



# 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  
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## Programs:

- Today: . . . . . Youth Exchange — Dick Meyer**
- Aug 13 . . . . . Club Assembly
  - Aug 20 . . . . . Shrimporee Update
  - Aug 27 . . . . . Allan Flint — NASA
  - Sept 3 . . . . . Labor Day, **No Meeting**
  - Sep 10 . . . . . Interfaith Christian Ministries
  - Sep 17 . . . . . Astronaut, Scott D. Altman
  - Sep 24 . . . . . Anti Defamation League  
greater understanding between  
Christians, Jews, and Muslims
  - 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**

## 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 —

- Delia Stephens . . . . . August 2nd
- Murray Epstein . . . . . August 3rd
- Hector A. Marin . . . . . August 5th
- Marchk Humphrey . . . . . August 13th
- Roger Donnelley . . . . . August 16th
- Sheila Self . . . . . August 22nd
- Steve Waldner . . . . . August 26th



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**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.*

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### 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

### Make up @ an E-club

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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
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**CORRECTION: That's not Joan Skellenger. Everone knows it's Nanci Rutledge. The Editor's apology to both.**



**J B gets pinned by David Coney as a member of the Paul Harris Society, having pledge \$1,000 per year to Rotary Foundation.**



*June 30th speaker, Jim Palmer of the City of Houston Emergency Management Office told the audience the City's plan for Hurricane evacuation. Many questions were asked as those present sought a better understanding of residents' options and obligations regarding protecting family, pets and property from storm surge and wind damage if a hurricane strikes at or near Galveston. Although improve-ments have been made since Rita, many problems still exist in getting 1.4 million people out of harm's way. Go to [www.houstontx.gov/oem](http://www.houstontx.gov/oem) for more info.*



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**FRANK LOUIS CURTIS**, for member of Space Center Rotary Club, died July 24, 2007.

Some biographical information:

- born on January 9, 1924 in New York City
- served from 1942 thru 1947 in the U. S. Navy as an aircraft mechanic and flight crewman
- graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, class of 1951
- B. S. degree in Industrial Engineering
- worked for The Boeing Company for 37 years starting out as a flight test engineer
- held a number of positions including: Systems Engineering, Test Manager, Reliability and Safety Manager, Omaha Office Manager, and Safeguard Test Target System Manager
- appointed Shuttle Carrier Aircraft Program Manager in 1975
- assumed Management of Boeing Houston Operations supporting the Johnson Space Center on the Space Shuttle Program
- 1983 appointed Vice President, Business Development of Boeing Services International (BSI) located in Cocoa Beach, Florida
- 1985 selected as Program Manager, Air Force One, which consisted of modifying two 747 aircraft for use by the President of the United States
- active in the University Baptist Church of Clear Lake City
- survived by his wife Shirley of 22 years, three Daughters and several grandchildren and great grandchildren

A **fifth Immunization Event** sponsored by SCRC was held August 2nd at the Interfaith Caring Ministries in League City. The funding for these events is a continuation of SCRC Blane Grant award. This event exhausted all remaining funds. The following SCRC Rotarians, Junius Fox, Laura Godwin, Jennifer Keller and her son Louis Adler, a nursing student, assisted nurses and screening and educational staff to provide over 60 immunizations to special needs children. This local project emanated an International presence with all SCRC volunteers speaking Spanish with the families at this event. Jennifer Keller, RN serving as project lead met with representatives from Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) and the Galveston County Health District (GCHD) during the event and all unanimously concurred that the need exists for immunizing small children to support community health initiatives. Hepatitis A is the most frequently administered serum to small children at this event that coincides with health department district wide statistics. The Hepatitis A serum was not available to offer to children until after 1995 and the health department is still finding school aged children who are not immunized. The Centers for Disease Control report that children ages 3 to 4 present a higher risk of acquiring Hepatitis A and this presents a higher risk to spreading this disease among immediate family members and our community at large especially since it is difficult to diagnosis this disease in small aged children. Another risk factor for acquiring Hepatitis A are among travelers coming from Mexico and other Central American countries where the highest reported cases of Hepatitis A exists. Our project targets both pre-schooled and school aged children up to 18 years of age. Representatives from GCHD, ICM and Jennifer Keller agreed that an aggressive outreach program targeting communities where families that immigrated from developing countries need to be educated on the importance to acquire immunizations and provide them with dates to when immunization events offering free immunizations will be held at ICM. ICM representative concur that 4 events per year is a minimum requirement. In addition, immunization co-pays have increased from \$5 per patient to an average of \$20 per patient placing a higher demand for funding. With our support, ICM will continue their outreach program that along with the Galveston County Health District, will provide more special needs children with the required immunization for disease prevention.

*Jennifer Keller*



*A great breakfast was had by all. The SCRCEF semiannual pancake breakfast was held Saturday to what seemed like an endless stream of hungry patrons. The menu: blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, Jimmy Dean sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, fluffy biscuits, cream gravy, fruit bowl, juice, coffee and great fellowship, all for \$5. Can't be beat! If you missed this one, mark your calendar & make plans for the Sweetheart Valentines Breakfast in February 2008. Photos by Bob Mitchell*

*Photos by  
Pam Culpepper*

