



July 23, 2001



THE BLASTOFF

Rotary Club of Space Center
Rotary District 5890
Meetings are held
Monday's 11:45
NASA JSC Gilruth Center
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Whatever It Takes

District 5890 2001 - 2002 Theme

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Today's Agenda

- 11:45 am** Buffet luncheon begins
- 12:15 pm** Call to order
Song for today **Jerry Bourgeois**
Pianist **Ann Fulcher - John Wilson**
Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
Introductions of Guest and Visiting Rotarians
Four Way Test
Announcements
- 12:30 pm** Program Chair **Rolfe Young & Pam Culpepper**
Program Dr. Shelley Sekula, Dermatologist on Melanomas,

Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

- Rotary Club of Space Center**
- July 23 Dr. Shelley Sekula, Dermatologist on Melanomas
July 30 Dr. Gail Evans, Exe Dir Distance Edu, UH-Downtown
Dr. Laurel Dodds, Exe-Distance Edu, UHCL
Aug. 7 Board Meeting 7:00 am
- Rotary District 5890 for 2001**
- Aug. 20 DG Dennis Adams Visits our Club
Aug. 29 Rotary Night at the Astros & Reds
Sep. 21/22 Texas Style BBQ Cook-Off (North Shore Pavilion)
Sep. 22 Shrimporee - Space Center
Nov. 7 Be A Friend Hat Society - Westin Gallery



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Blastoff Editor: **Sheila Self**

Today's Song

Bicycle Built For Two

Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer, do
I'm half crazy, all for the love of you
It won't be a stylish marriage, I can't afford a carriage
But you'll look sweet upon the seat
of a bicycle built for two.
Harry, Harry, this is my answer dear
I won't marry don't you shed a tear
If you can't afford a carriage
You can't afford a marriage
And I'll be damned, if I'll be crammed
on a bicycle built for two.

VIP Guest List

Please email the names of the guests that you would like to attend our VIP Wine Tasting and Auction on August 25 at 7:00 at the Houston Yacht Club.

Please email the names and addresses to **Greg Turley** at gturley@swbell.net before July 25.



Date Change
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY / JULY / 25TH / 5 PM /
JSC CREDIT UNION

DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY PROGRAM

Sarah & Ole Donough are calling a meeting on August 1, 2001 of the CLUB COORDINATORS and/or COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMEN at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions about the Drug Awareness Essay Contest program and pick up the printed material that will be ready for them. Meeting location: OMNI WESTSIDE HOTEL, 1-10 AT ELDRIDGE, HOUSTON, AT 7:00 P.M. For details, contact Ole Donaho at 713-852-9899 Ext 114. Email mailto: donaho@excelonline.com

This is about the only program we have for Junior High students. If you have never heard the winning essays read by the winning students you have a major treat in store for you. These kids take Drug Awareness very seriously and the stories are sincere and tear at your heart. It's a easy program to administer and well worth the effort to get involved. Assign someone to this project and have them get oriented and pick up their materials at the Omni Hotel.

Yours in Rotary,
Ron Zilliox, DICO

First corporate Rotary Club launched at Boeing Mesa By Lisa Haley



The Boeing Mesa site recently chartered the first corporate Rotary Club in the world.

"Our charter could be the forerunner of many corporate-based clubs worldwide," says John Pennypacker, president of Boeing Mesa Employees' Rotary Club.

Organized in 1905, Rotary International is a worldwide organization of professionals who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build good will and peace in the world. Today there are 29,728 Rotary Clubs in 187 geographical regions. There are about 1.2 million members.

The Boeing Mesa Rotary Club, formed as a recreation club, has 23 members.

They meet weekly for a working lunch to discuss community service projects.

"The club gives employees here a special opportunity to serve and to be involved with community, vocational and international contacts, educational opportunities and service," Pennypacker says.

So far, the club has welcomed visiting Rotary members from India. The Mesa club is working on educational projects in the community and has teamed with Boeing retirees to help demonstrate flight simulators to local elementary schools.

"We plan to share the lessons we learn with other corporate clubs that form," Pennypacker says.

Many civic clubs - Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis - have seen a decline in membership over the past decade because of the more mobile work force, Pennypacker says. The clubs are looking to corporations to fill those gaps.

Ben Eubank, Rotary district governor, was seeking innovative ways to increase Rotary membership when he contacted Boeing Mesa with the idea to start a club.

Club officers include John Pennypacker, president; Curt Wooley, vice president; Bill Charlton, secretary; and Alan Brozek, treasurer.

For more information, including how to start a corporate Rotary Club, see <http://www.bercm.org/>

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President Suzi Howe discusses her goals for our club this year.

To Suzi's left are
Dr. Marie Dalton
and
Albert Timme, III.

Scott Smith tells us his views of What is Rotary



Dr. Betsy Guisto and Shawn Spohn tell us what's happening in Webster, Texas



Carlos Villogomez enjoying the fellowship at our meeting.



Busy at the front desk are
Belinda Skloss and Murray Epstein along with
Gene Tromblee as he completes some paperwork before checking in.

