

Shrimporee and Benefit Auction Set

By Lynn Bell

More than a ton of delicious Gulf-fresh shrimp and 1,500 pounds of fish will be served to the 3,500 persons expected to gather for the Third Annual Space Center Rotary Club Shrimporee and Benefit Auction on Saturday, September 18, from 3:00 to 8:00 P.M. Advance tickets are available at a big savings at area banks or from Space Center Rotary members. Gate prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Shrimporee Chairman Al Ligrani said the Rotarians are hoping to raise from \$9,000 to \$10,000 to distribute among 16 Clear Lake charities. Principal beneficiary this year is the Ed White Memorial Youth Center in Seabrook.

The super-organized, enthusiastic Rotarians have formed an intricate network of committees to carry off this huge project. Committee chairman gave progress reports on the event at a Rotary meeting on Monday.

Auction Chairman Don Kirk said about 200 auction items are expected to be donated by Clear Lake merchants. Norman Frede Chevyport has donated a used car with a retail value of \$3,225. On their own accord, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Cox donated a beautiful bicentennial afghan, handmade by Mrs. Cox. Other items include auto tires, boat accessories, bicycles, oil paintings, Indian jewelry, vintage wine, potted plants, etc. Proving there is something for everyone, in last year's auction one family acquired a Shetland pony, while another carried home a bottle of Vodka which came as a gift from NASA's visiting Soviet cosmonauts.

The Rotarians invite the whole family "to come hungry and stay late" for this all-you-can-eat feast with all the trimmings. Besides the boiled shrimp and fried fish, there will be baked beans, cole slaw, beer, soft drinks, and desserts. The serving and the auction will get underway at 3:00 P.M.



One of the 200 auction items featured at the Rotary's Shrimporee, September 18, is the beautiful bicentennial afghan made by Mrs. Ervin Cox. Pictured above are Don

Kirk, Auction Chairman, Ervin and Henrietta Cox, and Al Ligrani, Shrimporee Chairman.