

THE BLASTOFF

SPACE CENTER ROTARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Gordon McLean Gang intervention in Chicago.

**Director, Juvenile Justice Program,
Metro Chicago Youth for Christ, Inc.**

Mr. McLean has worked in this arena for the past 56 years in Tacoma, Washington and San Jose, California, and has been in Chicago since 1982. This program mentors young people at the youth section of the county jail and the Sheriff's Boot Camp, cooperating with chaplains. He supervises a team of 19, working in institutions and on area streets. McLean founded the Youth Guidance Program (now international) in 1950 for Youth for Christ. His newest project is the Aspire Center in Chicago - with GED classes, job training and preparation programs with basic computer skills.

Gordon McLean has written 18 books on youth problems; the latest being, *Cry of the Streets - for everyone who ever loved a troubled kid*. He helped produce 4 movies/TV features based on his books. He's also had numerous TV and radio interviews nationally. His "Speak Out Commentaries" are on the web at www.mcyfc.org - Juvenile Justice.

McLean has been a member of the International Juvenile Officers Assoc. since 1964, and taught seminars on youth gangs and drug problems. He's also a member of the American Correctional Assoc., and has served on the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission and Dept. of Corrections Juvenile Advisory Board. He was a former member of the Montana Prison and Parole Commission, Santa Clara County, California, the Juvenile Justice Commission, and San Jose City Planning Commission.

McLean is an ordained pastor and member of Christ Church of Oak Brook, Illinois. He's a Senior Active member of Chicago Rotary Club #1 and received a prestigious Paul Harris award from Rotary. He also received the Religious Heritage of America Award for outstanding ministry service and the Frederick Thrasher award from the National Gang Crime Research Center in 2000.

Gordon McLean has spoken at universities and colleges across the nation on delinquency and gang problems as well as speaking at community seminars for law enforcement, corrections, Boys Town, and the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in Washington, DC. He has also testified as an expert on youth gangs, crime, and drug sales at over 200 court trials and hearings, and lectures at the National Gang Crime training conference each summer in Chicago.

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song..... Debby McBride
- Invocation..... Carlos Villagomez
- Pledge..... Phil Sandlin
- Four-Way-Test..... Vince Lipovsky
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Bill Taylor
- Announcements..... 12:10
- Program..... 12:30
Mr. Gordon McLean -
Gang Intervention in Chicago
- Adjourn..... 1:00



Alan Wylie introducing visitors



Carlos Villagomez introducing new member, Webster Police Chief Ray Smiley - Welcome!!



District Gov. Elect Rhonda Kennedy, Earl Maudlin & District Gov. Suzi Howe .

Cynthia Ramirez of Bay Area Turning Point promoting the Drive Your Dream Raffle



District Gov. Elect Rhonda Kennedy promoted the Dist. Conf. in Puerto Villarta April '07.



Ken Gurry presented a \$5,000 check from Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation to N. Galv. Co. YMCA.

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



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. THANKS! (Only 25 newsletters will be printed for the meetings and you will need to view them online, print page 1, and bring it with you.)

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

KINKY FRIEDMAN:
AUTHOR AND
MUSICIAN...
AND HE'S RUNNING
FOR TEXAS GOVERNOR.
DON'T MISS IT!

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



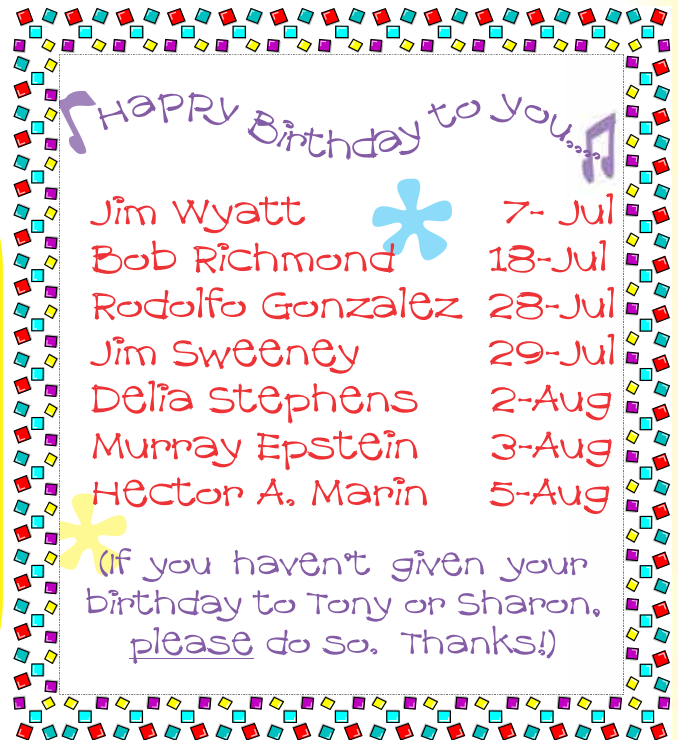
We now have our first Shrimporee sponsor!! Gregg and Gregg have stepped up and started us off with a \$1,000 sponsorship! Awesome!

Rotary Did You Know

By: Billy Smith, Parliamentarian

Q. Why is our classification list so complicated and why do some members' badges still show them as "Senior Active"?

A. It is good to combine these two questions, because the answer to both is the same... money. Membership badges cost several dollars each and to replace most of them would strain the club's administrative budget beyond its limits. The remedy is for each member to pay for his or her new badge. Until that happens, our badges will make it appear to visitors from other clubs that we don't know the membership and classification rules. If you want this to change, speak to the club secretary who is responsible for badges.



Food for thought...

How are you living right now? Are you enjoying today? Read these words carefully.

Just for today, I'll experience and enjoy each hour to the fullest and not try to tackle my whole life's problems at once. Just for today, I'll try to improve my mind by learning more.

I'll read something that requires effort, thought and commitment. Just for today, I'll look my best, speak well and be considerate of others.

Just for today, I won't find fault or try to change or improve anyone but myself. Just for today, I'll have a plan and a goal. I'll exercise my character. I'll do something good for someone and keep it a secret. Just for today, I won't be afraid to love or to risk.

Just for today, take a good look around you and be thankful you live in America today.

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?

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON HAD A SMALL CEREMONY ON JULY 26TH TO KICKOFF THE "ROTARY AEROSPACE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT IN HONOR OF THE GLYNN LUNNEY FAMILY"

GLYNN & MARILYN ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE MATCHING THE RNASA GIFT OF \$10,000 GIVEN LAST YEAR, AND UHCL PRESIDENT, DR. STAPLES, ANNOUNCED THAT UHCL WAS ALSO MATCHING OUR ROTARY FUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF \$30,000!

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 Shripmoree sponsors!



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