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Quarterly Report

October 25, 2005

Things are getting bright as the days move on. Sharon Bloomfield has become the Blastoff editor and has done a marvelous job. Bill Geissler has taken the position of Program coordinator. His team has filled our program slate with extremely good programs. This year is completely filled, and part of next year, 2006, has been filled. Debby McBride Has filled the position of song leader.

Roger Donnely will head fellowship. With these good folks working for us, we are looking at a bright and exciting year!

A new web page has been constructed and kept up-to-date. The Blastoff for each week has been published for the convenience of those who are away and cannot make the meeting.

A comprehensive database has been prepared and resides on the Web Page and is password protected and is available to members only.

The membership is kept informed in real time of items of interest at the District level and the club level.

The Shrimporee was well on track with more sponsors than before. We have exceeded our previous sponsor amount. It now stands at \$30,000 plus! The food had been ordered, advertisements had been made via TV and Ads and signs. We were within a few days of getting the show on the road, when hurricane Rita caused us to change our plans. The 24th of September date had to be changed.

A date in October had been asked for, but was not available. Fortunately there was a date, 19th of November was available. The November date is likely to be a blessing in disguise. It will certainly be much cooler than the date in September.

At this writing, there are only a few weeks to get ourselves back in harness and make this Shrimpore the very best yet! We can and we will rise to the occasion.

- To this date, our club has been active with many programs.
- 1. We have made our first installment payment of \$5000.00 on the \$25,000.00 League City YMCA construction project.
- 2. We supported District and local clubs in hands-on volunteering during the Katrina affair.
- 3. We supported District's request for \$30.00 per member for Katrina disaster. We delivered a check for \$2600.00 to District.





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- 4. We joined the Sharpstown club in their project with two clubs in Louisiana. They would match any funds we sent. We sent \$1000.00 for their program. In addition, Mike Dennard received a check for \$1000.00 from a club in Africa to be given to Sharpstown. It was also matched.
- 5. Jerry Smith made a trip to south Texas to take toys and other items to the poor kids in school there. We sponsored the project by \$500.00 donation.
- 6. We delivered approximately 100- 2nd grade school books to the Gardens Elementary School in Pasadena. No cost to our club.
- 7. We furnished the materials for a ramp to be built for the Bernard family in League City. The cost of the materials was approximately \$450.00. The labor to build the ramp was done by volunteers.
- We purchased six (6) necklace alert systems for \$2400.00. These systems will be given to those persons who live alone and are in danger of falling. A unit will be installed for one person in about two weeks. For privacy reasons, the name is being withheld.

We have made nice headway in the first quarter. The second quarter should be equally as fruitful or better.

Respectfully submitted,

J.B. Fox

Quarterly Report

January 8th, 2006

The second quarter has certainly been an interesting one. We have survived two Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Rita caused us to abort our plans for the Shrimporee in the latter part of September. Immediately, upon postponing the festivity, a request from the Clear Lake Park office was made for a date in October. None was available. November week before Thanksgiving was the only date available. It turned out to be a great event yielding approximately \$54,000, thanks to the extra effort by the members of the club.





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During this quarter, a very worthwhile project was undertaken. We talked with the management at Armand Bayou concerning their old farmhouse. They wanted to restore it but little action had been taken to do so. A conversation with Mr. Lou Horning revealed that a company would make level the old house for \$3500. Our club signed a memorandum of agreement with Armand Bayou, gave them the money and the work was begun. It has now been finished. They are still in need of volunteer hands-on work on the farmhouse.

Mr. Mark Montgomery was contacted regarding establishing a Boy Scout troop at the Harris county youth village. An application has been prepared and transmitted to Mr. Montgomery. The youths in the village did have a troop several years ago. It was troop 930 established by our club. Their old meeting place is in some disrepair, but we are assured that the youths will take care of fixing it up.

It is estimated that this project will cost approximately \$800.00 to get them up and running.

The board has decided not to fund New Orleans restoration but to service clubs in outlying areas. Mississippi, around Gulf Port or Pascagoula is high on our list. As indicated in the first quarter report, we have used \$2600.00 to district for Katrina, \$2000.00 to Sharpstown club for their project in Louisiana. We served over 200 mandays helping the Katrina refugees here in Houston and the Bay Area.

In the First Quarter Report, it was stated that the club has purchased 6 necklace alert monitoring systems for individuals who are prone to falling. To date, we have had only one request for a system. Interfaith Caring will be contacted, along with other agencies that deal with candidates for the system, for information about individuals we can contact.

A club in Monterrey is being contacted in regard to their request for medical services for a child to be seen by Dr, Fustok. It is very likely that this project will be funded.

District has informed us that one of the clubs in the district had been supporting a Lahore, Pakistan club, but they have expended all of their resources.





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The club's effort in helping the Pakistan club came as a result of the devastating earthquake in that area. We will be looking into the kind of support they had been giving with in mind of giving some aid.

