

Rotarian Chefs set caps for September Shrimporee

BAY AREA - It's just beginning.

Posters emblazoned with the familiar big red Captain Shrimp are going up throughout the shopping plazas and market places of this bustling Clear Lake community, heralding the coming of Rotary's Third Annual Shrimporee and Benefit Auction. It is to be held Saturday, September 18th, at the Galveston County Park in League City.

This unique all-family event is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Space Center and will be opened to the general public. Proceeds from the sale of tickets and the gala auction will be distributed among local charities.

Colorful descriptive circulars will remind area residents that the much talked about yearly funfest is the best attended (over 3,000 last year) and most pleasurable culinary event to be held anywhere along the briny Texas Gulf Coast.

And it's not a brag. It's a fact.

Early announcements running in local newspapers modestly suggest that patrons will find "All the fried fish and shrimp you can eat." Perhaps that you, your family and friends could ever expect to put away on a Saturday afternoon in the park."

To the gourmand, the real fun is in discovering how many platters he can load up with these

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sizzling hot succient prawns surrounded by mountains of hush puppies, beans and cole slaw. That is, without putting back all that weight it took a summer of work to strip away.

And, of course, there will be hundreds of thirsty picnickers queuing up at the soda pop stands and trading tickets for frothy cups and premium beer served from frosty kegs. How much food and drink? Quite enough, to be sure. Seafood alone, which will be in the cooking pots throughout the previous night, will likely weigh in from the boats at over a ton.

Rotarian volunteers, businessmen of the Clear Lake communities, will be there wearing distinctive chef caps and red and white checked aprons. They will serve the food and pass the suds to slake the thirst of the throngs.

Veteran auctioneers will be tempting patrons with expensive oil paintings donated by known artists, auto tires, boat accessories, sporting goods, Indian jewelry, bottles of vintage wine, potted plants and potpourri to please all ages. Last year's auction saw one family ride off a Shetland pony (for \$100) and another in a stake truck (\$35.00). One carried home a bottle of Vodka which came as a gift from NASA's visiting Soviet Cosmonauts. A small boy beamed with pleasure at acquiring a chrome-plated lifting fork especially designed for handling pet snakes! Just what he had been looking for.

Mark the date in red letters on your calendar, and buy your tickets from local merchants early to enjoy a real savings. Tickets are now on sale at all area banks, saving and loan organizations, and many Clear Lake Stores. Tickets may also be purchased directly from members of the Rotary Club of Space Center.

Proceeds from this year's charity will be distributed among the following organizations: Earth Awareness Foundation, Clear Creek Schools (scholarships), Bay Area Committee on Drug Abuse, AFS, Boy Scouts, NASA Little League, Freeman Memorial Library, Clear Creek Pony Colt League, Bay Area YMCA, American Legion Auxilliary (Girl's State), Clear Creek Art League, Harris County Youth Village and the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps.