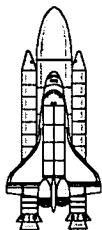
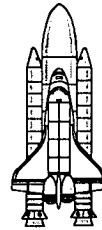


July 30, 2001

THE BLASTOFF



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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	
12:05 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. Gail Evans, Ex Dir Distance Edu, UH	
	Dr. Laural Dodds, Ex Dir Distance Edu, UHCL	

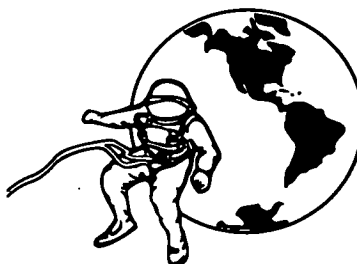
Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

Rotary Club of Space Center

Aug. 6	Anniversary of Space Center Rotary Club & ADG Visit
Aug. 7	Board Meeting 7:00 am
Aug. 13	Shrimporee!! Earl Maudlin
Aug. 20	Governor Dennis Adams
Aug. 25	VIP Wine Tasting and Auction 7:00 pm
Aug. 27	Ian Crichton/Tour guide South Africa

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
Sep. 22	Nicaraguan Gala
Nov. 7	Be A Friend Hat Society - Westin Gallery



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"Where Innovation and Motivation Meet"

Blastoff Editor: **Sheila Self**

Space Center Rotary Task Force Volunteer Challenge

Space Center Rotary Membership Assessment:

1. Members want to "do something" about present and future challenges, but don't know what would be the most effective course of action.
2. Members want to do more than give scholarships and awards.
3. Members want to take action that will also stimulate future membership in Space Center Rotary and/or give the organization membership.
4. Members do not want to duplicate services of other agencies or organizations.
5. Members want to leverage their time and impact by working in conjunction with other organizations or agencies whenever possible.
6. Members are motivated to take action that will help others and that will ultimately help themselves and/or their families.



President Suzi Howe
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Community Needs Assessment:

1. Educational reinforcement/drop-out prevention
2. Population growth sector and the challenge it presents for the future work force
3. Medical crisis and impact it is having on our lives now
4. Predicted future medical crisis
5. Technical skills shortage
6. Competition for future medical care/social services (as predicted by GHWF) will be severe

We're going to
New Orleans!

Challenge for a Task Force:

1. Create a program, concept or network that will help to solve present day and future problems and encourage young people to become all that they can be.
2. Create a program, concept or network that takes advantage of the particular strengths, skills or experiences of Space Center Rotary's individual members.
3. Create something that is not too time consuming to preclude participation by a significant percentage of the membership.
4. Create a program, concept or network that inspires participation, does not duplicate services of other agencies, and that serves as a model program for other service organizations in the area, region, state or country.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

JB Fox - new email address:
jfox6@houston.rr.com

Bob Montgomery new email
address:
rpmontgo@swbell.net

Finally:

1. If we do the research, benchmark successful programs, communicate with the schools as well as with young people about their needs, we can create a program that will make a positive difference in the lives of young people as well as in our own.
2. We will be working in line with our mission statement, which includes: **promoting Rotary; supporting civic responsibility; providing fellowship among members; and providing leadership and educational guidance in our community.**

Respectfully submitted by Suzi Howe, President, Space Center Rotary



Rotarians at lunch
Scott Smith, Olive
Murphy-Riker, Bill
Taylor, Don
Thurston, Suzi
Howe, and Alan
Wylie.



President Suzi
Howe with a Rotar-
ian visiting us from
Mexico. Last week's
speaker Dr. Shelly
Sekula Rodriguez



Ballroom Dancers Needed

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



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.



"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, I-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

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 will all our heart and mind
So sing out a song of Rotary
We're in the Business of Mankind



Linda and Dennis Adams



Two Peat 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 times 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!

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

Joe loves to create confusion. One Tuesday he sent an e-mail memo to his secretary that said, "I'll be back in the office three days before one week after the day after tomorrow." When would he be back?

Monday of the following week.

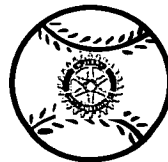
John wrote the name of a certain U.S. state on a sheet of paper in all capital letters. He then turned his page upside down and looked at it in a mirror. It read exactly as he had written it. What is the name of the state that he wrote?

OIHO





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.

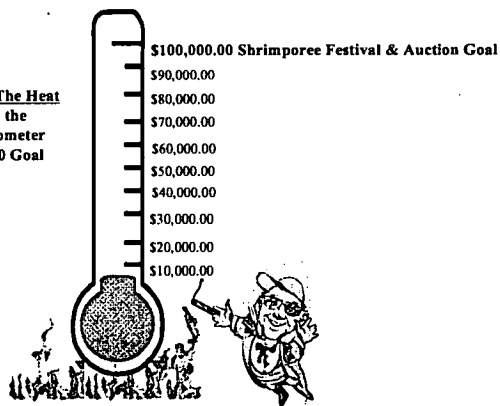
BUY EARLY: A limited number of tickets have been reserved. No orders will be accepted after Friday, August 16th.

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 give checks or cash to:
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 Ph 281-488-2733 (work)
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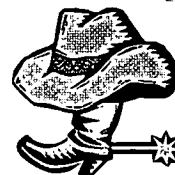
International Friendship Day

August 1st is International Friendship Day - and that means its time to recognize your friends and the great contribution they make to your life.

Friends come in many shapes, sizes and guises... same-age friends, school friends, older friends, siblings, work colleagues, partners, parents, pets or neighbors.

