

# TheBlastoff

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### **PROGRAMS:**

Today ----

Dr. Leland Williams -- Texas school

Financing

Nov. 20th -- Ford Motor Co rep re: biodiesel &

alternative fuels & impact on future designs

Nov. 27th -- <u>Stan Galanski</u> - Rotary Water Project in

Bolivia

Dec. 4th - Carol Stevens re: Boys & Girls Harbor in

La Porte

Dec. 11th - Charlie Jenkins, Dir. Planning &

**Development, Port of Houston Authority** 

Dec. 18th - Dick Meyer re: Youth Exchange

Jan. 8th - John Wilson re: School Safety

Jan. 15th -- Scott Rozell of Texans for Lawsuit Reform

Jan. 29th - Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve Bank



## **Agenda**

**Luncheon Begins ......11:45** Call to Order .....12:00 .....Debby McBride Song .. Carlos Villagomez Invocation Pledge 4-Way Test **Introductions** ••••• **Announcements** .....12:10 .....12:30 Program Adjourn .....1:00

Don't miss the picture on page 9.









Pictures, clockwise from left: Al Ligrani pins our newest member, Tony Vincent, as U. S. Senatorial candidate Radknosky & Pres. Geoff look on. Scott Rainey auctions the remaining item, a gift basket from Starbucks to highest bidder, Ken Gurry. Al Ligrani and Tony Vincent remember our deceased members. Dick Meyer presents his scarf from the MS 100 mile bike ride to his inspiration, Hector Marin. A program about the U. S. Coast Guard's presence & mission in the Houston/Galveston Sector was presented last meeting. All photos by Bob Mitchell.



## Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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### Suzi Says......

Please join me in my vision to support a Montessori program in the *Casa de los Ninos Barbara Bush*—a state of the art literacy center that will be part of a major expansion for the Community Family Center and make a huge difference for East End families. This multi-club project will equip a <u>Montessori classroom</u> and also establish a <u>ROTARY PARK</u> in the *St Luke's playground* that adjoins the *Casa de los Ninos Barbara Bush* and the *John D. McGovern Gymnasium*. I have already pledged \$25,000 from District funds and am asking interested Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians to also contribute funds. Donations of \$1,000 and higher from Rotary Clubs and individual donors will be recognized on a plaque in the *ROTARY PARK*. Pledge your sup port NOW!

April 26-29 – <u>District Conference</u>, <u>Puerto Vallarta</u>, <u>Mexico</u>; <u>Fiesta Mixicana Hotel</u>. All Rotarians Invited. Reserve NOW for fun, fellowship, and a wealth of Rotary information. Registration form, airline information available at <a href="https://www.rotary5890.org">www.rotary5890.org</a>.



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Support the **Rotary Foundation** as a sustaining member by donating \$100 each year.

#### PolioPlus



## The Rotarian

#### Have you read the November issue?



#### Rotary International

- ✓ Tommy Lasorda gets a major league honor page 10.
- ✓ Do you need calcium supplements? page 13
- ✓ Did you know that November is Rotary Foundation month? see the article beginning on page 29 for the A to Z of the Foundation.
- ✓ Frank Huezo, recipient of the Service Above Self Award & member of the Kingwood Rotary Club. See page 43. Our club members, Laura Hale, Dick Kidder, Jerome Bourgeois, Vissett Sun, Suzi Howe and others have made several trips with him to Chinandega, Nicaragua.
- ✓ Polio outbreak in Nambia is quashed by quick action page 57
- ✓ Dong Kurn Lee, member of the Rotary Club of Seoul Hangang, Seoul, Korea will be RI President 2008-2009 - page 59
- ✓ Remember, when you are finished reading, turn your issue into the check-in desk for use by the Red Badge Committee.

#### **Events Calendar**

- © Club Board of Directors..1st Tues @ 7 a.m.
- © Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees ......2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- © Pancake Breakfast.....Feb 3rd
- Boots & Black Tie Event ... Feb or Mar '07
- National Space Award Banquet

.....Apr 20,2007

- © District 5890 Conference in Puerta Villarta, Mexico ......... April 26-29, 2007
- © RI Convention, Salt Lake City ...June 2007
- Building Benches ......Nov. 18th
  @ Earl Maudlin's in Kemah.
  6 volunteers needed to build & 6 buyers @ \$100 each.

