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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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 Meetings Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club
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Programs:

- Today:** **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**
 - Feb 18 President's Day, **No Meeting**

Meeting Agenda



- Luncheon Begins 11:45
- Call to Order 12:00
- Song Debby McBride
- Invocation Dennis Dillon
- Pledge
- 4-Way Test
- Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests
- Announcements
- Program 12:30
- Adjourn 1:00

Say Happy Birthday to —

- Mark Humphrey August 13th
- Jennifer Keller August 14th
- Roger Donnelley August 16th
- Sheila Self August 22nd
- Steve Waldner August 26th



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 Thanks, Tony & Sharon



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

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*He who serves the best,
 profits the most.*



MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

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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
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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
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Notice From The District Governor

Michael E. Debakey VA Medical Center in Houston is asking all community members in our district to support the National Veterans Golden Age Games (Veteran's version of Olympics for Veteran's ages 55 and older) being held in Houston August 27-30, 2007. More than 600 (closer to 700 now) veterans over the age of 55 are expected to participate in this year's Games, making it the nation's largest senior sporting event for veterans. The site for the majority of the sporting events, plus the opening and closing ceremonies, is the George R. Brown Convention Center in downtown Houston. Over 1,000 volunteers are needed during this event and Rotarians are called upon to meet this demand. Families and friends can join us as volunteer for this event. Current volunteers range from ages 9 to 90. I call upon all fellow Rotarians, friends, families and associated clubs to give tribute to those who have served defending our country by serving as volunteers for this event . All volunteers should contact Bryan J. Dyck at 713.794.7347 or 713.794.7135 dyck.bryanj@va.gov. The website for this event is www.veteransgoldenagegames.org for more information.

NOTE FROM THE SHRIMPOREE PLANNING MEETING AUGUST 6TH

Those in attendance were: Mike Hernandez, Travis Moebes, Gary Johnson, Rafael Lugo, Marilyn Musial, Bill Taylor, Bill Geissler, John Nugent, Billy Smith, Jerry Smith, Scott Rainey, Alan Wylie, Dick Gregg III, Earl Maudlin, Rae DeCastro, Jerrold Dewease. The meeting was primarily concerned with the action items sent out recently and the timeline for projects being completed. Travis stated that the license that is received for dispensing beer is good for dispensing wine also. He further noted that bottled, unopened wine and liquor could be auctioned without any special license. He is beginning the process of obtaining a dispensing license for this year. The cost is about \$135. Mike asked Jerrold to find out how much money is in the Shrimporee account from Mark Humphrey. Rae noted that there were 20 teams set up for preparing baskets for the silent auction. Ten teams have selected themes. She is working on a chart with the teams and themes to be displayed at the Aug 20 Club meeting. Rae noted that Earl said that the boat trip to view the fireworks was not feasible. She will pursue another award for the basket that brings in the highest amount of money. There was much discussion about the logo. The multitude of colors presents a problem when putting it on a garment such as a tee shirt. The cost becomes prohibitive. It was decided to use five colors, the blue and gold used for the Rotary emblem, black, orange, and brown. Jerrold is to contact Leeanne Sampson, the creator of the logo, and ask if she will revise it accordingly. (Footnote: The logo has been finalized). It was discussed about selling the tee shirts, caps, etc.; but Bill Taylor stated that he had attempted that over the years and it was not a successful. It was decided not to try to sell them but to offer them as an incentive for selling meal tickets. It was decided to get a durable (heavy cotton) white tee shirt. The cost is about \$4.50 and 200 will be ordered. Mike wanted the tee shirts to commemorate the 34th Shrimporee. Sponsors will be placed on the back. Bastion Technologies is underwriting the expense up to \$1000. Brian Ellis (not present) had requested that all the food service people wear aprons. A couple of issues regarding aprons : (1) who will pay for them (\$8-10 each) and (2) shouldn't the aprons be more generic and have Space Center Rotary and the Rotary Emblem rather than the Shrimporee logo?. The aprons could be used for other occasions and should last for several years. No decision was made. The caps (about \$7.00) also presented a problem. The logo has to be reduced in size to be placed on a cap. The logo would have to be embroidered rather than silk-screened on. Not clear what the caps will be used for. Perhaps David Coney can use them in his meal ticket sales incentive program. There was a discussion on selling wine. Gary and Travis are to get back to the committee with the following recommendations at the next Planning Meeting on Aug 20: Whether or not to sell wine; if wine is sold, then what kind of wine and how is it to be sold (wine cooler or other); the cost of the wine to the consumer. Also the estimated amount of profit to be made. Scott Rainey noted that the sponsor brochure was completed. He requested 1000 meal tickets for the sponsors. The drop-dead date for sponsors to be on the tee shirts is Sept 15. Art Wood (not present) is to let the committee know who the VIP' are and how many meal tickets he needs. Earl offered Art 50 meal tickets. Mike requested for he and Dick visit the Boy Scouts (one of the beneficiaries) and confirm their involvement in the Shrimporee. The details are in the action items. Dick agreed. Nanci Rutledge was requested to have 3000 tickets rather than 2000

