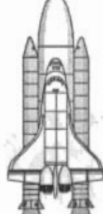


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Rotary Club of Space Center

District 5890

Meetings are

Monday's 11:45

at the

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3000 NASA Road One



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March 6, 2000

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Today's Agenda



- 11:45 am** Buffet luncheon begins
- 12:15 pm** Call to order
 Song for today – Jerry Bourgeois
 Pianist – Ann Fulcher – John Wilson
 Invocation
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Introductions of Guest and Visiting Rotarians
 Announcements

12:30 pm Programs Chair– David Taylor

Program Dr. Karen Johnson – Channel 11 Health Reporter



Dr. Karen Johnson joined 11 News as a medical reporter in January 1999. She is a faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine where she teaches neonatology and pediatrics. A respected professional at five major hospitals, she takes on the toughest challenges – teaching at Baylor College of Medicine and giving expert care to the smallest of patients like Houston's octuplets. www.khou.com

Today's Song



My Wild Irish Rose

My wild Irish rose,
 the sweetest flower that grows
 You may search everywhere,
 but none can compare with my wild Irish rose
 My wild Irish rose, the dearest flower that grows
 And some day for my sake,
 she may let me take the bloom from my wild Irish rose.



Rotary Club of Space Center Upcoming Programs



- 3/13/00 Dr. Pat Wood – Organ Transplants
 Protocol; Hepatitis C
- 3/20/00 Rodulfo Figueroa – Consul General of Mexico
- 3/27/00 Clay Anderson – Mission Specialist

March 10 Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Banquet

President-Elect, **Dave Baldwin** is pleased to announce the following:
Dick Gregg, III will be the Program Chairman for 2000 – 2001
Mike Brown has agreed to be our Shrimporee Chairman this year
Shrimporee date is – Saturday, September 23, 2000 (rain date is 9/30/00)

5th Annual Russian Festival in Nassau Bay!!

April 7 – 9, 2000

Make plans to attend all of the business seminars, festivities, & banquet
 For more info please call Mary Jo Naschke at 409-762-3930
 or Nassau Bay at 281-333-4211



Galveston
 "Sailing Into a New Millennium"

District Conference
Moody Gardens Hotel
April 6 – 8, 2000

Register now for the District Conference!
 Download form at:
www.rotary5890.org/district_conference

Golf, tennis, casino night, beach parties,
 banquet and more!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS - News From Pat Patton

March 11 - the Lighthouse Cooking Team Foundation will have their 5th Annual Fund-raiser at the Mary Queen Church from 6:30 P.M. to Midnight. For only \$40.00, you receive a fantastic dinner (Outback Steakhouse) a fun band (KILT) and great auction items. Call Scott Gordon at 281-482-9400.

March 31 - April 2 - The Clear Lake Metropolitan Ballet will present classical ballet's light-hearted romantic comedy, "Coppelia" at the University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Theatre. The tickets for this great family ballet are only \$15.00, and are available through all Ticketmaster outlets, or by calling 281-480-1617.

March 31 - The American Heart Association Clear Lake / Friendswood Division is having their Heart Rock Gala at 7:00 PM at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center. Great 50's music, Costume and Jitterbug contests and great auction items. Tickets are \$75.00 - call 281-244-8036.

April 7th - Baycomber's Beach Blanket Bash at the Bay Area Community Center benefiting The Ed White Memorial School at 7:00 pm. The fabulous Fab Five will perform, with great food by Outback Steakhouse, and fun, fun, fun!! Tickets are \$75.00, call Tracey Webb at 281-326-3081.

April 13 - The College of the Mainland will host a "Hats Off to Jim Reinhartsen" Gala at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center, beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$75.00. Please call COM at 1-888-258-8859, ext. 508 or 557.

A language instructor was explaining to her class that French nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. Things like 'chalk' or 'pencil,' she described, would have a gender association although in English, these words were of neutral gender. Puzzled, one student raised his hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?" The teacher wasn't certain which it was, and so divided the class into two groups and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. One group was comprised of the women in the class, and the other of men. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The group of women concluded that computers should be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had waited a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The men, on the other hand, decided that computers should definitely be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

District News:

CALLING ALL DISTRICT 5890 GOLFERS

By: Eddie Miller

In addition to all other fun activities associated with the upcoming District Conference, Gov. John is requesting your presence at the annual 5890 Golf Tournament that will be held Thursday, April 8 at the Galveston Island Municipal Course. Entry fees are \$100 per player which includes registration, lunch and all the fun you can have. It will be a shotgun-scamble format beginning with an 11:30 registration and 12:30 tee time. Cash prizes will be awarded the top three teams and a Calcutta will be held prior to tee time. Singles are welcomed and will be placed on teams. Contact Bob Chrisman of the Rotary Club of Northshore @ 713-672-8251 for more information or fax reservations to 713-672-6336, attn. Bob. Individuals or businesses wishing to sponsor holes may do so at a rate of \$100. Call Bob for details.

Rotary Foundation Fundraiser

Our 1999-2000 Foundation Fundraiser is in high gear but with only weeks left to sell those WIN-WIN-WIN RAFFLE TICKETS, we want to encourage every District 5890 Rotarian to remember that for only \$100 or \$0.28 per day, YOU, can make a difference. Every club has been visited but if for some reason you have not received your tickets or need more, please contact me and we will get them to you. Club Presidents, don't forget that this is a great opportunity to use matching funds to promote the fundraiser. Are you giving a Paul Harris Fellow Award this year? Buy tickets and if your ticket is the winner, you may now have \$11,000 worth of fundraising opportunities for the club. Remember, not only the holder of the winning Raffle Ticket will receive a "Dream Vacation" package but the SELLING ROTARIAN will also receive one of these Dream Packages valued at \$5,500. All accounts indicate this will be a successful endeavor because of your efforts. However, I want to continue to emphasize the necessity of "success" in order to continue supporting the worthy programs that we Rotarians have established.

