

THE BLASTOFF

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

RHONDA KENNEDY

promoting the District
5890 Conference to
be held at Puerto
Vallarta in April 2007

DEBBY'S DITTY OF THE WEEK

WALTZING MATILDA

Once a jolly swagman sat beside the billabong,
Under the shade of a coolibah tree,
And he sang as he sat and waited by the billabong
You'll come a waltzing matilda with me

Waltzing matilda, waltzing matilda
You'll come a waltzing matilda with me
And he sang as he sat and waited by the billabong
You'll come a waltzing matilda with me.

If you have not been receiving the Blastoff through email, then we don't have your email address. Please give it to Geoff Atwater ASAP. Only 25 newsletters will be printed for the meetings from now on. Please bring the front page with you so you will have the song and program. THANKS!

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins.....11:45
- Call to Order.....12:00
- Song.....Debbie McBride
- Invocation.....Carlos Villagomez
- Pledge.....Earl Maudlin
- Four-Way-Test.....Pam Culpepper
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Alan Wylie
- Announcements.....12:10
- Program.....12:30
Rhonda Kennedy -next conference
- Adjourn.....1:00

AREA MEETINGS

- TUESDAYS @ NOON PEARLAND
GOLFCREST COUNTRY CLUB
2501 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE
- TUESDAYS @ 12:10 LA PORTE
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BROADWAY @ AVE G
- WEDNESDAYS @ 12:05 PASADENA S.
BAYWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
5500 GENOA-RED BLUFF
- THURSDAYS @ 7:00 AM SEABROOK
LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB
2425 NASA ROAD ONE
- FRIDAYS @ NOON PASADENA
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1062 FAIRMONT PARKWAY



Geoff's First Meeting as President



Andrew Baughman, an exchange student, spent a year in Brazil



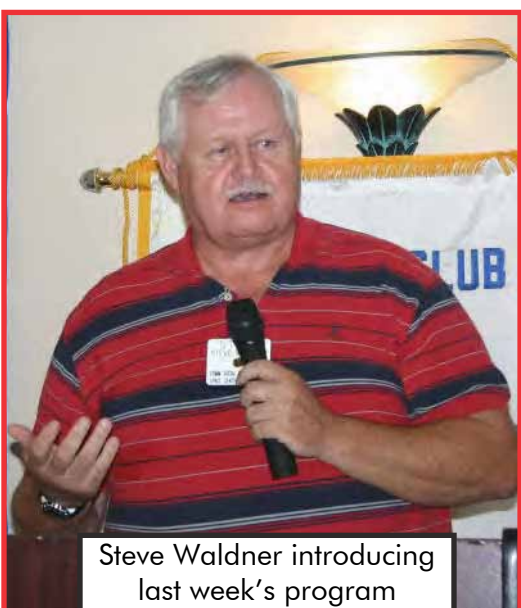
Another exchange student who is going back to Brazil



Gov. Suzi and David Coney recognizing Earl Maudlin (on left) as a major donor to RI Foundation!



Past District Governor bestowing a Paul Harris Fellow on Geoff!



Steve Waldner introducing last week's program



Coach Art Briles from University of Houston



Coach Todd Graham from Rice University

Pam Culpepper is looking for a chair for the Health and Safety Committee. If you are interested, please contact her at ppphoto@sbcglobal.net.



PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

Program on gang intervention in Chicago. The speaker will be Mr. McLean.

Rotary Did You Know

By: Billy Smith, Parliamentarian

Q. What are the classification rules and why do they exist?

A. Classification rules exist primarily to diversify the businesses and professions represented by a club's members. **Old Rule.** Only one member could represent a type of business or profession, e.g., one banker, one lawyer (unless they were of different specialties), one real estate agent, one hardware store owner, one jeweler, etc. Exceptions were allowed for one representative from each religious denomination. To increase membership, clubs practiced "imaginative classification" and you will see a remnant of that in Space Center Rotary Club where there are multiple bankers, for instance, classified as commercial, savings and loan, residential, etc. The same is true for real estate agents, financial planners, etc. **Current Rule.** Each active member is to be classified in accordance with the member's business or profession. A classification describes the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which a Rotarian is connected, or which describes the *member's* principal and recognized business or professional activity. A classification does not describe a member's job or title. For instance, "Engineering Consulting" is correct; "Consulting Engineer" is not. A club with 50 or fewer members may have as many as 5 members in each classification. For clubs with more than 50 members, there can be as many as 10% of the club membership in any one classification, e.g., if SCRC has 130 members, it may have 13 bankers, 13 lawyers, 13 real estate agents, 13 financial planners, etc. without becoming imaginative. The classification of a transferring or former member of a club shall not preclude election to active membership even if the election results in club membership temporarily exceed the limits.



We now have our first Shrimporee sponsor!! Gregg and Gregg have stepped up and started us off with a \$1,000 sponsorship! Awesome!

HAPPY Birthday to you...

Jim Wyatt	7-Jul
Bob Richmond	18-Jul
Rodolfo Gonzalez	28-Jul
Jim Sweeney	29-Jul
Delia Stephens	2-Aug
Murray Epstein	3-Aug
Hector A. Marin	5-Aug

(If you haven't given your birthday to Tony or Sharon, please do so. Thanks!)

Food for thought...

When others speak well of you, you've got acceptance. But when the truth speaks well about you, you've got class! Class is just confidence dressed in humility. It keeps its word, its temper and its friends. It has a steady eye, a steady tongue and steady habits. It's silent when it has nothing to say, thoughtful when it judges. It's always first to make amends when it's wrong. Class has a sense of humor. It knows how to laugh. Class never makes excuses. It takes its lumps, learns from its mistakes and becomes wiser. Class knows that courtesy and good manners are nothing more than a series of small sacrifices. Class can walk with kings, yet still keep its virtue, talk with crowds, yet maintain the common touch. Above all, everyone is comfortable with a person who has class, because they are comfortable with themselves!

Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?

"IN GERMANY, UNDER THE LAW, EVERYTHING IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS PERMITTED. IN FRANCE, EVERYTHING IS PERMITTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH IS PROHIBITED. IN THE SOVIET UNION, EVERYTHING IS PROHIBITED, INCLUDING THAT WHICH IS PERMITTED, AND IN ITALY, EVERYTHING UNDER THE LAW IS PERMITTED, ESPECIALLY THAT WHICH IS PROHIBITED."

NEWTON MINNOW,
FCC CHAIRMAN AND LAWYER

If you would like to have your business card or company logo in this newsletter each week, become a Shrimporee Sponsor! We are NOW accepting new Shrimporee sponsors! \$1,000 sponsorship gets you two tickets to the VIP Boots and Black Ties Ball, your business card or ad in the Blastoff for a year, Shrimporee tickets, and an entry into the Texas Roadhouse golf tournament. Congrats to Dick Gregg Jr., Dick Gregg III, and Chris Gregg for being the first Shrimporee sponsors!!



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