



# 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  
14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Clear Lake City  
Phone: 281.488.7888 \* Chartered 1964  
Volume 46 : Number 41 \* June 23, 2008

## Programs:

*Kippy Carraway, Chair*

### Today. . . . . Year end directors' reports

- June 30. . . . . Pres. Dick- Remarks & Awards  
Installation of Officers & Directors fo 2008-2009
- July 7. . . . . Houston Mayor, Bill White speaking on  
the economy & sustainability
- July 14. . . . . John Branch, VP Clear Lake Water Authority

*Bring a Guest.*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

- Chuck Jacobson. . . . . June 2nd
- David Hamblin. . . . . June 2nd
- John Lee. . . . . June 13th
- Alissa Sammons. . . . . June 16th
- Olive Murphy-Riker. . . . . June 20th
- Gene Tromblee. . . . . June 26th
- Hilmar Zeissig. . . . . June 29th

*On a sad note, we regret to report the passing of former SCRC member, Herb McElvern. Herb had moved to Austin where he died in April this year following a short term fighting dementia. Although they still operate a storage business in Clear Lake, his wife, Fran, lives in Austin.*

*For the benefit of the future Club Historian, there were no issues The Blastoff published for June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 16th.*

### Rotary at a Glance

**Members: 1,216,964**

**Clubs: 7,105**

### June is Rotary Fellowship Month



*In 1965, Ed White ventured out of the Gemini 4 capsule for the 1<sup>st</sup> US spacewalk on June 3rd.*

### 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.
- Springoree. . . . . 2009
- District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles. . . 2009
- Texas Roadhouse Golf Tournament  
. . . . . Monday, June 30 @ Bay Oaks CC
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. . . June 15-18 '08
- District Governor & District Leadership  
Installation Banquet. . . . June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

*SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.*

[Ridonnelly@aol.com](mailto:Ridonnelly@aol.com)

**“Making Things Happen” is the Rotary Theme for 2008 – 2009.**

**Appropriately, Gary Johnson, our PE for that year and Shrimporee Chairman has chosen “Making The Dreams of Happy Kids Happen” for the theme of that event this Fall.**

Pictures by Bob Mitchell from the June meeting:

**2008 Public Service Recognition Awards — EMTs**



**HEADS UP!**

Discovery Science Channel Series: “Moon Machines”

*The six part series will begin with a double bill on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by one episode per night for the following four nights. The episodes are:*

- ★ The Saturn Rocket. . . . . July 6<sup>th</sup>
- ★ The Command Module. . . . . July 6<sup>th</sup>
- ★ The Navigation. . . . . July 7<sup>th</sup>
- ★ The Lunar Module. . . . . July 8<sup>th</sup>
- ★ The Space Suit. . . . . July 9<sup>th</sup>
- ★ The Lunar Rover. . . . . July 10<sup>th</sup>



*Another sad note — Past 5890 District Governor, 1990 – 1991, Tyler Baker, DDS, of Lake Jackson, passed away June 4<sup>th</sup>. Services were held at First United Methodist Church in Lake Jackson on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**Important Announcement —**

In July 2008, Rotary International will implement a more comprehensive registration and login process for password protected online services, such as the Member Access Portal (MAP) and Secure Sites. In addition, we will be enhancing the existing login experience to improve security and provide self-service features. When the new, more secure system is fully implemented, all registered users will be able to self-service their accounts by resetting passwords and updating email addresses. Starting July 2008, both new and existing MAP users will be required to register with a unique email address, password and a secret question and answer. If you currently share an e-mail address, you will be required to sign up for a new, unshared e-mail account before you can complete your registration for the new system. Some of the free email providers on the web are [Hotmail](mailto:Hotmail), Yahoo, and [Gmail](mailto:Gmail). Acquiring a unique email address and communicating it to Data Services ([data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org)) before July, will make your transition to the new system much easier. If you use spam blocking software, we recommend you add "secure @[rotarymailings.org](mailto:rotarymailings.org)" (remove the blanks) to your approved sender list. This will ensure that you receive emails that support the new self service features of the application. I am sure Rotary International appreciates your continued cooperation and support as we work to improve your online experience. Jon McKinnie, District 5890 Website Assistant Space Center Rotary Club



**The Annual Texas Roadhouse Golf Tournament for 2008 will be held on Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, immediately after our meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club. Shotgun Starting Time: 1:30 p.m.**

