



the Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
 P. O. Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058
 Meetings Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club
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Programs:

Today: **Diane Vest: Commercial Space Travel**
 Dec 17. Clear High School *Soundwaves*
 Dec 24. Christmas Eve, **No Meeting**
 Dec 31. New Year's Eve, **No Meeting**
 Jan 21. Martin Luther King's Birthday, **No Meeting**
 Feb 18. President's Day, **No Meeting**
 May 26. Memorial Day, **No Meeting**

Meeting Agenda



Luncheon Begins. 11:45
 Call to Order. 12:00
 Song.
 Invocation.
 Pledge.
 4-Way Test.
 Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests.
 Announcements.
 Program. 12:30
 Adjourn. 1:00



The Boy Scouts received a \$7,000 check from Shrimporee proceeds; Brad Bailey is our newest member; & Diane Vest told about civilian space travel via Virgin Galactic. Photos by Bob Mitchell.

Election of Officers & Directors for 2008-09 will be held at the club meeting on January 14th.

**The Rotary 4-Way Test
 of the things we think, say & do:**

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

We live by it.

Events Calendar

- Club Board of Directors . . . 3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
- 2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Rotary Foundation Comm. . last Wed @ 7 a.m.
- District Leadership Institute. Jan. 19th
- Valentine Pancake Breakfast. Feb. 16th
- District Conference Galveston. April 24-27 '08
- Springoree. TBD
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. . June 15-18 '08

Say Happy Birthday to —

Dick Gregg Jr.. December 19th
 Keith Huff. December 23rd
 Art Oswald. December 25th
 Richard Hergert. December 30th

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday

Pearland @ noon
Gofcrest Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive
La Porte @ 12:10 p.m.
St. John Episcopal Church
Broadway @ Ave. G

Wednesday

Pasadena South @ noon
Baywood Country Club
5500 Genoa Red Bluff
Friendswood @ noon
Village on the Park Retirement Center
400 E. Parkwood

Thursday

Seabrook @ 7:00 a.m.
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 NASA Parkway
League City @ noon
Estaban's Fiesta Shack
1313 Main Street

Friday

Pasadena @ noon
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Pkwy

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SCRC Weekly Fellowships

6:30 p.m.

Dec 18th Bailey's Restaurant
2320 Nasa Pkwy

Jan 8th Tony's Bar B Que
17052 Saturn Ln (across from JSCFCU)

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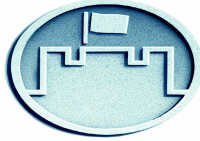
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The following was received by Bill & Joan Geissler from Carolyn Watson, wife of Past President (1989-1990) John: "We are ending this year on a speed bump that has altered our lifestyle ... for a while. Although we managed three cruises this year before July, we finally had to call it quits when John's body finally ran out of speed. Not to tell you more than you want to know, his problems involve the neurological system (not easy to put one name on the problems). This September, a fall in the parking lot put him in ER, hospital for nine days, and now is in the Village Health Care Center. He is in a wheelchair taking PT." jwatson13@satx.rr.com



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Here is an up date on our **Carbonera water project**. I have also attached the poster, you may be able to use it a future issue of the Blastoff. Progress continues to be made on the project in Carbonera, Mexico. We have met with the 288 Club, West U, and League City. All three clubs going to be involved in the project. On site, Builders Without Borders has pushed ahead and already poured the slab for the building and drilled the water well. Work ahead includes construction of the building, installation of the water treatment equipment, which we have in hand and is being donated by Jack Kessle who is a former Shrimporee Sponsor by his company Allied Petrochemical. We have initiated the formation of an Interact Club at the Carbonera school by taking a group from the Pearland H.S. Interact club to work with the kids in Carbonera. How cool is that!!! We hope to get the Rotary funding placed in the real near future. We are looking at matching grants also. Special note: our club member Don Kirchoff and his wife Joyce, have made a personal donation of \$5,000.00 to the project, and offered their time to go on site and work on the project. Please remember they are also Shrimporee Sponsors!!!! Apply the Four Way Test here, it fits, we should all take note of their kind generosity of time and finances. Don did this on the "down low", and doesn't know I submitted this to the Blastoff. Thank you Don. We hope more of you will offer your time and personal financial support, year end contributions may help your tax planning. **Please contact Scott Rainey for more information.** We thank you the club members for your support of this project.

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Happy Holidays & a Prosperous New Year!

Enjoy your time off, stay safe & we will be together again on January 7, 2008.

God Bless our Troops, their family & friends. Thank you for serving.

