



# 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  
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## Programs:

**Today: Jim Palmer, Emergency Mgmt, City of Houston**  
Aug 6 ..... Youth Exchange — Dick Meyer  
Aug 13 ..... Club Assembly  
Aug 20 ..... Shrimporee Update  
Aug 27 ..... Allan Flint — NASA  
Sept 3 ..... Labor Day, **No Meeting**  
Oct 8 ..... Columbus Day, **No Meeting**  
Nov 12 ..... Veteran’s Program  
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 ..... Debby McBride  
Invocation ..... Carlos Villagomez  
Pledge .....  
4-Way Test .....  
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests ....  
Announcements .....  
Program ..... 12:30

Say Happy Birthday to —

Rodolfo Gonzalez ..... 28-July



**\$5,000 Sponsor**  
Thanks, Tony & Sharon

**SCRC Endowment Foundation  
Semi-annual Pancake Breakfast  
August 4th  
Nassau Bay Baptist Church  
Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20  
Children under age 6 eat free.  
A great meal and fellowship.**

*Photos by Bob Mitchell*

**Shrimporee Planning Committee Meetings**  
August 6th & 20th; September 10th, 17 & 24th; October 1st, 9th, 15th & 22<sup>nd</sup>  
*All at JSCFCU @ 5:15 p.m.*

## 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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### 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 Membership Seminar . . . . . Aug. 11th
- Shrimporee . . . . . Oct. 27th
- District Leadership Institute . . . . . Jan. 11th
- District Conference — Galveston . . . . . TBD
- Springoree . . . . . TBD
- RI Convention, Los Angeles . . . . . June 2008



### **Sponsor Benefits for \$1,000:**

- \* 20 tickets to the Shrimporee
  - \* 2 tickets to the Springoree
  - \* 2 entries to the golf tournament
  - \* Ad in the Blastoff until July 1st 2008
- Sign up today & take advantage of the full year of recognition.*

**Contact Scott Rainey**

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**DUES ARE DUE FOR 2007-2008**

*Annual club dues in the amount of \$210 are due on July 1st and delinquent if not paid by July 31st. Dues may be paid in two installments of \$105 each on July 1st and January 1st if total payment would be a financial hardship. Make your checks payable to Space Center Rotary Club.*

**Shrimporee Major Beneficiaries 2007**

InterFaith Caring Ministries  
 Boy Scouts of America — Bay Area  
 Builders Without Borders

**One of Pres. Dick's goals for 2007 — 2008 is to increase membership by a net of + 5. He will need the help of all members. A few open classifications will be published each week to help us focus on potential members. Some are:**

- Florist
- Pharmacist
- Beautician
- Physician
- Funeral Director
- Automobile Dealer
- Scouting
- Psychologist
- Health Care Administration
- Public Relations
- Swimming Pool Construction
- Hotel Management
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- Nutritionist

June 25, 2007

**Officers & Directors for 2007-2008 were installed by PDG John Painter**

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## Space Center Rotary Club

### Eagle Scouts

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## Eagle Scouts

### An Eagle Scout is —

a scout with the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 1.7 million young men.

### Significance

The fact that a boy is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education, business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. Not every boy who joins a Boy Scout troop earns the Eagle Scout rank; only about 5 percent of all Boy Scouts do so. Nevertheless, the goals of Scouting—citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness—remain important for all Scouts, whether or not they attain the Eagle Scout rank.

### Progression

To earn the Eagle Scout rank, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks—Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. To advance, a Boy Scout must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges.

### Merit Badges

Merit badges signify the mastery of certain Scoutcraft skills, as well as helping boys increase their skill in an area of personal interest. Of the 120 merit badges available, 21 must be earned to qualify for Eagle Scout. Of this group, 12 badges are required, including First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Environmental Science, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Camping, and Family Life. In addition, a Scout has a choice between Emergency Preparedness and Lifesaving and a choice among Cycling, Hiking, and Swimming.

### Scoutmaster Conferences

At each of his rank advancements, a Boy Scout takes part in a Scoutmaster conference. These conferences help the Scout to set goals for himself in line with his individual talents and abilities. At each conference, the Scoutmaster helps him evaluate how well he accomplished his present goal and then works with him in setting new goals.

### Service and Responsibility

Beginning with the Star rank, and continuing through Life and Eagle, a Scout must demonstrate participation in increasingly more responsible service projects. At these levels, he also must demonstrate leadership skills by holding one or more specific youth positions of responsibility in his troop.

# Steps in Advancement

Advancement, one of the eight methods by which the aims of Scouting are achieved, has four steps through each award level.

First, the Scout learns. Much of his learning comes from other boys in his patrol or troop and by active participation in troop program. His patrol activities are directed toward the skills he needs. Every troop hike, camping trip, or other activity offers potential learning experiences. A Scout learns to pitch a tent by pitching one, to use a compass by finding directions, and to cook a meal by having to prepare and eat it.

Second, the Scout is tested. The specific requirements determine the kind of testing. Verbal testing is sufficient in some instances. In other instances, a Scout must demonstrate his skills by doing.

Third, the Scout is reviewed. The purpose of the review is to ensure that all requirements for advancement have been met. This includes a check of the Scout's attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting, in addition to his Scoutcraft skills. The decision regarding whether a Scout has met the required standards to qualify for rank advancement begins with the troop and, for the Eagle Scout rank, is approved by the district, local council, and finally, the National Council.

Fourth, the Scout is recognized. The final step in advancement involves presentation of the badge, usually at a ceremony before the entire troop.

# Boy Scouts With Disabilities

Boy Scouts with disabilities may qualify for the Eagle Scout rank. The Scout must earn as many of the required merit badges as he can. He then submits an application for alternate merit badges. His BSA local council determines the alternate merit badges for him to earn.

# National Eagle Scout Association

Founded in 1972, the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) maintains contact with Eagle Scouts to sustain their interest in Scouting. Any Eagle Scout may join the association. Applications for membership in NESA are available through your local council, on the BSA Web page ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)), or by contacting the Eagle Scout Service at the national office.

**The Bay Area Boy Scouts are a major beneficiary of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Space Center Rotary Club Shrimporee.**



**Bob Wren, Chm. of Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to Joan Skellenger & Chuck Jacobson for the new YMCA facility in North Galveston County for early completion of a pledge of \$25,000 by SCRC. Ribbon cutting Oct. 17th. All are invited.**



### Calling all District 5890 Rotarians!

The District Membership Seminar will be held on August 11 from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Room 1005 in the Angela Morales Building at Houston Community College Campus southeast (on I-45 near Woodridge). All club & district leaders should plan to attend.



*Coach Jim of the Bay Area Toros baseball team told SCRC about the team. Home games are played at CCHS stadium on FM518 on Thursday, Friday, Saturday (dbl header) & Sunday during the summer months. Tickets are \$5 & \$8. For more info [www.bayareatoros.com](http://www.bayareatoros.com)*



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