Rotarian of the Year

My Sincere Appreciation!

I want to express to each of my fellow Rotarians my sincere appreciation as I was truly surprised recently when our outgoing Rotary Club of Space Center President Dave Baldwin presented the Rotarian of the Year award to me. I really was shocked, surprised and very honored. Receiving this honor two years in a row is truly amazing!! I must really get to work now!! And the glass award is gorgeous!

Rotary is the most distinguished organization you can be fortunate enough to be invited to become a member of. Each week we meet for lunch and I look out into the crowd and see so many of the most upstanding community leaders and outstanding business leaders that I look up to, respect and admire - to be in your company is also an honor and pleasure.

Rotary gives us opportunities to change the lives of so many - both the Rotarians that serve and the people that will be served. Working with and working for Rotary brings a far greater happiness than any other superficial or intangible asset. It brings an inner peace.

Again, I want to thank each of you, the SCWR, Sandy Johnson, Barrios, and my family, my family, my family (At time my family will ask me not to talk about Rotary for just five whole minutes.) I wouldn't have received such a distinguished award without your help, support, guidance, fellowship, patience, and leadership!

In the few years since I became a Rotarian some things just fell in my lap - such as:

- Editor of our clubs weekly bulletin - *The Blastoff*
- Club Treasurer for 2001 - 2002
- Shrimporee, RNASA committee, etc.

At the district for the 54 clubs in District 5890 I became active as:

- District Conference Treasurer for our trip to Cancun in May and again for the upcoming conference in New Orleans with Governor Dennis Adams
- District Chairman - Vocational Excellence Award - Outstanding Business Person
- Past District Governor's Newsletter Editor *Pointedly Painter* and District Governor Dennis Adams monthly newsletter editor for *The Jazz It Up Gazette* this year
- Nominating Committee Elected Member for the 2003 - 2004 District Governor
- Rotary International Benefactor
- Paul Harris Fellowship (soon to be)

All you have to do is take a chance and see what you can do! I had no idea what I signed up for and don't have any regrets! This is the beset group of folks to work with and have fun. I have always felt that the more you put in to anything you do - the more you get back - this certainly proves it. Thank you very much for this honor!

In Rotary - Service Above Self,
Sheila Self



Directory Updates!

Please correct the following in your directory.

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Dick Gregg, III
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Dig out your Mardi Gras masks and beads! We need to wear your mask and/or beads on August 20. you have extras please bring them for those that may not have one.

Rotarians,

Please locate and bring in your past issues of "The Rotarian" magazine so we can give them to our guest to take home and read what rotary is doing around the world.
Thanks, Earl Maudlin

Thank you so much to all of the members of the Space Center Women of Rotary for all that you do for Rotary and the community!

SCWR Dates to Remember

- 08/02 Thursday: Board meeting at Victoria's Classy Chats Tea Room, 118 So. Walnut St., Webster. Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; lunch following.
- 08/06 - Monday: Space Center Rotary Meeting at Gilruth Center, NASA to celebrate their 37th anniversary. 11:45 a.m.



Linda and Dennis Adams

This is the song we will practice each week before our Governor visits on August 20

Song Rotary Business
(to the tune of
Give My Regards to Broadway)

Sing out a song of Ro-ta-ry
We're in the business of Mankind
We soar the earth as Regal Eagles
New Members each to find

We are the Class in Black my friend
We serve with all our heart and mind
So sing out a song of Rotary
We're in the Business of Mankind

Shrimporree Team Captains

Earl Maudlin is asking the team captains to encourage your four team members to buy and or sell at least 20 tickets each, and also to encourage them to bring in good quality auction items. My hope is that by having teams if there is a weak link in the team the other members can pick up the slack. We need all club members to sell all 20 tickets and bring in good auction items to make the Shrimporree Festival and Auction successful.

If one of your team members is no longer in the club, please ask a Red Badger to join your team. Make them feel that they a part of our club.



2001 and Beyond: Rotary's Star Off to the Future

Turn Up The Heat
reach the
Shrimporree
3000,000 Goal

Shrimporree Festival & Auction

Next meeting
Monday, July 30
(no mtg. On July 23
as scheduled) 5:00 at the
JSC Federal Credit Union





Rotary Night at Enron Field
Wednesday, August 29, 2001
7:05



Bring a friend for great fellowship and fun!

Houston Astros VS Cincinnati Reds
 See the Astros battle the Reds at spectacular Enron Field

BENEFITS: A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of tickets will benefit the Rotary District 5890 Flood Disaster Relief Fund.

BUY EARLY: A limited number of tickets have been reserved. No orders will be accepted after Friday, August 16th.

HOW TO ORDER: Write checks to: Houston Astros/Rotary Night
 Please give checks or cash to:
 Bill Taylor
 c/o Craig Insurance Agency
 P. O. Box 890066
 Houston, TX 77289-0066
 Ph 281-488-2733 (work)
 281-486-7549 (home)



TICKET ORDER DEADLINE - AUGUST 16TH

TICKETS ARE \$12.00 PER PERSON

OUR POINT OF CONTACT IS BILL TAYLOR

BRING THE FAMILY!

