



the Blastoff

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: 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 Visit by District Governor
 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 Dennis Dillon
 Pledge
 4-Way Test
 Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests
 Announcements
 Program 12:30
 Adjourn 1:00

Say Happy Birthday to —

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.

Service Above Self

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

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

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 April 24-27 '08
- Springoree TBD
- RI Convention, Los Angeles . . . June 15-18 '08



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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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. *Submitted by Jennifer Keller*

- 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*

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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.”*

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Photos l to r by Bob Mitchell from the August 6th meeting: Jon McKinnie talks about The Rotarian;

Nanci Rutledge talks about Shrimporee Sponsors; returning exchange students, Hallie Brant & Melanie Mallory described their experiences in Sweden and Brazil.

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Photos from the August 13th meeting by Bob Mitchell; l to r, Alan Wylie introduces Marie Alexandra Campo, exchange student from France, Maria & Pres. Dick exchange club banners, a smiling pose by the exchangees.

Pictures below of Alan, wife, Gay & Marie. Photos courtesy of Alan Wylie.



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The Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation Pancake Breakfast raised a net profit of \$902.26. Thanks to all that bought tickets. A good time was had by

InterFaith Caring Ministries needs canned goods. Please pick up a few extra when shopping and bring them to a club meeting to help.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

DISTRICT 5890 SEEKS ROTARIANS TO LEAD GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE) TEAMS TO FRANCE AND SOUTH KOREA IN SPRING 2008

Rotary International District 5890 seeks Rotarians to lead Group Study Exchange (GSE) teams to France or South Korea for four weeks in spring 2008. The exchanges are all-expense paid trips for 4-5 non-Rotarian young professionals, led by a Rotarian.

What is the GSE program?

The GSE program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. For four weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, stay in host Rotarians' homes, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Responsibilities of the Team Leader

The team leader acts as advocate, confidant, mediator, organizer, intermediary, consultant, colleague, friend, motivator, arbitrator, and protector of team members. As the only Rotarian on the team, the team leader is expected to assume complete control of the team and put its interests first.

Eligibility Criteria

The team leader must:

- be an experienced Rotarian;
- remain with the team for the duration of the exchange;

- be willing and able, physically and mentally, to keep pace with the GSE;
- not be accompanied by a spouse, companion, or other relatives or dependents.

Important Dates:

Trip Dates France (Dist 1700) South Korea (Dist 3670)

Applications Due 5 Mar - 4 Apr, 2008 11 Apr - 11 May, 2008

Social Reception 11 Sept, 2007 18 Sept, 2007

Interview Date 14 & 15 Sept, 2007 21 & 22 Sept, 2007

The social reception is mandatory and is not open to spouses or guests.

How to apply:

To obtain application forms (as well as more information on GSE), please go to www.rotary.org.

- Click on "Downloads" (the third, deep blue, line from the top, to the right);

- Click on "The Rotary Foundation," from the Download Center choices;

- Click on "Educational Programs" on the left column of the Download Center.

- Scroll down to the section for Group Study Exchange.

- Look for "Group Study Exchange Team Leader Application" and print a copy of the application form.

Endorsement by your club president is required to accompany the completed application.

Please fax completed applications to (713) 401-9674.

For more information, please contact

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