



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
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Programs:

- Today: Astronaut, Scott D. Altman**
- Sep 24. Anti Defamation League —
greater understanding between Christians, Jews, and
Muslims
- Oct 1. Dr. John James
"Anatomy of an Adverse Event"; Patient rights and
perspective of hospital medical care
- Oct 8. Columbus Day, **No Meeting**
- Oct 15. Karen Marshall, Director
Community Outreach, Metropolitan Transit Authority.
Current state of mass transit in Houston, future plans and
challenges, specifically its impact on the Clear Lake area.
- Oct 22. Addie Wiseman, Houston City Council
Accomplishments, challenges and issues facing the City of
Houston
- Oct 29. Dr. Greg Smith, superintendent of schools
(January 2008) Clear Creek Independent School District.
Current president of Alvin Rotary Club
- 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**

Say Happy Birthday to —

- Stan Galanski. September 17th
- Joan Skellenger. September 22nd
- Denise Platt. September 26th

The Rotary 4-Way Test of the things we think, say & do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will & better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

We live by it.

Meeting Agenda



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

Service Above Self

Rotarians who serve the best, profit the most.

InterFaith Caring Ministries needs canned goods. Please pick up a few extra when shopping and bring them to a club meeting to help. Cereal, Coffee, Crackers, Jelly, Macaroni & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Shampoo, Toilet Papter & Femine Care Products.

Shrimporee Planning Committee Meetings
September 17th & 24th; October 1st, 9th, 15th & 22nd.

All at JSCFCU @ 5:15 p.m.

If people didn't sometimes do silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done. Ludwig Wittgenstein,
Australian Philosopher

- 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 or 2nd prize a necklace and matching earrings from Beau Bridge Jewelers**
 - ✓ **Help your team create the winning basket**

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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- * **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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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.
- 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

Officers & Directors for 2007-2008

Officers:

- President. Dick Gregg, III
- President Elect. Mike Hernandez
- Secretary. Gary Johnson
- Treasurer. Marilyn Musial
- Sargent at Arms. Jon McKinnie
- Immediate Past President. Geoff Atwater

Directors:

- Club Administration. Mark Humphrey
- Public Relations. David Coney
- Membership. Bill Taylor
- Fundraising. Mike Cornett
- Community Service A. Belinda Skloss
- Community Service B. Peter Wuenchel
- International Service A. Jerrold Dewease
- International Service B. Dick Kidder
- Vocational Service. Art Wood

Other Leadership:

- Programs. Delia Stephens
- Endowment Foundation Chr. Bob Wren
- RNASAF. Rodolpho Gonzales
- Blastoff Editor. Billy Smith
- Photographer. Bob Mitchell
- Meeting Check-in. Bill Taylor
- Song Leader. Debby McBride

Past District Governors:

- Suzi Howe
- Billy Weseman
- Floyd Boze

Every great mistake has a halfway moment, a split second when it can be recalled and perhaps remedied. Pearl S. Buck
Think about that when poised to hit the delete key.



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District 5390 is collecting hotel size toiletries. Bring them to a club meeting.

Pick up your Shrimporee tickets (if you have not received them by mail) at the club meeting beginning Sept. 10th.

