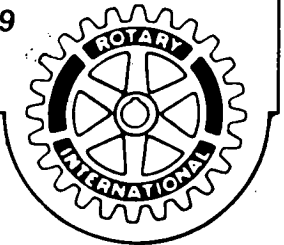


# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

*The Space Center Rotary Club  
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.  
at the Nassau Bay Hilton*

**Rotary International District 589**



*Rotary International President, Paul V.C. Costa  
District 589 Governor, Tyler Baker  
Club President, Billy R. Smith*

**"Put life into Rotary - your life"**

"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"

September 17, 1990

## 12 more days till Shrimporee!

We all know the importance of this fact. There is very little time to get all that needs to be done completed. But the fact remains that this is all the time we have and if you are still not on a committee or you still have not sold all your tickets or you still have not gotten your auction items... then the time is NOW that you need to do it! Here is a list of all the committees that need your help:

Auction	Auction Items	Fun Run
Maj. Contrib.	Golf	Entertainment
Fish Fry	Shrimp Boil	Beans
Red Sauce	Cole Slaw	Beer & Wine
Soft Drinks	Logistics	Site Prep.
Cleanup	Food Service	Tickets
PR/Printing	Women of Rotary	Security
Volunteers	Shirts & Hats	Parking Signs
Video Personnel	Aprons & Towels	Fish & Shrimp
		Procurement

### To volunteer for a committee call:

Mike Brown 488-7070 or Terry Stock 486-9688

### This is an exciting time for our club!

Eddie Harris, chairman of the Fun Run committee announced that we will have countrywide attendance at this year's fun run and will in all likelihood, break several national records.

This year we have a SPA to auction off, along with a smorgasbord of other items.

Our entertainment this year is Rick Campbell, talented nephew of Glenn Campbell.

If all of this were still not enough... we still have the best Shrimp & Fish any side of any where to eat. So lets all pitch in and have a great time at the 17th annual Space Center Rotary Shrimporee.

## Program Calendar

Mon. 9/17	Shrimporee Presentation
Mon. 9/17	Rotary Baseball
Mon. 9/24	Shrimporee Presentation
Sat. 9/29	17th ANNUAL SHRIMPOREE

## Sept. Birthdays

Al Brady	9/12
Shirley Battey	9/13
John Lowes	9/14
David Baldwin	9/16
George Jones	9/17
Kirk Koepsel	9/18
Joe Shirley	9/20
Robert Kraft	9/22
James McNatt	9/24
Anne Weseman	9/25
Kyle Sprecher	9/27
Steve Bolton	9/29
David Owen	9/29
Woody Williams	9/29

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**Committee Activities**



Youth Committee Chairman Huey Barnett presented a \$900 check to Sharon Talley, head coach of the Bay Area YMCA Girls' Gymnastic Team. Following a first place finish in the Texas State YMCA Championships, the team received an invitation to the national championships in Tampa, FL but found itself out of funds and with 2 of the 4 team members on scholarship. The Rotary donation saved the day—the team went to nationals, had a great time, and came back with several 3rd - 6th place finishes in individual events.

*"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving"*  
-Oliver Wendell Holmes

**Guest Editorial**

**Space Center Rotary—  
Making a Difference:  
by Tom Wier**

A hearty laugh and dedication to the work of Space Center Rotary are the trademarks of Don Kirk. His confident leadership and expectation of success have set the tone for the solicitation of auction items.

Back in the beginning, the late Marvin Matthews heard about the Brazosport Rotary's successful Fish Fry and Auction and asked Don, the late Al Jowid and some others to go observe the event. They were so impressed that Al volunteered to fry the fish and Don volunteered to handle the Auction at our first Shrimporree, held at Walter Hall

Park in League City. When the Cap Landolt Pavillion in Clear Lake Park was completed, we moved there to take advantage of the larger and better facilities.

When Don successfully solicited a used car from McRee Ford, the committee was energized and convinced both Norman Frede and Chuck Miller to join in. Both have given cars to each year's Auction ever since.

The tradition of enthusiastic Auction chairmanship was maintained by Jim Hargrove. And now Jerry Smith is energetically pursuing this important task in his second year as Chairman.

The Shrimporree and Charity Auction is  
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## New Members



Let's welcome Space Center Rotary's newest member Blain Steff, who was sponsored by Dick Veth.

## Rotary Information

Send your wishes for Jayme Hesson to have a speedy recovery from her serious eye surgery.

