

Retirement Speech Jun 21 2010

One year ago, during my induction speech I talked about “Destiny”. I recounted my fascination with science and space at an early age.

I spoke about visiting several local Rotary Clubs, looking for a new Rotary home. Pam Culpepper invited me to visit Space Center which was still meeting in old Holiday Inn. I sat at the table with someone named Suzi Howe and the rest, as they say, “Is History”. Suzi instructed me to “Quit Looking” and declared that I had found a home.

My Mom believes in Pre-Destination, your destiny was set when you were born. I believe your destiny is determined by a series of disconnected events and decisions, none of which we know the consequences. We travel down this crooked road of life, bouncing off this wall and that wall, not sure of our destination or when we will arrive.

But maybe Mom was right, maybe there is a genetic “road map” leading us to certain decisions, to our calling, our destiny.

**Albert Schweitzer said,
“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know; the only ones among you who will be really happy, are those who have sought and found how to serve.”**

To have served you as President of “Space Center Rotary Club” was the greatest honor than any I have ever received. To be associated with the magical name “Space Center” and the pioneers of space travel is a dream beyond imagination.

Final thought

Space Center Rotarians, during the past year, my deepest wishes have been answered in their fullest and come to a fitting end today.

**With my humblest appreciation,
I have been truly, truly honored to have served you.**

Carl Schurtz said,

“Ideals are like stars: you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the seafaring man on the ocean desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them, you reach your destiny”.

Ladies & Gentlemen, I found my destiny at Space Center Rotary Club and lived it to its fullest.

**Thank you so very much.
The meeting is adjourned.**

More thoughts

Steven Hawkins “Brief History of Time”

Black Hole Theory

Pres, Academy of Science, Oxford

**Judge Kenneth Starr, Dean of Pepperdine, spoke at event
downtown**

Work hard, live by grace, work harder

Book - Purpose Driven Life (Rick Warren)

Space Center Rotary is “Purpose Driven Club”

**We must live our lives of “Service, Purpose,
Leadership”**

**We are on a continuum – a Rotarian’s Journey thru
Life**

Only busy people make good Rotarians