

Rotary Club honors Beaumont workers for vocational excellence

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The Rotary Club of Beaumont recognized 13 individuals from Beaumont for "Service Above Self" on Wednesday, Nov. 18, with Vocational Excellence Awards at the MCM Eleganté.

The awards recognize individuals who demonstrate exemplary service, honesty and friendliness in performing their everyday jobs.

"Rotarians consider all vocations to be important to our community and that all vocations offer an opportunity to serve," said Jane Burns, Rotary Club member and vocational excellence committee chair. "The purpose of the event is to spread goodwill and recognize excellence. We give people a pat on the back that normally don't get that."

The Vocational Excellence Committee solicits nominations from Rotarians. Rotarians fill out a nomination form and the committee decides from the nominations who will receive the award for vocational excellence, Burns said.

Recipients were introduced by the Rotarian who nominated them, who then presented the Vocational Excellence Award.

Award recipients were Patsy Hadnot, a cashier at CVS on North Dowlen Road, nominated by Connie Szuch; Solida Hang, a baker at Happy Donuts Delaware, nominated by Vernon Pierce; Helena Carter, a volunteer for Habitat Humanity of Jefferson County, nominated by Shannon Williamson; Kelly Boggs, food

service manager at H-E-B on N. Dowlen Road, nominated by Lynn Castle; brothers Albert and John Daniels of Quality Shoe Repair, nominated by Michael Wolf; Sun Bell, a waitress from The Grill by Arfeen, Smith & Payne, nominated by Regina Lindsey; Doug Saunders, district fire chief at Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 3, nominated by Rod Carroll; Jay Lavergne, co-owner of Triangle Blue Print, nominated by Cynthia Wolf; Nancy McMillan, vice president of operations at the BBB Serving Southeast Texas, nominated by John Paschall; Annalya Sandoval, front desk clerk at the Courtyard by Marriott, nominated by Brenda Gray; Heather Kugler, executive assistant/benefits coordinator at Mason Construction, nominated by Chad Mason; and Lori Dobbs, customer service representative at Third Coast Bank, nominated by Bel Lamb.

The Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that works to provide humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

For more information about The Rotary Club of Beaumont, contact (409) 842-1913. The Rotary Club of Beaumont is at 2355 I-10 S. in Beaumont. ■

Rotarian Michael Wolf reads his nomination for Albert and John Daniels of Quality Shoe Repair.



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Beaumont home sales increase

Beaumont home sales soared 20 percent in October 2015 while home prices remained unchanged, according to the October 2015 Beaumont housing market report from the Beaumont Board of Realtors.

Vivian Todd, 2015 president of the Beaumont Board of Realtors, said, "The local market continues to remain strong with 4.7 months of inven-



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tory and brisk sales. Consumers are looking with confidence to realtors for relevant, expert data and advice in buying and selling property."

According to the report, 102 homes were sold in Beaumont in October 2015, a 20 percent jump from the year prior.

The median price for Beaumont homes remained unchanged year-over-year at \$125,000.

Beaumont Board of Realtors releases real estate statistics for October 2015

Beaumont's monthly housing inventory was 4.7 months in October 2015, 2.8 months less than the year prior. The Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University cites that 6.5 months of inventory represents a market in which supply and demand for homes is balanced.

Homes spent an average of 108 days on the market in October 2015, 11 days more than October 2014. Additionally, active listings dropped 26 percent to 425 listings during the same time frame. ■