Terry & Jayme Hesson  
919 Timber Cove Dr.  
Seabrook, Texas 77586

The Bay Area Branch YMCA of the Greater Houston Area will have a groundbreaking ceremony for their facility expansion 9 am Wednesday, Sept. 19th.

Mon., Sept. 17th Rotary Baseball  
Astros vs Padres, Tickets = \$7  
We get to sit together this year!

Achtung! Rotary Weekend at Wurstfest  
in New Braunsfels.

Fri, Nov 2- Sun. Nov 4.

Contact: Don & Beverly Kyle. 486-2466

'Project Free Enterprise' Travel to Budapest & Warsaw to teach free enterprise. Contact Jack Fryday or David Taylor.

Past Gov. Sonny Nichols has requested that we all write to President Bush in support of his efforts in the Iraq Conflict, Send to:  
White House  
Washington D.C.

Space Center Rotary received a Presidential Citation for the amount of service performed by our club and its members. We came in at a very close 2nd for the over all district.

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the event that makes the money to finance our service budget . . . and the beauty of it is that working together makes us know each other better. Strong friendships can come from YOUR work in Rotary—this has been part of the plan from the beginning.

When you sweat over the frying fish or the boiling shrimp or the boiling beans. . . when you make extra calls to solicit auction items. . . when you serve up cold drinks or sell T-shirts and caps. . . when you push yourself to sell more tickets—all of these are part of MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THIS COMMUNITY.

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# Officer's Corner

By President Billy Smith

For several years, a recurring issue to come up for discussion by the Board of Directors has been that of club size. Considerable debate has ensued with some saying that the Club is too big; that it has lost its intimacy; that "I don't know half of the members!"

It is true that at least one-half of the current members have been inducted in the last 5-6 years, but that is also true of my church and other organizations and is indicative of the transiency of our community. It is also true that it takes a great deal of effort to become acquainted with the new members. On the other side of the argument, it is urged that only with adequate numbers of members can a club have sufficient dedicated ones to carry out the desired service projects and make a significant contribution to the needs of the community. Perhaps this is true. It certainly seems that no matter what size the organization, a small percentage of the members do most of the work. In that case, 30% of 200 members can probably accomplish more than 30% of 100. This is some indication of the manner in which the two sides have debated the issue.

While all such arguments have some validity, none, in my opinion, get to the heart of the issue. As with all other things

that we do as Rotarians, our motivation should be service to others. The Rotary Manual of Procedure states "A Rotary club should have in its membership a representative of every recognized business or professional or institutional activity in the community...". The Classification Committee is given the responsibility of completing a classification survey of the Club's territory prior to August 31 of each year. The results of that survey indicate that between 300 and 400 separate classifications are represented and each one suggests a potential member of this club. Those are unique classifications, not multiple, similar ones which we use extensively to allow us to have several bankers, realtors, etc. in our membership. Further, as many as two additional active members are allowed under each classification. Additionally, the classifications of members who become senior active because of age and/or service are released to allow for more members.

So when is a club too big? From a rules standpoint, not until all classifications have been filled. When is a club too small? Again, from a rules standpoint, when there are any unfilled classifications. This suggests to me that the issue should really not be one of size, but one of numbers of members who are dedicated to the ideals of service through Rotary. From that view, a club is too big when it has too many members riding the wagon, so called "Rotarians in name only", and too few pushing or pulling it. Conversely,

a club is too small when it has not extended the privileges of being a Rotarian to every 'qualified' person who lives or works in the club's territory and for whom there is an open classification or room for an additional active member.

In a club with a large number of members it is more difficult to adequately deal with the challenge of meeting the needs of the individual members, to keep them involved, motivated, and serving. By the same token, a large club probably has a greater ability to serve the community and the world in very significant ways. Certainly that has been true in Space Center Rotary Club.

Think about it, and the next time you hear a comment about club size or are tempted to make one yourself, consider whether the question is one of size or one of dedication. At each meeting, make an effort to sit with someone you do not know, become active in committee work, challenge yourself to meet and know the name of each member of our club this year, and be proud to be a member of the greatest Rotary club in the world. Size, whether too big or too small, may not be the problem.

—Billy Smith, President

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*Wisdom is the abstract of the past, but beauty is the promise of the future."*  
-Oliver Wendell Holmes



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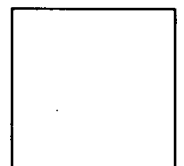
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