***If you think you know all that there is to know, consider the following:***

- The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.
- No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven times.
- Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
- You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television. *I wonder if you burn more sleeping while watching TV.*
- Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are 50 years of age or older. *Kinda like some Rotarians.*
- The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.
- The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad in first class. *They may have to eliminate the whole salad to buy today's fuel.*
- Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. *Is that why women are associated with this planet?*
- Applies, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning. *Only is one falls on your head.*
- The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer; so did the "Marlboro Man." *Slow learners at that company.*
- Walt Disney was afraid of mice. *But not Mickey & Minnie.*
- Pearls melt in vinegar. *Thus, ladies don't dip your string in the salad.*
- The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca Cola & Budweiser, in that order. *Smoke, Coke & Beer.*
- It is possible to lead a cow upstairs, but not downstairs. *So, why do you want to take a cow upstairs?*
- A duck quack doesn't echo and no one knows why.
- Dentist have recommended that a toothbrush be kept at least six feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush.
- Richard Millhouse Nixon was the first U. S. president whose name contains all the letters in the word "criminal". The second? William Jefferson Clinton.
- And the best for last . . . Turtles can breathe through their butts. *Interesting.*

*Hey. Don't blame the editor. I just report. You decide. Caveat: These so-called facts have not been checked. Do your homework before acting on this information.*

---

These test answers from a Catholic elementary school: Note — spelling errors are intentionally included.

1. In the first book of the Bible, *Guinnessis*. God got tire of creating the world so he took the *Sabbath* off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was *Joan of Ark*. Noah built an Ark and the animals came on in *pears*.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic *genitals*.
5. Sampson was a strong man who let himself be led astray by a jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the *axe* of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any *ingredients*.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the *dessert*. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount *Cyanide* to get the ten commandments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is "Thou shalt not *admit* adultery".
11. Moses died before he ever reached *Canada*, the Joshua led the Hebrews in the Battle of *Geritol*.

12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
  13. David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the *liar*. He fought the *Finkelsteins*, a race of people who lived in Biblical times.
  14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 *porcupines*.
  15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the *Magna Carta*.
  16. When the three wise *guys* from the *East Side* arrived they found Jesus in the *manager*.
  17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate *contraption*.
  18. St. John the *blacksmith* dumped water on his head.
  19. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do unto others *before* they do *one* to you. He also explained a man doth not live by *sweat* alone.
  20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the *tombstone* off the entrance.
  21. The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 *decibels*.
  22. One of the *oppossums* was St. Matthew who was also a *taximan*.
  23. St. Paul *cavorted* to Christianity. He preached Holy *Acrimony* which is another name for marriage.
  24. Christians have only one spouse. This is called *monotony*.
- 

From the military —

There is a word you'll never hear a Marine Corps officer, NCO or DI use, and that word is "Manage". In fact, the word is treated with such abhorrence, it is often referred to as the "M Word". That is because Marines are trained to LEAD, not manage. Now, to those of us who, as civilians, are managers, the distinction may not be so obvious. Here, then, are a few of the differences between *managing* and *leading* as seen from the Marine perspective.

1. Managers *push* their people; leaders *pull* their Marines by sheer force of personal example.
2. Managers order their personnel to get the job done; leaders inspire their Marines to get the job done.
3. Managers build a fire under your butt; leaders build a fire in your belly.
4. *Hands-on* managers cultivate obedience; *hands-off* leaders cultivate independence, initiative, personal responsibility and resourcefulness in their Marines.
5. Managers consider themselves part of an exclusive club; leaders maintain the respect and fellowship of the rank and file.
6. Managers accept credit for the success of their subordinates; leaders turn away from the spotlight, letting it shine instead upon those they have the honor and privilege to lead.
7. When a project turns sour, the manager asks "Who is responsible?" The leader says, "I am responsible for everything that my unit does or fails to do."
8. You work overtime for a manager; you work full time for a leader.
9. Managers need to constantly make their presence known; leaders inspire from afar — even from the grave.

*"We hope we have given you an idea of why Marines never use the "M" word. But don't despair, we do believe that Marine Officers, NCOs and DIs would be very impressed by the new breed of civilian managers, leading the corporate mission in today's workplace. Now and then though, it doesn't hurt to remind ourselves of the difference between the "M" word and the "L" word.*

*Semper Fi: Business Leadership the Marine Corps Way!* by Rod Walsh and Dan Carrison

Gerald T. Pothier, Capt. USMC (Ret) 1951 – 1988

*Being a Marine isn't everything . . . it's the ONLY thing.* This quote from President Ronald Reagan 1985: "Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have made a difference in the world. Marines don't have that problem."

*Thanks for your service, Marines: Vince, Steve, Hector . . . Once a Marine, always a Marine!* If you are a Marine, and I didn't mention you by name, please email me. I have three children who are Marines. *Your Editor.*

Picture of the day: Ever feel mistreated or overlooked?