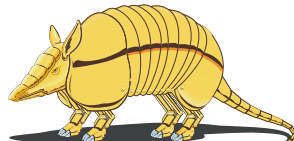


Shrimporee Theme Baskets

1. **Wine Extraordinaire** — Lamar Bowles, Chr. Geoff Atwater, Floyd Bennett, Tony Bloomfield, Wayne Young & Floys Boze
2. **Friday Night at the Movies** — Pam Culpepper, Chr., Mike Brown, Mary Cherry, Dave Coney, Mike Cornett & Ted Cummings
3. **A Day at the Beach** — Micki Czarnik, Chr., Rae DeCastro, Michael Dennard, Hilmar Zeissig, Jerrold Dewease, Dennis Dillon & Roger Donnelly
4. **The Wizard of Oz** — J. B. Fox, Chr., Pat Doughty, Bill Dusenbury, Brian Ellis & Murray Epstein
5. **Margaritaville** — Bill Geissler, Chr., Lou Gaigher, Stan Galanski, Laura Godwin & Rudolfo Gonzales
6. **International Spirits** — Jennifer Keller, Chr., Chris Gregg, Dick Gregg, III, Dick Gregg, Jr., Ken Gurry & Laura Hale
7. **Unknown** — Alan Wylie, Chr., David Hamblin, Bob Handy, Jim Hargrove & Betty Hart
8. **An Astro Evening** — Mike Hesse, Chr., Dick Hergert, Mike Hernandez, Suzi Howe, Keith Huff & Walt Huff
9. **A Hole In One** — Gary Johnson, Chr., Mark Humphrey, Chuck Jacobson, John Kennedy & Dick Kidder
10. **Coffee & Tea** — Jennifer Keller, Chr., Don Kirchoff, Tom Kloves, Tim Kropp, John Lee & Al Ligrani
11. **The Winners** — Bill Lowes, Chr., Vince Lipovsky, Jack Lister, Rafael Lugo & Vic Maria
12. **Dog Lovers** — Debby McBride, Chr., Hector Marin, Earl Maudlin, Jon McKinnie, Dick Meyer & Charles Milby
13. **Chocolate Delight** — Sandy Mossman, Chr., Bob Mitchell, Travis Moebes, Mike Moliere, Owen Morris
14. **Wine & Cheese** — Marilyn Musial, Chr., Olive Murphy-Riker, John Nugent, Art Oswald, Steve Owens & Frank Perez
15. **Texas Christmas** — Scott Rainey, Chr., Denise Platt, Michael Porterfield, Becky Reitz, Bob Richmond & Nanci Rutlege
16. **Family Entertainment** — Phil Sandlin, Chr., Alissa Sammons, Jim Saxe, Marc Schneider, Sheila Self & David Sincox
17. **A Howling Good Time** — Billy Smith, Chr., Joan Skellenger, Belinda Skloss, Jerry Smith & Delia Stephens
18. **Unknown** — Bill Taylor, Chr., Vissett Sun, Bob Swint, Bob Taggart, David Taylor & John Tenini
19. **Unknown** — Steve Waldner, Chr., Gene Tromblee, Travis Vermeer, Carlos Villagomez, Tony Vinson & Jean Walker
20. **That's Italian** — Art Wood, Chr., Johnny White, John Wilson, Bob Wren & Peter Wuenschel

Rae DeCastro, Project Chr.

*This is not Rae! It is a Texas
Pumpkin.*



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This jewelry from Ben Bridge Jewelers is the 2nd prize in the Shrimpooree raffle. Thanks to Travis Vermeer & Jerrold Dewease for the

Keep Trying. “Everything’s gone wrong!” Thomas Edison’s young lab assistant once remarked when momentarily despondent. “Not at all,” replied the great inventor. “We’ve simply discovered 10,000 ways not to invent the light bulb.”

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Debby McBride is missing a wicker basket (it does not have a handle). It contained canned food donations and was last seen at the August 27th meeting. Any information should be conveyed to



A HALLOWEEN HAPPENING!

34th Annual Space Rotary Club Shrimpooree

When? October 27th, 2007

Where? Clear Lake Park — Cap Ladolt Pavilion

Who’s invited? You are & all your friends

Why? For fun, fellowship, frolicking & FUNDS

Who benefits? Everyone who participates plus the community service projects of Space Center Rotary Club

Primary Beneficiaries this year are:

InterFaith Caring Ministries

Bay Shore District of the Sam Houston

Council of Boy Scouts of America

**SCRC Endowment Foundation Update
September 11, 2007**

Asset Value = \$177,052.73

Down \$11,740.00 from two months ago

Bob Taggart has been appointed assistant secretary.

Scholarships are being considered for graduates of Clear View High School. Vic Maria is investigating.



Our newest member is Shelley Rogers. She was introduced at the last meeting. Bob Mitchell will get a picture when he returns from vacation. Find her and introduce yourself. Make her welcome and find her a job.

Shrimpooree Sponsorships so far are in excess of \$51,000.00 Thank you sponsors.

Weekly Fellowships Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. by Roger Donnelly

Sep 25th..... location pending

Turn a Problem Into a Solution

In the late 1960s, scientists at 3M Company developed a glue to paste pieces of paper together. The sheets stuck, but they came apart easily, making the glue worthless — or so it seemed. The product can now be found in the Post-It.