



# The Blastoff

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## PROGRAMS:

Today ----

- Remembering our deceased members;  
Al Ligrani
- Lt Kraig Washington , USCG, Sector  
Intelligence Officer, Houston/Galveston, TX

Nov. 13th -- Dr. Leland Williams -- Texas school  
Financing

Nov. 20th -- TBD

Nov. 27th -- Stan Galanski - Rotary Water Project in  
Bolivia

Dec. 4th -- Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve Bank

Dec. 11th -- Charlie Jenkins, Dir. Planning &  
Development, Port of Houston Authority

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



## Agenda

Luncheon Begins .....	11:45
Call to Order .....	12:00
Song .....	Debby McBride
Invocation ..	Carlos Villagomez
Pledge .....	Al Ligrani
4-Way Test .....	Laura Hale
Introductions .....	Becky Reitz
Announcements .....	12:10
Program .....	12:30
Adjourn .....	1:00

## DEBBY'S DITTY

### Deep In the Heart of Texas

The stars at night, are big and bright,  
deep in the heart of Texas,  
The prairie sky is wide and high,  
deep in the heart of Texas.  
The sage in bloom is like perfume,  
deep in the heart of Texas,  
Reminds me of, the one I love,  
deep in the heart of Texas.

## ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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

*Forrest Gump says "The Blastoff is like a box of chocolates, you never know what your goin' to get."*



# Gov. Suzi's Calendar

[www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm](http://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 **Montessori classroom** and also establish a **ROTARY PARK** 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 support NOW!

### **April 26-29 – District Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Fiesta Mixicana Hotel.**

All Rotarians Invited. Reserve NOW for fun, fellowship, and a wealth of Rotary information. Registration form, airline information available at [www.rotary5890.org](http://www.rotary5890.org).



**Rotary Theme  
2006-2007**

### **“Every Rotarian, Every Year”**

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

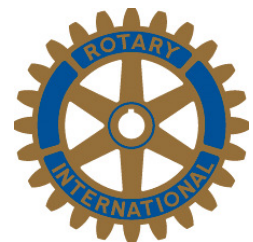
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## *The Rotarian*

**Have you read the November issue?**



- ✓ 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.
- ✓ 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 ----

Charles Milby.....Nov 1  
James Saxe.....Nov 2  
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**

Red Badger, Ray Smiley, Chief of Police, Webster,  
has submitted his resignation as a member of the  
club.

Our newest member is Tony Vincent, former mem-  
ber of the Humble Rotary Club and minister of Clear  
Lake Methodist Church. His sponsor is Al Ligrani.

## 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  
Retirement 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](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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### OTHERS

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Attendance	Murray Epstein
Bulletin Editor	Billy Smith
Photographer	Bob Mitchell
Song Leader	Debby McBride
Pianist	Job Open
Laura Hale	Red Badgers

### DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Suzie Howe	2006-2007
Billy Weseman	1993-1994
Floyd Boze	1981-1982

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5890 RAFFLE

**Win a trip to South Africa!**

### The trip includes:

- ◆ round trip airfare from Houston.
- ◆ 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](http://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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Deadline for submission of material for publication:  
5:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Distribution via email on Friday

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

### **Shrimporee 2006**

**\$47,500 from Sponsors**

**\$13,500 from the Auction**

**\$ 1,400 from the Raffle**

*These are preliminary figures and are subject to change.*

### **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 professional 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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# AGING FOR DUMMIES

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**November 15**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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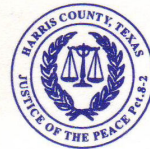


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