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A message from Pres. Jon:

"Extreme Makeover – Kemah Edition "

The popular ABC show, "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" has kicked off its latest new home makeover in Kemah, when last Thursday morning, Ty Pennington screamed into his bull horn, "Good Morning Beech Family". The handover of the keys will be this Thursday, Jan 14. Actual construction takes

only 106 hours. (See later article for more details)

Space Center Rotary had the opportunity to assist with this project and I jumped in "head first". To share our story, we have a production crew recording Rotarian involvement and is creating a Space Center spin on this project. This once in a lifetime project is the perfect opportunity for us, to give back to those less fortunate and to share our Rotary story on a national stage.

I am thrilled to report that Rotarians from our club and across the district have responded with my plea for assistance in this project. I am preparing an impact report of Rotary's "Humanitarian Footprint" which will be presented after the smoke clears.

You know, we go through life trying to lay plans and expectations, when a life altering event makes its presence. Some things in life can't be planned; they just happen, because you are in the right place at the right time and pay attention. Such is the case with Extreme Makeover.

Extreme Makeover – Kemah will air nationwide sometime in March. It will be pretty neat to watch the show, with tears in our eyes, and tell our kids and grandkids, that we helped make this show successful. Be sure to tell your family, friends and associates across this nation to watch the show and see what Rotary does.

Great Start to a New Year, Everyone!!!!

Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010





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January 11—Charles Foster, Upcoming Immigration Debate

January 18—Martin Luther King Holiday, No Club Meeting

January 25—Club Assembly, Mid-Year Report

February 1—Drug Awareness Essay—Scholarships

February 8—Floyd Boze Day

February 15—President's Day, No Club Meeting

February 22—Academic Achievement—Scholarships

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THE "EXTREME MAKEOVER: KEMAH EDITION"

The old house has been demolished, down to the dirt. New home construction started immediately, forms layed, plumbing done, slab poured and now framing has begun. And only 5 days left. Whew!!!!

Follow the progress of the new home makeover on the following links:

Video Gallery—http://blushieldsextreme.com/the-build/video-gallery Photo Gallery—http://blushieldsextreme.com/the-build/photo-gallery

FAMILY OF ROTARY SOCIALS [6:30 p.m.]

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Kemah Foster Family Gets 'Door Knock' from Extreme Makeover By Mary Ann Hellinghausen, The Citizen Newspaper



Melissa Beach of Kemah received the birthday present of a lifetime as Ty Pennington and the "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" television crew appeared in her driveway Thursday morning to announce the big news.

When the family — which includes husband, Larry, four biological kids and nine foster and adopted kids — returns from Disney World in seven days, they'll have a brand new home waiting for them.

"It's overwhelming," said Larry as the family stood outside the 27-foot trailer they've been living in. "We're totally blown away by everything. I'm speechless."

The Beach family, who have fostered more than 85 children who other adoption agencies were not able to place, lost their home in Kemah off Anders Road to Hurricane Ike. They lived in tents immediately after the storm, and then moved into two FEMA trailers parked in their front yard.

For the last three months, they've been living in a smaller trailer behind their house with one toilet and a six-gallon water heater. They've had to cook outdoors and store their groceries in their shell of a garage.



Despite their problems after the hurricane, the family has given to others. "They won't accept help for themselves," said Paul Williams of Kemah, a family friend. Melissa helped organize Kemah's Thanksgiving feast and toy drive, and cooked turkeys for 120 people, he said.



In just 106 hours, volunteers from all over the Bay Area, led by Blu Shields Construction, will build a 6,300-square-foot home, with eight bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths on Delesandri Lane, Kemah. The "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" television show documenting the fete will air in March. The family hopes the extra space will allow them to bring in more children with special needs.

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Photo Gallery

Holidays are over, get out of the house, away from all the food and back to Rotary. What a great way to start a new year.

Floyd Boze continued the series of recognizing outstanding Floyd Boze Fellows by presenting crystal medallions.

Irina Reshetnikova gave presentation on Rotary Movement in Russia

Chiquita Taylor & Pres Jon kick off Extreme Makeover Pep Rally.

Construction site on Delesandri, Kenah, TX









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Drug Awareness Essay Scholarships to Local Students



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