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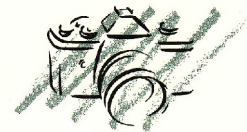
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raffle tickets printed. The raffle consists of two prizes (1) a trip (must be booked through Cecile Schutter travel agency) to any where that \$7500 will buy and (2) some jewelry worth \$1000 from Ben Bridge Jewelers. Mike reminded the committee of the Aug 20 Club meeting and that it was to be a Shrimporee update. In addition, Laura Godwin (not present) is to be in charge of decorating the tables with a Halloween theme, spiders, webs, pumpkins, witches hats, etc. The children's activities will be similar to last years'. Rafael plans to have a slide for the smaller children to play on instead of the moonwalk. There will be face painting, balloons, and other activities. Alissa Gonzales, assistant to Marc Schneider, coordinates the activities. Marc sponsors the children's activities. Rafael will provide the committee more details on the activities after he talks to Alissa. Mike asked Rafael to be sure to coordinate the normal children's activities with the pumpkin painting activities that Pat Doughty is in charge of. Jim Sweeney asked the committee to collect the invoices we get for his services. He may become a sponsor. A discussion came up about who will be in charge of cotton candy and popcorn. No decision was made. Bill Taylor will discuss with Micki Czarnik, who is president of the Rotary Women and in charge of the pastry sales, and report back to the committee at the next meeting, Aug 20. Some thought that cotton candy should go to Micki and popcorn to the hot dog group. These way children meals are together and popcorn is close to the beer stand. Mike asked about the sound system. Bill is responsible for the system, but Charles Milby normally picks it up and installs it. The only comment was that it was too loud. Mike went over the timetable for some items. He wants the posters and flyers completed, and the signs and banners approved by September 1. In addition, the meal and raffle tickets should be printed by August 18. Milk asked Jerrold to contact David Coney for the following: Layout of the meal tickets, the plan to encourage sale of meal tickets, and that the tickets are to be printed by Aug 18. After the meeting, and after having talked with David Coney, Mike recommended that 150 tee shirts be printed and be given away to Rotarians and Shrimporee volunteer workers. He also recommended that 50 caps be ordered and given to Rotarians that reach or surpass the sale of X number of meal tickets. The caps will have the Rotary emblem and "Service above Self" on the front and "Space Center Rotary Club" on the back. Further, he recommended that 50 aprons be ordered and given to the food workers as suggested by Brian Ellis. These aprons will only have the Rotary emblem and "Service above Self" on the front. Remaining aprons can be made available for sale to members of our club or any other club in the District.

Submitted by Jerrold Dewease

With great sadness, it must be reported that SCRC Past President, Jerry Hammack, who is now 86, is terribly ill and we will probably lose him very soon. He has been battling cancer off and on for several years and had it pretty well beat until early this year. Then he had a relapse, and a bad fall about 3 weeks ago. Now, he is in Harbor View Nursing Home, South Shore Harbor, on oxygen and morphine only. The oxygen is for blood clots in his lungs which are making it difficult for him to breathe. It is understood that all treatment, other than that to make him comfortable, has been discontinued and that he is rarely conscious. Although you likely will not be able to see him, long time SCRC members will want to know since we have known Jerry for such a long time. His wife, Adelin, is also living at the nursing home also. She is not well and will remain there after Jerry's death. Please keep Jerry, Adelin and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

Past President, Geoff Atwater, announced that of the 57 Rotary Clubs in District 5890, Space Center Rotary Club gave more to the Rotary International Foundation in Rotary year 2006-2007 than any other club. Congratulations to SCRC, a 100% Paul Harris Fellows club.

Calling upon all SCRC members to —

- ✓ *Buy at least 20 Shrimporee tickets*
- ✓ *Buy raffle tickets for a chance to win the trip to anywhere at any time — Value \$7,500*
- ✓ *Help your team create the winning basket*
- ✓ *Obtain at least one auction item*

Do you know the newly revised Texas Pledge? (revised by the Texas Legislature effective June 15, 2007)

*“Honor the Texas flag;
I pledge allegiance to thee,
Texas, one state under God,
one an indivisible.”*

It's reported —

The population of the Bay Area is expected to exceed 500,000 by year 2020 and the median household annual income it expected to exceed \$62,000, according to the Bay Area Houston Economical Partnership.

Give thanks to Jim Saxe (Putt Putt Golf) & Roger Donnelly for generously underwriting the cost of raffle tickets.

- ★ 1st prize = a trip to anywhere, anytime as long as you keep the cost within \$7,500. WOW!!
- ★ 2nd prize = 2 pieces of jewelry from Ben Bridge Jewelers (Travis Vermeer) & Jerrold Dewease. Value = \$1,000.