 1/5 of the city's population. Back then, outbreaks such as these were common, but even today, 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 fatalities occur each year due to diseases caused by mosquitoes and other insects. Fortunately for us, the United States is spared from most of these outbreaks.

Dr. Foster pointed out that there are different types of mosquito borne illnesses. In cases such as malaria, the mosquito infects an individual, but then that individual is not capable of spreading the disease further. In other instances (such as bird flu and the Zika virus) an infected mosquito

can bite a human and then that human can spread the disease to other humans. In addition, the disease can be transmitted from an infected individual to a non-infected mosquito. The mosquito will then become infected and spread the disease further. This type of disease spreads much more rapidly.

The Zika virus originally started in monkeys in Uganda. The virus was named after the Zika forest where these monkeys lived. Ultimately, humans became infected in Africa and the virus then spread to South America and Central America. Although the virus is not actively in the United States, Dr. Foster believes the virus will spread to the US within the next 12 months.

Currently, there is no treatment for the Zika virus, but scientists have had a lot of experience developing vaccines for other mosquito borne viruses and believe that experience will shorten the time necessary to develop an effective remedy. This virus can cause miscarriages, microcephaly (which results in abnormal brain development in a fetus) and impaired vision. Given that there is no vaccine, it's even more important for everyone to eliminate mosquito breeding sites such as low spots that have standing water, wear insect repellent that contains DEET, and wear long pants and long sleeve shirts when mosquitoes are present. (My personal plan of action to avoid the Zika virus is to stay inside, drink beer, eat chocolate and watch TV, until there is a cure for this dreadful disease.)

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ROTARY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rotary Office will be closed on Friday, March 25.

Please leave a phone message or send an email which will be returned as soon as possible.



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