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PROGRAMS:

Today —

Shelley Sekula Gibbs, candidate for
Houston City Council and U. S. House of
Representatives

Oct. 30th — Barbara Ann Radnofsky, candidate for
U. S. Senate

Nov. 6th — U. S. Coast Guard

Nov. 13th — Dr. Leland Williams — Texas school
financing

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

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



Agenda

Luncheon Begins	11:45
Call to Order	12:00
Song.....	Debby McBride
Invocation.....	Carlos Villagomez
Pledge.....	Bob Handy
4-Way Test	Ken Gurry
Introductions.....	Phil Sandlin
Announcements	12:10
Program.....	12:30
Adjourn.....	1:00

DEBBY'S DITTY

You Are My Sunshine

You Are My Sunshine
My only sunshine.
You make me happy
When skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear,
How much I love you.
Please don't take my sunshine
away

I'll always love you
And make you happy
If you will only say the same
But if you leave me

To love another
You won't be happy at all
some day;

You are my sunshine,
My only sunshine.
You make me happy
When skies are grey.
You'll never know, dear,
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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?

Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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Suzi Says.... Words of Wisdom from the Governor

What fun it has been visiting all the clubs. I am amazed at all the wonderful things that are going on in each club. You have made me feel so welcomed and a part of each club. The clubs are **LEADING THE WAY**.

What a thrill it was to have Rotary International President, William "Bill" Boyd visit with District 5890. His tour of **NASA** was outstanding and the picture of New Zealand from outer space is something he will treasure. District 5890 did make a very positive impression on him. The All Club Luncheon was memorable. A special thanks to everyone that helped give the President and his wife a great Texas welcome.

April 26-29 – District Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Fiesta Mexicana Hotel.
All Rotarians Invited. Reserve NOW for fun, fellowship, and a wealth of Rotary information.
Registration form, airline information available at www.rotary5890.org.



Rotary Theme 2006-2007

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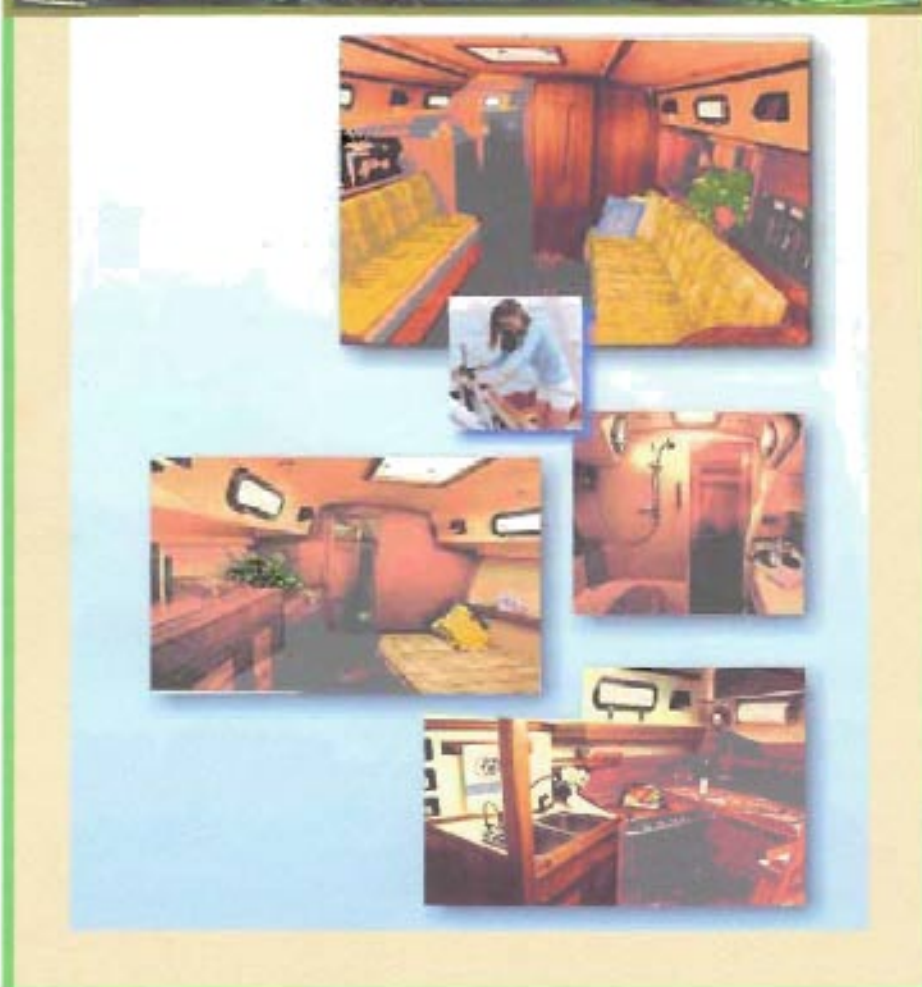
Chair of the Event:	Dick Gregg, III
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Auction:	Earl Baum
Beans:	Ted Cummings
Beer:	Travis Moebes
Children's Activities:	Rafael Lugo
Cleanup:	Stan Galanski & Mike Dennard
Condiments/Red Sauce:	Mike Dennard
Corn:	Billy Smith
Food & Supplies:	Bryan Ellis & John Nugent
Hot Dogs & Snow Cones:	Mike Hernandez
Personnel:	Al Ligrani
Serving:	Marilyn Musial
Shrimp Cooking:	Bill Geissler
Slicing BBQ:	Bill Lowes
Soft Drinks:	Chris Gregg.
Sponsors:	Scott Rainey
Tickets:	David Coney
Volunteers:	Pat Doughty