Good selling and good Rotary - Eddie Miller, Foundation Fundraiser Chairman 713-450-1911 -em916@flash.net

Group Study Exchange Firing Their Engines

By: Lisa Bunse

The globetrotters in District 5890's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program are firing their engines! This April, Pasadena's Bill Barmore will lead a team consisting of five young professionals to Brazil for a month of vocational and cultural training. The following have been selected to serve on the team:

Jair Valenzuela, MCI WorldCom account manager; Ben Berwick, Bently Nevada Corp. electrical engineer; Carrie Carter, self-employed filmmaker and musician; Paul Smith, Gulf Coast Legal Foundation attorney; and Heather Saucier, The Houston Chronicle reporter.

Plans are now being made to develop an exchange with Romanian Rotarians. If you are interested in leading the team or know a prospective team member (a young professional 25-40 years of age), please contact Roy Kreitz at 281-291-2822 or Lisa Bunse at 713-892-6393.

Help make the world a smaller place and promote global harmony. Get involved in District 5890's GSE programs!

Seven Habits of Highly Effective Rotarians
by Dr Jagdish Bhatt for the ROTI Institute

1. ATTENDANCE:

Effective Rotarians always try to attend their club meetings or make up at other clubs as much as possible. They are aware that regular attendance is an important part of their membership commitment and do not miss a chance to attend. They participate on committees which they are members of, plus others if invited. They are keen to attend all club events and district functions. They participate in the District Assembly and District Conference each year, and have attended a recent Rotary International Convention.

2. FELLOWSHIP:

Effective Rotarians enjoy meeting other members and often feel this fellowship is as important to Rotary as the actual business part of a meeting. They go out of their way to talk to those whom they do not know and believe a stranger is just a friend they have not met yet. Outside of Rotary they also enjoy meeting people and getting acquainted with them. At large Rotary gatherings they make an effort to meet others, rather than just fraternizing with friends from their own club.

3. VOCATION:

Effective Rotarians respect every vocation and understand how the classification system is the basis of Rotary. They firmly believe that each vocation provides a cog in the wheel and is important, however insignificant it may appear. They firmly believe each member should try to excel in their job and they try to support and help others to reach their full potential.

4. DISCIPLINE:

Effective Rotarians understand the value of self-discipline and know that productive accomplishments are hard to achieve without it. They realize that both inner and outer discipline must be maintained in a proper balance and can enforce both disciplines when and where required.

5. TIME, MONEY & ENERGY:

Effective Rotarians know they have a purpose in Rotary and fully realize they must earmark a certain amount of time, money and energy to maintain this commitment. They also realize these three things should be shared in proper balance between their family, vocation and community.

6. EMPATHY:

Effective Rotarians put themselves in the position of the other person, especially if that person is in difficulty. They know that mere sympathy may not be enough, can be empathetic and feel compassion for the difficulties of others. They believe that what they are doing for their community is merely returning a small part of what they have already received from it. While they may appreciate recognition for their efforts they do not hanker for it.

7. IMAGE OF ROTARY:

Effective Rotarians may sometimes feel that all is not right with Rotary or there are too many 'politics'. They know some elements in Rotary need improvement but rather than be negative they use a positive approach to help rectify things. They maintain a positive attitude and portray a good image of Rotary, both inside and outside the organization.

Space Center Women of Rotary (SCWR)

Next SCWR meeting is Thursday, March 16 at the Holiday Inn

11:30 am Social 12:00 Lunch Price: \$12.00

12:30 pm Program: Shirley Welling: COM Theater

Reservations: Norma Brady at 281-326-1773

Raffle prize donated by: Sandra Predmore

March 23 Trip to the Decoration Center of Houston and the Washington Park Design Center

April 6 Board meeting at Carolyn Bennen's house

April 20 Spring Fashions from Casanova's Downfall



A Wee Blit O' Fun

Glossary O' Terms



Erin Go Braugh - Ireland Forever

Leprechaun - Irish fairy. Looks like a small, old man (about 2 feet tall), often dressed like a shoemaker, with a cocked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are aloof and unfriendly, live alone, and pass the time making shoes...they also possess a hidden pot of gold. Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. If caught, he can be forced (with the threat of bodily violence) to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun (and he often tricks them into looking away), he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost.

Blarney stone - The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) -- its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to thwart attacks by Cromwellians and William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle. The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.



NOTE:

Makeup forms, checks, and other communiques to club secretary, treasurer, or president should be mailed to:

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Thank you for your inputs &/or comments! BLASTOFF inputs are due each Wednesday's.

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Make - Up Locations

Monday's at noon

Angleton A-D General Hospital Prof. Bldg.
Galleria Area University Club

Tuesday's at noon

Galveston Island San Luis Hotel
Harrisburg Brady's Landing
LaPorte St. John's Episcopal Church
Pearland Golfcrest Country Club
River Oaks Briar Club
Texas City Nessler Center

Wednesday's at noon

Baytown Goose Creek Country Club
Deer Park Court & Theater Center
Dickinson Methodist Church
Friendswood Mingarellis Restaurant
So. Pasadena Baywood Country Club

Thursday's at noon

Alvin Homestead Inn
Gulfway/Hobby Hobby Raddison
Houston Jr. League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
LaMarque Holiday Inn
League City League City Civic Center
Seabrook (7:00am) Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday's at noon

Pasadena First United Methodist Church
W. Galveston Cty. LaMarque Holiday Inn

Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it fair to all Concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better Friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned