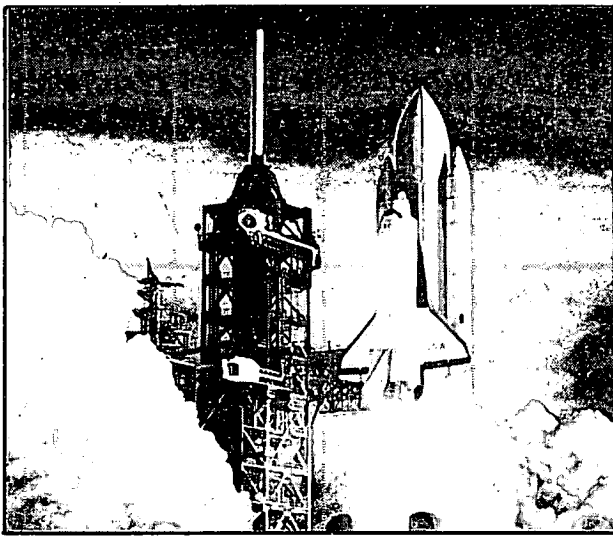


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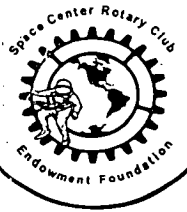


# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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

Rotary International District 5890

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"



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## WHAT'S NEWS

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### PROGRAMS

- AUG 16 Dis. Gov, Billy Weseman
- AUG 23 Lionel Garcia
- AUG 30 Bill Taylor & the Shrimporee Boys
- SEP 6 Holiday (No Meeting)
- SEP 13 TX General Land Comm, Garry Mauro
- SEP 20 CL Transportation Partnership, Chuck Jacobson

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### EVENTS

- AUG 30 GOLF FUND-RAISER FOR SHRIMPOREE
- SEP 12 VIP SNEAK PREVIEW
- SEP 18 SHRIMPOREE
- DEC 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY

### SICK LIST

- Don Kirk - 3 Bypasses - Humana
- Beverly Kyle - Recuperating Fine
- Jim Wyatt's Father Passed On



### SHRIMPOREE

The 1993 Shrimporee is quickly approaching and its time to get moving!

Don't be a spectator! There are over thirty committees that contribute to the production of Shrimporee including the Golf Tournament, Fun Run, and Charity Auction. We invite you to jump aboard. Give me a call at 488-2733 and let me know if you want to participate in one or all of these activities.

Oh, yes...it does not matter if you are on one committee or thirty, we still need your help to insure the success of the Charity Auction. Please call your friends or business associates who you think would like to contribute to Shrimporee and ask them to do so. (You can also call the ones that owe you a favor!)

Gene Oley, Auction committee chairman, has made arrangements for a place to store auction items. He is in need of a few people with pick-ups who could be available to transport larger items to the storage facility.. If you have a truck or have an auction item to store, please contact Gene at 280-0444.



**\$2500** DONATED BY DAVE BALDWIN OF SAVINGS OF AMERICA

## SHRIMPOREE GOLF

By Ted Olkowski

The Seventh Annual Shrimporee Golf Championship will be held August 30, 1993 at the South Shore Harbour Country Club. "This event is a lot of fun and an opportunity to benefit the community" says Tedd Olkowski Tournament Chairman.

The format is a 4-man Florida Scramble with a 1 PM Shot Gun start. The \$100.00 per person entry includes lunch and refreshments, prizes, and a chance to win \$10,000.00 for a hole-in-one.

"The proceeds from the Shrimporee will be used by the SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB to continue support of local charitable organizations". says Vic Maria President of Space Center Rotary. Support in the past have included Meals on Wheels, Juvenile Court Volunteers, Interfaith Caring Ministries and the Ed White Youth Center as well as several other major community projects.

"We are expecting a great turnout for this event, our membership and community have always supported this tournament" says Olkowski.



Luis Arce shows Norma Maria His Wares

## PARVIZIAN MASTERPIECES

By Gene Oley

August 2 - Parvizian, according to their card, is the largest oriental rug dealer in the USA.

With a magnificent selection of Persian rugs laid before the dais for all to see, Luis Arce began to educate us on their beauty and value.

Luis told us of the fine hand crafted quality --- of stitches per inch and of the various counties of origin.

Hands went up! We were filled with questions.

Q. How much are they?

A. Those displayed ranged from a few hundred to over twenty thousand dollars.

Q. How do you get a limeade stain out of your rug?

A. Place something under to absorb and wet the area. Then use Woolite or call Luis.

Mr. Arce also provides the service of maintaining your carpet if you are not comfortable with doing it yourself. He closed with an illustration of how well the rugs maintain or increase their value over the years and you can enjoy their use at the same time.

## A KISS ON THE CHEEK

By Gene Oley

Upon receiving his certificate for 100% attendance, Floyd Boze decided to make a show of it. It went something like this ---.

Opening: Floyd opened by telling us he appreciated our standing ovation..... as we sat there looking at him.

**Joke:** He asked rhetorically if we knew how Lions make love. The answer was we didn't know because we were Rotarians.

**Story:** Floyd told us a tear filled emotional story about making up Rotary in Atlanta.

He met a lady Rotarian at the Rotary meeting in Atlanta and complimented her on her German accent. How long have you been in America, he asked? Since August 1947. Really? That is when I returned to America. I was part of the occupation force.

I remembered that cigarettes were \$200 a carton on the German black market. Coming home aboard the USS America, I remembered a little 6 year old girl standing by the butt can on the deck of the ship. She was collecting discarded cigarettes to give to her father in the cabin below. He would re-roll these and make them into full cigarettes.

I stopped her and explained she was in America now. Cigarettes were 20 cents a pack on-board ship. Her father never needed to re-roll cigarettes again. She leaned over and hugged me, giving me a kiss on the cheek.

**Punch Line:** I was that little girl, said the lady Rotarian and that was 40 years ago.

**Moral:** If I didn't make up Rotary I wouldn't have received that kiss and it's still here (pointing to his cheek).

**Editors note:** With a story like that, so well told, its no wonder Terry Hesson calls Floyd Boze "Mr. Rotarian".





**ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

By Huey Barnett

Thanks to Space Center Rotary, students in the Bridgeport Communities in Schools Program will have transportation to important meetings and event. With generous donations of \$7,000 from Space Center Rotary Club and \$10,000 from the Assistant League of the Bay Area, Bridgeport recently purchased a 1992, 15 passenger Ford van from McRee Ford. Express signs, owned and operated by Space Center Rotarian Roy Slater, donated the lettering on the van which identifies Space Center Rotary Club and the Assistance League of the Bay Area as benefactors.

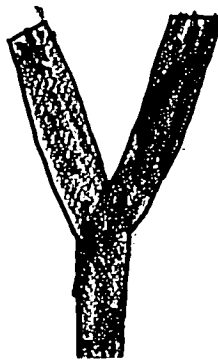
Bridgeport has just completed its fourth year as a dropout prevention program in CCISD. During that time student transportation was primarily provided by volunteers. Consequently, trips were limited and scheduling was uncertain. Good news: students were able to go to Corpus Christi on a field trip. Bad news: during this field trip the spare tire was stolen. Good news: Al Henkelman, owner of A to Z Tire & Battery, Inc., League City, donated a new spare tire and rim.

Space Center Rotary has always played an important role in the successes of Bridgeport. During President Billy Weseman's term of office, Bridgeport was selected as the primary beneficiary of that years Shrimporee. This helped Bridgeport get started. During the following years the youth committee has provide much needed support.

Also, many Rotarians have become tutors and mentors in the Bridgeport program. Ron Blilie is currently organizing another group of mentors for the new school year. Contact Ron to become a part of this important group. Dr. Huey Barnett, founder and executive director of Bridgeport, expresses his sincere appreciation to Space Center Rotarians for their support and especially for the van.

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**Thank you!**



**THANK YOU**

Terry Hesson, Space Center Rotary.

Dear Terry,

Thank you so much for your \$700 Partner of Youth gift. Without the support of folks like yourself we would not be able to carry on our work with the youth of the community.

We are in the midst of our busiest summer ever. We are caring for 146 youngsters here at the YMCA while their parents work. There are over 100 children enrolled in our day camp program held at Challenger Park and over 40 campers in our North Galveston County day camp at Walter Hall Park. We have 42 young teens in our teen camp. We had 1158 participate in our aquatic program here at the Y and at 3 other local pools in June.

As you can well imagine all of these

programs are costly to provide. Many of our participants are on a sliding fee scale due to their limited resources. Your financial support has been critical to our stability to deliver these programs to our youth.

A personal thank you note from of the youngsters in our child care program is enclosed. I hope you enjoy their art work.

Thanks again for your generosity

Sincerely, /s/, Beth Stus, Executive Director

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**100% ATTENDANCE**

A Partial list of 100% attendance persons as of 7/9/93

Floyd Boze	45
Frank Morgan	29
Jay Welch	27
Jerry Hammock	20
Charles Hartman	17
Al Ligrani	14
Bob Wren	13
Bert Kraft	12
Lamar Bowles	8
Ron Blilie	4
Dennis Dillon	4
Ted Olkowski	3
David Taylor	3
Jack Lister	2

**SHRIMPOREE**

This years shrimporee will be held on Saturday, September 18 at the usual place (Cap Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park. Tickets are \$10 at the door or at the meeting. Our president expects each of us to buy or sell 20 tickets. If you would like, you may donate any or all of your tickets to charity.

**VIP SNEAK PREVIEW**

This years VIP sneak preview will be held on Sunday September 12th from 7 to 10 PM in our regular meeting room in the Hilton. Tickets are \$100. Fabulous items are to be auctioned. (minimum bid \$1000). Entertainment includes: singers, magicians, a choir, a karate demonstration, etc.

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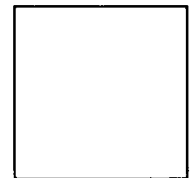
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