City of Nassau Bay Web Site Wins First Place

The City of Nassau Bay entered their web site in a TCMA (an association of city managers in the State of Texas) contest and won first place! The Texas City Management Association (TCMA) was pleased to announce that Nassau Bay won first place in the developed in-house, 10,000 and under population category in TCMA's second annual web site contest. There were 39 entries in this year's contest, and judging was difficult since many excellent sites competed. Winners in this contest were recognized at the Awards Luncheon during TCMA's Annual Conference recently in Laredo, as well as in the TCMA newsletter, in a TCMA resource publication, on the TCMA web site, and in the conference's Technology Room." Thanks to all who made this possible.

Ken Gerken, Webmaster and City Manager, John Kennedy
<http://www.nassaubay.com>

Jazzing It Up Texas Style



District 5890
Bar-B-Q Cook-off
September 21st & 22nd, 2001

Bring your favorite Cooking Team or create One of Your Own!

Entry Fee \$100.00 per team
 Trophies awarded 1st - 3rd place in all categories
 Brisket, Ribs, Beans, Chili and Open Division

"Peoples Choice Award" will be awarded for the publics favorite team.

Live music, good food and fellowship!
 Great opportunity to meet and compete with fellow Rotarians.

Move in and set up Friday
 Judging begins noon on Saturday
 Free to the public, concessions will be available

For more information please contact **Eric Kennedy**
 979-548-6410 or 979-245-4484

Ballroom Dancers Needed

Please contact **Suzi Howe** if you know how to ballroom dance and would interested in dancing on August 6th.



Sergeant at Arms - Vissett Sun

Please let Vissett know if you are planning to bring a group of people to attend an upcoming Rotary meeting in order for him to give the Gilruth an accurate headcount for lunch to be prepared.

We want to be sure there is enough food provided and we are also currently working on providing the Gilruth a closer headcount each week so that we are not charged for extra meals.

Email Vissett at vissettsun@aol.com

Upcoming August Programs Rolfe Young & Johnny White

- Aug. 6 Anniversary of Space Center Rotary Club
- Aug. 7 Board Meeting 7:00 am
- Aug. 13 Shrimpooree!! Earl Maudlin
- Aug. 20 Governor Dennis Adams
- Aug. 27 Ian Crichton/Tour guide South Africa

BRING HOME THE BREAD

Look in the grocery store and the bread wrappers have different colored twist ties, and even the ones with the plastic clips have different colors. You learn something New everyday!! When you go to buy bread in the grocery store, have you ever wondered which is the freshest, so you "squeeze" for freshness or softness.



Did you know that bread is delivered fresh to the stores five days a week?

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And each day has a different color twist tie. They are :

- Monday - Blue
- Tuesday - Green
- Thursday - Red
- Friday - White
- Saturday - Yellow



So today being Thursday, I wanted a red twist tie -- not white which is Friday (almost a week old?). The colors go alphabetically by color Blue - Green - Red -White-Yellow, Monday thru Saturday. Very easy to remember. Ø

At the kind suggestion of Billy Smith *The Blastoff* will start having a "blank space" for you to make a note if needed, to record a date/event that is announced, exchange notes with a fellow Rotarian, etc. We hope this added empty space will be useful to you.

Dig out your Mardi Gras masks and beads! We need to wear your mask and/or beads on August 20. If you have extras please bring them for those that may not have one.



Things You Did or Didn't Know Have a Name

FERRULE

The metal band on a pencil that holds the eraser in place.

FERRULE



KEEPER

The loop on a belt that keeps the end in place after it has passed through the buckle.

ROWEL

The revolving star on the back of a cowboy's spurs.



The Blastoff continues to place ads for those interested in advertising their business. The business card size ads will run each week and cost \$200.00 for six months. All funds raised from ads will go directly to our clubs service account and thus be available for our various community and international charitable projects. Please contact Sheila if you are interested in placing an ad for the next six months.

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Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Make - Up Locations

Monday - noon	
Angleton	A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof. Bldg.
Galleria Area	University Club
Tuesday - noon	
Galveston Island	San Luis Hotel
Harrisburg	Brady's Landing
LaPorte	St. John's Episcopal Church
Pearland	Golfcrest Country Club
River Oaks	Briar Club
Texas City	Nesler Center
Wednesday - noon	
Baytown	Goose Creek Country Club
Deer Park	Court & Theater Center
Dickinson	Methodist Church
Friendswood	Village on the Park
So. Pasadena	Baywood Country Club
Thursday - noon	
Alvin	Homestead Inn
Gulfway/Hobby	Hobby Hilton
Houston	Jr. League of Houston
	1811 Briar Oaks Lane
LaMarque	Ranada Inn
League City	Esteban's Fiesta Shack
Seabrook (7:00am)	Lakewood Yacht Club
Friday - noon	
Pasadena	First United Methodist Church
W. Galveston Cty.	LaMarque Holiday Inn

NOTE:

Makeup forms, checks, and other communiques to club secretary, treasurer, or president should be mailed to:

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