We had been invited to witness a demonstration of using computers for the blind. A young lady from Nicaragua, blind from birth, is being taught to use the computer in order that she train other blind students. The computer program is phenomenal in that it reads out in audio every thing that is being typed. It supports All of Microsoft programs as well as other installed programs. D'Lisa's club is sponsoring the program. They still need around \$1500.00 to get the program under way. This is the start of a project that will grow. It is intended that we support the project.

President David Owens of Seabrook has proposed a joint project regarding relief of some of the East Texas and /or Mississippi areas ravished by Rita. We will be looking into these cooperative projects as well.

The three clubs, Seabrook, Harrisburg, and Space Center, Christmas party had a surplus of over five hundred dollars after all bills had been paid. Mutual agreement between the clubs resulted in donating the money to the Turning Point.

A pictorial payout of a beautiful pavilion in North Carolina was presented to the Endowment Foundation. Such a pavilion could be constructed in Nassau Bay. The layout was presented to the City Manager who liked it very much. He will present it to the Parks Commission. It is very likely it will be considered favorably. The problem will be in selecting a place of prominence.

In addition to the conversation, it was suggested to the city manager that our club might consider the placement of very nice permanently installed grills in the park adjoining Lake Nassau. Each grill would have a brass plate installed with the wheel, depicting Space Center Rotary's donation to the city.

We were informed that there are long spaces in the median of NASA Parkway that are available to our club to use. One suggestion was the use of a replica of the RNASA award placed in one of the spaces. A good architect could do wonders with this offer.





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The third quarter will be dedicated to adopting some or all of the aforementioned projects. In addition, other local projects identified will be given priority.

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Fourth Quarter and Final Status Report

In the second quarter report it was pointed out that pictorial layout of a beautiful pavilion in North Carolina was presented to the Endowment Foundation. Such a pavilion is planned to be constructed on NASA Parkway by the two T-38 aircraft. The City Manager, John Kennedy, will present the project to the Texas Department of Transportation as part of his recommended plan for NASA Parkway. It is very likely it will be considered favorably.

We were informed that there are long spaces in the median of NASA Parkway that are available to our club to use. One suggestion was the use of a replica of the RNASA award placed in one of the spaces however, the offer of the City of Nassau Bay to maintain the pavilion after it is installed caused major emphasis on making the Pavilion a reality.

We had been invited to witness a demonstration of using computers for the blind. A young lady from Nicaragua, blind from birth, is being taught to use the computer in order that she train other blind students. The computer program is phenomenal in that it reads out in audio every thing that is being typed. It supports All of Microsoft programs as well as other installed programs. D'Lisa's club, the Galleria Club, is sponsoring the program. It was learned that there is a need for bailers to be used by the students in the school. Six (6) bailers were purchased by our club and will be taken to Nicaragua in July. One of the 6 was purchased with the \$400.00 donation given to our club by the Interact club.





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After having determined that FEMA was concentrating on New Orleans, it was decided that any help, other than that which we had given, would be concentrated in Mississippi. As a result, we contacted the District Governor in Mississippi and found a school that had severe damage, and no FEMA help. The local club in Gulfport was contacted and a matching grant was applied for and was received. The grant total was for \$16,000. \$8000.00 donated by our club, and a matching \$8000.00t from Rotary International. As a matter of interest, this grant to our club is an excellent example of the payback we experience from the money we donate to the Rotary Foundation.

We were informed that the Blaine Immunization Grant had not been used last year, and was still available this year. Pam Culpepper and Jennifer Keller have located a partner, Interfaith Ministries, who will give the inoculations. This is a second example of our investments in the Rotary Foundation being returned to our club.

We have supported the Boy Scouts troop in La Porte, and are finishing the installation of a Boy Scout troop in the Harris County Youth Village. A member of our Club, who is now deceased, originated the troop. Dick Gregg III is in the process of finalizing the project.

A three high school graduation "lock-in dance" was a project supported by our club. A Rotary presence was widely posted at the affair.

Several individuals have been recipients of the alert pendant. We had purchased six of these at the beginning of the year.

\$3000.00 was given to Police officers for their youth project and a gift of \$1000.00 was given to "The Turning Point."

Six "Teacher of the Year", and guests, were feted by our club. Each finalist received a small award. Two winners were selected and each received a Teacher of the Year Award.

Six "Police officer of the Year", and guests, were feted by our club. Each officer received a finalist award. The outstanding officer of the year received a winner's trophy and a check.





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\$10,000 check was given to the Endowment Foundation to reduce the \$25,000 debt to the YMCA. \$10,000 remains to be paid.

The Guerrero Clinic in Guerrero, Mexico has been given \$5000.00 in support of the Clinic. The conduit for the donation is the Rotary club of Brazosport.

The "Guerrero team" made a presentation of our club that resulted in many of our club members giving individual contributions to the Guerrero project.

The Boots and Black Tie affair was held on May 5th, 2006 at the Marker 1 room. The air condition failed to operate which resulted in a loss of revenue. Many persons left prior to the auction. The new owners are being consulted in this matter.

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