

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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1/3/94 Greg Layton was today's guest
speaker. Greg told us of the value of
putting money away today to cover
our needs for tomorrow. Of course, he
said, when tomorrow comes there is
never enough money.

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GSE AUSTRALIA

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District 5890 will be hosting a group
study exchange team from Australia
during the period from April 22nd
through May 27th. Our region will
be hosting the team from April 29 to
May 3.

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POLLY LEWIS SPEAKS TO SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

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11/8/93- Community property laws can
be traced back to Spanish law and even as
far back as the ancient Moors. Texas is
one of only eight states that have
community property laws , according to
Polly Lewis, an attorney with Gregg &
Mieszkuc. Polly spoke to the Space
Center Rotary Club about Estate
Planning and Estate Law. Polly is a Rice
Graduate and is Board Certified in Estate
Planning and Probate Law by the Texas
Board of Legal Specialization.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date
Collin Coker	2
Jack Lister	2
John Watson	2
Hugh Goff	4
Merv Hughes	4
Lamar Bowles	5
Lynette Mason-ll	5
Lonnie Clement	10
Joseph Hang	12
Billy Ray Smith	18
Robert Lindgren	20
Michael Brown	21
Eddie Janek Jr.	22
Robert Mitchell	24
Kenneth edekl	29
Selma Neuman	29
John Gay	30



Jeanette, Jack & Carole.
Hep Cats!

MEOW

by Gene Oley

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The music included some high brow tunes and some low brow ones. One of the smash hits was called "MEOW". As the story goes - - - some time ago in a land far far away, a man wanted to gain entrance to a particular house.

To do so he was required to stand outside the establishment and sing this song.

The song itself is written in "Cat". The only word in the lyrics is "Meow".

This delighted the audience at the Rotary. Don Kyle, who provided us with this superb entertainment, jokingly said: "I thought it would upgrade the quality of the club".

It was definitely a class act! We look forward to future performances from these ladies and perhaps someone you bring to entertain us.

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FRIENDS OF ROTARY

by Alan Wylie

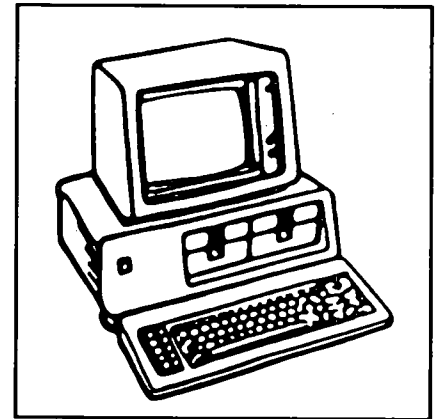
I am spearheading an effort to capture information on businesses in the area who are willing to support our fundraising activities. Each year we ask businesses to support our Shrimporee, Fun Run and Golf Tournament. Numerous businesses that we contact do support our activities, and others that have not been contacted possibly would support as well if we had an organized approach for contacting them and providing them timely recognition through advertising, etc.

There are several avenues that can be followed. Each has merits, and many can be done in conjunction with one another. The results will be computerized to provide an organized approach to begin our fundraising activity each and every year.

One approach is to ask Rotarians to identify businesses where they have a special "IN". Tim Kropp and myself have already begun compiling this list by handing out forms at the Rotary meetings. Seven Rotarians provided inputs at our latest meeting. Each of us, once he or she has been given the objective a lot of thought, should be able to provide names of businesses where they have contacts.



Alan Wylie



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Turning out the Blastoff is a time consuming task. Thanks to volunteers like Robert Frost and Bill Geisler we have been successful.



Robert Frost

Due to his busy work schedule, Mr. Frost will no longer be a Rotarian. We will miss him dearly.

The Blastoff is, therefore, considering the purchase of a computer to be stored at the Editor's, Mr. Oley, office or home.



Greg Layton

ANNUITIES

By Gene Oley

Continued

This is true for most of us. It seems to be a law of nature. If we dig a hole, no matter what size, and put that very same dirt back in the hole - - - well, we have to go get more dirt.

We see it with our closets, shopping carts and suitcases that we travel with. We always seem to need more room. And so it is with our financial needs. So save what you can.

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GSE AUSTRALIA

By Tom Childers

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The district committee needs our participation to make this exchange a great one for both the team members and the Rotarians of District 5890. Specifically, we need host families, drivers, and vocational sponsors. The host families will host one team member for the five day period.

The drivers will be responsible for delivering and picking up team members at designated places during the five day period. I would like to have enough drivers sign up so that each driver only has two or three

assignments.

I also need to recruit vocational sponsors to take one team member for 1/2 day or one full day so that they can experience how their particular vocation operates in our country. The team members vocations are as follows:

Team leader- - owns his own import/export business (specifics of the business unknown at this time).

Team members: 1) Senior homicide detective, 2) Landscape architect, 3) Medical doctor, and 4) Police sergeant (administration).

The purpose of the GSE program is to further the goal of world peace through an increase in international understanding. It is also a lot of fun! Expect to learn more about aborigines, the outback, kangaroos, emus wallabies, and a peculiar way of speaking the English language!! If you would like to share in the GSE experience or if you know of other Rotarians from local clubs that would like to participate, please contact Tom Childers at 425-2481 or 667-7332.

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POLLY LEWIS

SPEAKS TO SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

By Frank Graham

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State Law defines 'separate property' as anything owned by a spouse that is brought into the marriage. Everything else is considered community property. Anything purchased within the marriage, salaries, retirement plans, IRA's and even Lottery winnings would be considered community property.

Examples of items considered as separate property could be wedding gifts, gifts from one spouse to another (including interest), savings accounts that can be traced to before the marriage (although the interest on such accounts could be considered community property).

The Exception of Title rule is allowed when a major asset can be traced or proven to have been purchased before the marriage.

Community property laws are in effect for anyone who is in a valid marriage within the State of Texas, including common-law marriages if the couple present themselves as married.






It can be a complicated issue with many permutations.

While Texas probate laws are among the simplest in the United States, Polly pointed out how important it is to have a will. A will insures that your assets go where you wish them to go and will save the estate money. A trust can provide for minor children, name guardians for your children and will save the estate taxes.

"Everything is included in your estate," Polly said, "If you wonder if it's in your estate, it is."

A new law for Texas residents is the 'springing power of attorney' which allows for power of attorney to go into effect only if you are incapacitated. A very important document" stated Polly.

"Avoiding probate in Texas is not the big deal it is in other states" explained Polly, "Here it's inexpensive, and by careful estate planning with either a simple will or a trust you can save the estate thousands in taxes."

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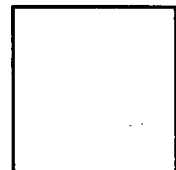
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