Remember, Friendship Day happens only once a year.. so make the most of it! :) Pull out all the stops and make your friends know they are truly appreciated.

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

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**



Bruno Tabith Costa arrives in Houston

By: Art Wood

Space Center Rotary welcomed our newest Exchange Student, Bruno Tabith Costa, on July 23rd. Bruno is from Aracatuba, Brazil, a city of 150,000 people 600 km north of Sao Paulo. He is 16 (will be 17 on Sept. 23rd) and will enter Clear Lake High School in August where he will be a Junior for the coming year.

Bruno is a good student and has many outside interests. He enjoys sports, in-

Gary Johnson introduced Bruno to us last week



cluding soccer and volleyball and reads extensively. He enjoys horses and cattle and may pursue a career in agriculture.

He also enjoys camping, fishing, and playing the guitar. He has not previously traveled to other countries, so his year in Houston will be a totally new experience for him.

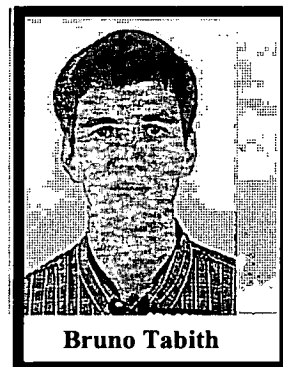
His family lives in Aracatuba a city where agriculture (sugar cane mainly) and cattle breeding are important businesses but where many other industries also exist. He has two brothers, Andre (13) and Tomas (11). His father graduated with a Masters in Animal Science and is presently a Director for a farmer owned cooperative and is an agricultural consultant. His mother graduated with a degree in Business Administration and is a civil servant

Bruno will live with three different host families throughout the year. At

the beginning he will live in the home of Alan Wylie. His Rotary counselor throughout the year will be

Gary Johnson. Other host families have not yet been resolved. If your family or a friend would like to host Bruno, please contact Gary Johnson, Alan Wylie, or Art Wood. Host families should be in the Clear Lake High School district but do not need to be Rotarians.

All Rotarians are invited to get to know Bruno and to include him in some activity over the next 11 months.



SHRIMPOREE BEGINNINGS PARTY AND VIP AUCTION AT HOUSTON YACHT CLUB ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2001

By: GREG TURLEY

We will kick off the 2001 Shrimporee with the Second Annual "Shrimporee Beginnings" VIP Auction and Wine Tasting on Saturday, August 25, 2001. All Rotarians and guests are invited to a tasteful evening of fine

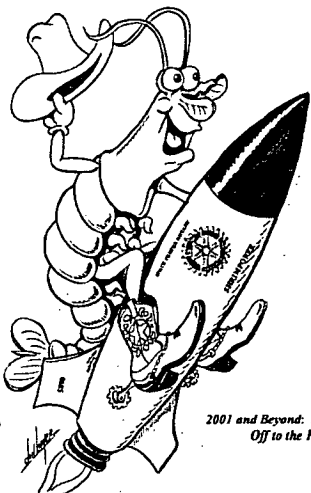
food and wines, along with a champagne reception at the Houston Yacht Club on Galveston Bay.

Last year at the inaugural party, we sampled five different wines, followed by dinner and auction of the finest items donated to the club for the Shrimporee. The idea of Bill Lowes, past President, was to take the best items for auction and have a celebration in a style befitting such items.

We raised over \$10,000.00 and auctioned vacation condominiums in Indian Wells, CA and Angel Fire, NM, along with furs, jewelry, artwork and golf, hunting and fishing packages. This year's auction promises to be every bit as good.

Tickets for the dinner are \$50.00 per person, and responses are due by August 17 to **Greg Turley**. He can be reached at 281.461.0595 or geturley@swbell.net. If you have guests you would like to receive a printed invitation, please send him those names and addresses.

Please mark your calendars for August 25. You will find that it will be, as it was last year, the best club social event of the year, in a very fine atmosphere. Special thanks to our member sponsors at the Houston Yacht Club, **Mike and Cindy Porterfield**.



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



America Red Cross South Bay Area Class Schedule

Community First Aid & Safety

CPR & First Aid	Cost
	\$35.00
Aug. 7 & 9	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Aug. 13, 15 & 16	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Aug. 27 & 29	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Sep. 11 & 13	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Sep. 24 & 26	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Oct. 9 & 11	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Oct. 15, 17, & 18	6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Oct. 22 & 24	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm

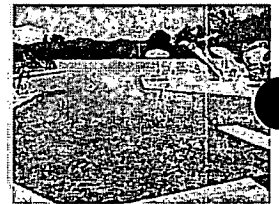
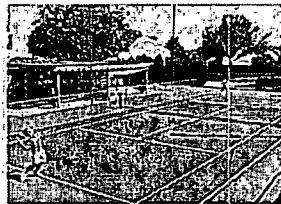
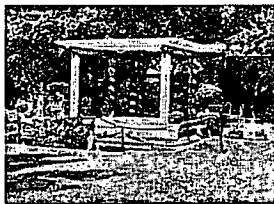
At the kind suggestion of **Billy Smith** *The Blastoff* will start having a "blank space" for you to make a note if needed, to record a date/event that is announced, exchange notes with a fellow Rotarian, etc. We hope this added empty space will be useful to you.

Rotary Club of Space Center Fall Social

RIVERHILL



Make plans to attend Riverhill in Kerrville, TX in October. If you are interested in going please contact Bill Taylor at 281-488-2733 or 281-486-7549.



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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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 Nessler 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 Ramada 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



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