Relax on the beautiful 42-foot yacht *Wind Gypsy* & also enjoy sailing tips from Capt'n John!

Children welcome. Guests provide their own favorite beverages & snacks. Retail value \$650.00

Shrimporee Tickets

Please pick up your tickets from David Coney and pay \$300 by cash, check or credit card. The club is counting on you.



John & Suzanne Urbanek host a relaxing day-sail out of Galveston Yacht Basin for up to 6 persons!

ATTENTION

This is just a reminder that the Women of Rotary - Bay Area will have a sweet booth at our SHRIMPOREE. Please support them by visiting their booth and/or having your spouse provide any baked goods which do not require refrigeration. Remember, this is one of the few

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if you can remember
someone not listed, email
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Mike Moliere.....Oct 30th


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Your Rotarian Magazines are needed for orientation of new members. Leave them at the check-in table.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Q. Who is eligible for Honorary Membership?

A. Persons who have distinguished themselves by meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and those persons considered friends of Rotary for their permanent support of Rotary's cause may be elected to honorary membership in this club. Persons may hold honorary membership in more than one club.

Q. What are the rights and privileges of Honorary members.

A. Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of admission fees and dues, shall have no vote, and shall not be eligible to hold any office in this club. Such members shall not hold classifications, but shall be entitled to attend all meetings and enjoy all the other privileges of this club. No Honorary member of this club is entitled to any rights and privileges in any other club, except for the right to visit other clubs without being the guest of a Rotarian.

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Judge Louis Ditta, Pct. 8 Pos. 2

Port Commissioner, Steve Phelps

Constable Bill Bailey, Pct. 8

County Commissioner, Sylvia Garcia

Council person Addie Wiseman

for their help in making our
Shrimp a Success

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday @ noon

Pearland

Golfcrest Country Club

2501 Country Club Drive

LaPorte @ 12:10 p.m.

St Jobo Episcopal Church

Broadway @ Ave. C

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

Estabao'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.**

District Conference

Puerto Villarta

APRIL 26-29, 2007

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Bill Lowes	Programs
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Bulletin Editor	Billy Smith
Photographer	Bob Mitchell
Song Leader	Debby McBride
Pianist	Job Open
Laura Hale	Red Badgers

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

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1993-94	Victor Maria
1994-95	David Taylor
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1996-97	Bill Lowes
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1998-99	Dick Gregg, Jr.
1999-00	Bill Geissler
2000-01	Dave Baldwin
2001-02	Suzi Howe
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**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.