Call Dick Meyer 281.333.2476.

## Say Happy Birthday to ---

Mary Alys Cherry	Nov 20
Vince Lipovsky	Nov 28
Dave Sincox	Nov 29

Is your November birthday not included? Email the Editor: billys@sbcglobal.net

Do you know these boozers?

Photo by Pam Culpepper.



#### **MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:**

Tuesday @ noon
Pearland
Golfcrest Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive

LaPorte @ 12:10 p.m. St John Episcopal Church Broadway @ Ave. G

Wednesday @ noon Pasadena South Baywood Country Club 5500 Genoa Red Bluff

Friendswood @ noon Village on the Park Retirment Center 400 E. Parkwood

Thursday @ &:7:00 a.m. Seabrook Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway

Thursday @ noon League City Estaban's Fiesta Shack 131 League Street

Friday @ noon
Pasadena
First United Methodist Church
1062 Farimont Pkwy

Make up @ an E-club

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/eclub\_list.pdf

Mr. Rotary, Floyd Boze, 57 years of perfect attendance.

The Rotary Motto: Service Above Self

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5890 RAFFLE Win a trip to South Africa!

## The trip includes:

- round trip airfare from Hous-
- ton.
- accommodations furnished by the Rotary Club of South Africa.
- 3-day pass to Kruger National Park.
- **◆ Total value \$7,500.**
- Drawing on April 28, 2007 (you need not be present to win).
- Tickets are \$10 each or \$100 for a book of 10.
- Your purchase of a book of tickets will make you a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

Rotary on the Web www.Rotary.org

Meal Tickets for 10 meals are available at the check-in table. The price is \$150.

#### The Blastoff Staff

Editor: Billy Smith
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material for publication:
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Distribution via email on Friday

DISCARDED EYEGLASSES (RX OR NOT) & CASES & HOTEL TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED. BRING THEM TO A MEETING & DEPOSIT THEM IN THE BASKETS PROVIDED BY VIC MARIA.

# Paul Harris Fellows Wear your medallion each meeting in November.

## Keep Our Club Alive & Healthy Infuse New Blood & Offer To Others The Opportunity to Serve

Do you know a friend or colleague who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? If you do, then consider proposing them for membership. Every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation of seeking qualified Rotary Club members. In this way, all Rotarians can help the club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of this community. A full roster of dedicated member enhances fellowship and helps our club carry out our worthwhile service projects. Think about the expertise you can add to the club's profile. Ever new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources that can greatly strengthen this club's ability to serve throughout the greater Clear Lake -Bay Area and the world. General Qualifications: Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

#### The Object of Rotary:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster —

- ★ The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- ★ High ethical standards in business and professions;
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
- ★ and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- ★ The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- ★ The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and profes sional men united in the ideal of service.

STOP WAR!! MAKE EVERYONE JOIN ROTARY.

November is Rotary
Foundation Month.
Are you a Paul Harris
Fellow yet; a sustaining
member; a benefactor; a
major donor?

#### The Mission of the Rotary Foundation:

The Mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's Mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Specifically, the R I Board and the Trustees are committed to achieving the goals of eradicating polio through the completion of the PolioPlus program; to emphasizing and strengthening educational and cultural programs, which enhance goodwill and understanding; to making grants which fulfill humanitarian needs in all areas of the world; and to expanding programs intended to strengthen peaceful relations among people.

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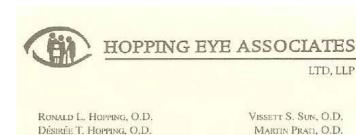












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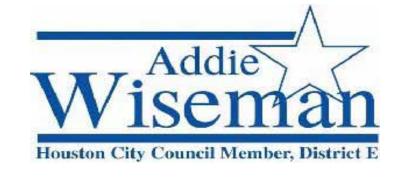
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