

Red Hot Tomatoes help Rotary celebrate milestone

THE NASSAU BAY Hilton was really rocking Saturday night as Space Center Rotarians, their spouses and guests celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Shrimporree with a lively gala.

Actually it started out as a rather quiet evening with Constable Bill Bailey chatting with recently retired CCISD Superintendent Dr. John Wilson and his wife, Renee, as Maxin Bank-League City President Mike Duckworth and his wife, Barbara, attorney Bill Lowes and his wife, Sharon, and Lockheed Martin VP Rick Hieb and his wife, Jeannie, strolled by.

Down the way, long-time Rotarian and past president Chuck Jacobson and his wife, Marge, were visiting with current CCISD Superintendent Dr. Sandra Mossman and her husband, Gary, while attorneys Dick Gregg III and Chris Gregg and their wives, Alice and Allison, were saying hello to Suzanne and Charles Milby and Dottie and Dave Hamblin.

And Gala Chairman Carol Shelley, who came with her husband, Bill, was quietly walking about, making sure everything was in place.

Tomatoes arrived and struck up the band. Quiet went out the door.



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Recently named one of the top ten bands in the U.S. by *Harper's Bazaar*, these musicians not only capture the authentic sounds of the 50s, 60s and 70s, they have fun as well — hopping about down in the audience and singing at the top of their lungs. Fun!

President Sheila Self and her date, Don Lewis, along with President-elect Dr. Vissett Sun and his wife, Adrienne, were at the door to welcome Tim and Debbie Kropp, Bill and Tamara Anderson, Bill and Suzi Howe, Joan and Bill Geissler, Dick and Faye Kidder, Carol and Jim Saxe, Sue and Bill Taylor, Martha and Scott Rainey and Joan and Dr. Mark Skellenger.

They had hardly had time to say hello when walked Aggie and Jerome Bourgeois, Nancy and Brian Olson, Rick Clapp, Frank and Carole Haider, Debby McBride and Valerie Friedrich, George and Jean

and Richard and Olive Murphy Riker, stopping to admire Nanci Rutledge's decorations, including the lovely centerpiece arrangements of red roses by Clear Lake Flowers.

Meanwhile, Al and Norma Brady were sampling the roast beef and pasta, as were Steve Jenkins and Debbie Jones, Diane Robinson and Allison Louis, Karen and Gary Johnson, Lamar Bowles, George and Beverly Yeiter and Boyd and Patty Sylestine.

Still others in the crowd included Bill and Joni Dusenbury, Jeremy Jones, Richard and Doris Spengler, Ken and Montque Mokarzel, Sharon and Johnny White and Port Commissioner Steve Phelps, who, with help from Lamar Bowles, conducted the live auction.

Top bidders included Nick and Joan Higham, who won a trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, courtesy of Air Jamaica, Half Moon Resort and Supertravel of Clear Lake; and Bill and Sue Taylor, who'll be off to Amsterdam, courtesy of KLM Royal Dutch Airline and Supertravel.

Rick and Jeannie Hieb were top bidders on a trip to Nassau in the Bahamas, Rosie and Mike Hesse on a vacation at South Padre Island donated by Chuck and Sandra Mossman on a week's stay at Angel Fire Resort, donated by the Richard Rikers.

Part of the proceeds from the Shrimporree and the gala will help fund the Children's Reading Room at the new Freeman City-County Library and to continue Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio.



Space Center Rotary Past President Chuck Jacobson and his wife, Marge, right, visit with CCISD Superintendent Sandra Mossman and her husband, Gary, as they arrive at the Nassau Bay Hilton for Space Center Rotary's Shrimporree Gala Saturday night. *Citizen photos by Mary Alys Cherry*



Adrienne and Dr. Vissett Sun enjoy Space Center Rotary Shrimporree Gala at the Nassau Bay Hilton.



Lockheed Martin Vice President Hick Hieb and his wife, Jeannie, look over crowd at Shrimporree Gala Saturday night.



Beehive hairdos and Texas big hair were back Saturday night as Rotel & the Hot Tomatoes entertained the crowd at the Space Center Rotary Shrimporree VIP Gala at the Hilton.



Shrimporree Gala Chairman Carole Shelley, right, checks the guest list with attorney Pamela Anderson, who served as treasurer.



Frank and Carole Haider were in the crowd Saturday night at the Shrimporree Gala at the Hilton.



Constable Bill Bailey, center, says hello to retired CCISD Superintendent John Wilson and his wife, Renee, as they join the crowd at the Space Center Rotary Shrimporree Gala.



Seabrook Rotarian Patty Kane, left, strikes up a conversation with Bank of America-Clear Lake President Marilyn Musial and her husband, Wayne at the Rotary Shrimporree Gala.