Events Calendar

- ☺ **Shrimporee.....Oct 28**
- ☺ Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees.....2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- ☺ Club Board of Directors .3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- ☺ Rotary Foundation Meeting@ 7 a.m.
- ☺ Shrimporee Com JSCFCU
.....Oct 26th @ 5:30p.m.
- ☺ Pancake Breakfast.....Feb 3rd
- ☺ Boots & Black Tie EventFeb 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 CityJune 2007

Rotary on the Web
www.Rotary.org

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.

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Laura Hale
Dick Gregg, III
Bill Taylor



Sylvia R. Garcia
Commissioner

Do you want to know more about Paul Harris Fellowships, how to become one or how to honor someone else with a fellowship? Maybe you are interested in becoming a "sustaining member", a "benefactor" or a "major donor". Remember, it is Gov. Suzi's goal for every Rotarian in District 5890 to become a Paul Harris Fellow this Rotary year. For more information, contact David Coney.

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See David Coney to purchase tickets.

Make you check payable to The Rotary Foundation.

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

Every member has a job to do at Shrimporee. Do you know what yours is?

If not, contact Al Ligrani or Jerrold Dewease.

Everyone is counting on every member's participation.

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Picture at right: Lexus of Clear sponsor, Joey Dupuis, flanked by Scott Rainey on left and Floyd Bennett on the right, presented a check to the club in the amount of \$2,500 for the Shrimporee.

Photo by Bob Mitchell



The Following Members Have Purchased Their Shrimporee Tickets:

Billy Smith	Richard Hergert	Rae DeCastro	Gary Johnson	Vissett Sun	Debby McBride
Patricia Doughty	Micki Czarnik	Mike Brown	John Kennedy	Rafael Lugo	Dave Sincox
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Is there information you want to share with other members? Send it to the editor.

The Rotarian

Have you read the October issue?

- ✓ Did you know that a CAT is a Rotarian? What cat is it? (see page 9)
- ✓ Who is Kim Peek? He inspired Dustin Hoffman's role in the movie *Rainman*. (see page 10 if you want to know more)
- ✓ How loud is too loud? At how many decibels is your hearing likely to be damaged? This info may surprise you. (see page 14)
- ✓ Have you seen the recent Antonio Banderas movie *Take the Lead*? It was based upon a true story of a dance teacher in New York City who has turned around 100s of under-performing and discipline-challenged youth. See what the Rotary Club of Seattle is doing with a similar program. (page 17)
- ✓ Where will the 2007 Rotary International Convention be held. See page 25. What a great opportunity for North American Rotarians. There is a registration form beginning on page 41. If you haven't yet attended a RI Convention, this is a don't miss. A piece of advice: Register early. This will be attended by 25-30 thousand Rotarians and guests. Some hotel accommodations may be as far away a 100 miles, which makes for a long round trip bus ride each day.
- ✓ Should Rotary be involved in politics? Read the viewpoints of some and compare them to your own. (see page 49)
- ✓ Did you know that the first Rotary Club in Russia was chartered in 1990? Now, 16 years later, the first all-Russian Rotary District has been chartered with 50 clubs. ROTARY DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE! (see page 53)
- ✓ Try your hand at the cross-word puzzle on page 55.
- ✓ **Remember, when you are finished reading, turn your issue into the check-in desk for use by the Red Badge Committee.**

MEET OUR RED BADGE MEMBERS



Pat Doughty



Becky Reitz



Bob Hardy



Phil Sandlin

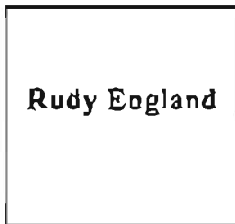


Jon McKennie



Ray Smiley

- Ray Smiley was brought to SCRC by Carlos Villagomez. Ray is the Chief of Police in Webster.
- Rudy England, sponsored by Peter Wuenchel, is a clergyman.



Rudy England

- **Pat Doughty** works for United Space Alliance & was sponsored by Alan Wylie. Pat has volunteered for the Guerro Mexico clinic.
- **Becky Reitz** is an attorney-specializing in Family Law & Personal Injury cases. She was sponsored by Mary Alys Cherry.
- **Bob Hardy** is a long-time Rotarian & transferred from the Dickinson Club. He was sponsored by Matt Tittle and works in Retirement Planning.
- **Phil Sandlin** was sponsored by Mike Cornett and is Constable Bill Bailey's Chief Deputy in Pct. 2.
- **Jon McKennie**, sponsored by Gov. Suzi, has done it all in Rotary and in business. Coming to us from the State of Arkansas, Jon is truly a Rotarian and an entrepreneur.

Spread The Word!!!

Invite someone so become a Rotarian today.

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Complete a Membership Form you can obtain from the check-in table. Ask Murray Epstein.

Paul Harris (1868-1947) Founder of Rotary

Born in Racine, WI; the 2nd of six children; Bachelor of Physical Culture & L.L.D degrees for the University of Vermont & L.L.B. Degree from the University of Iowa; honorary Ph.D. From the University of Vermont; newspaper reporter, business teacher, stock company actor, cowboy, international seller of marble & granite, Lawyer. In 1900, after dinner with a lawyer friend. Paul Harris was impressed by the fact that his friend stopped at several shops and introduced him to proprietors who were his friends. This made him wonder about organizing a club which would band together a group of representative business & professional friends in fellowship. On Feb. 3, 1905, he formed the first club with three law clients. He named the club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation in their respective places of business.



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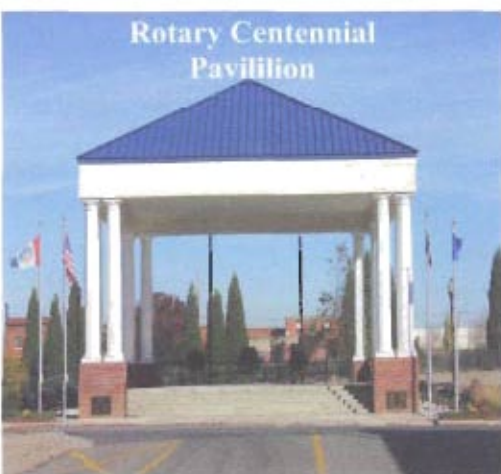
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Our Mission: Our mission is to build a *foundation* upon and with which the Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, Texas will be financially enabled to meet and satisfy many of the needs of the Clear Lake Community.

Our Vision: Our vision is to create and grow an essentially untouchable fund which will earn and produce funds for the "bricks and mortar" of places, organizations, and community groups which will identify and satisfy some of the needs of our community. Needs may range from those of the underprivileged to those of the whole community relating to the arts, science and education.

Intent of Founders: Not desiring to diminish the importance of or to detract from the work of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International or to interfere with or compete for support, through its members, of Space Center Rotary Club, and, while acknowledging the worthiness of the Club's attaining the highest possible level of member participation in financially supporting The Rotary Foundation through Paul Harris Fellowships, Paul Harris Sustaining Members, and Benefactors, the founders of The Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation believe that there will be those among its members, both present and future, as well as relatives and friends of members, who, desiring to foster and promote the ideals of Rotary, wish to do so within the local community and through the control, management, and administration of members of Space Center Rotary Club. Therefore, this Foundation has come into existence and shall strive to nurture, encourage, and advance the development of effective programs, activities, undertakings, and projects of a philanthropic, charitable, educational, humanitarian, and eleemosynary nature. To achieve this intent, the founders believe that it will be important and desirable for the Trustees of the Foundation to resist the temptations to distribute all available funds, but, at least in the early years, to concentrate on the building of a sizable trust corpus, accumulating as much of the income as possible and adding it to the principal until the Foundation has the means and resources to offer financial assistance to worthy projects of a far greater dimension than it would otherwise be able to consider.

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