



THE BLASTOFF BULLETIN



Rotary Club of Space Center
District 5890
Meetings are
Monday's 11:45
at the
Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel
3000 NASA Road One



ROTARY 2000:
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May 8, 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 Excellence in Education Awards

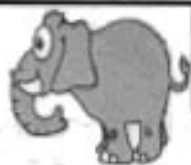


Today's Song

Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'

There's a bright golden haze on the meadow,
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The corn is as high as an elephant's eye
 And it looks like it's climbin' clear up to the sky
 Oh what a beautiful mornin', oh what a beautiful day
 I got a beautiful feelin' ev'rything's goin' my way
 All the sounds of the earth are like music,
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 The breeze is so busy it don't miss a tree
 And an ol' weepin' willer is laughin' at me (chorus)



President Bill Geissler's End of the Year Bash

End of year party will be on June 3 from 6:00 to

at the University of Houston - Clear Lake

Fajitas catered by Dos Mar

Beer, wine and Geissler Margarita's!

Music by Dusenbury and crew plus a Mariachi band

Please RSVP with Bill Taylor at 281-488-2733

Tickets - \$25.00 (pair) \$15.00 (single) Proceeds go to the SCR Endowment Fund



Rotary Club of Space Center Upcoming Programs & Socials



- 5/15/00 Scholarships Awarded for Three Area High Schools
 5/22/00 Law Enforcement Awards
 5/29/00 Memorial Day Holiday - no meeting

Wonderful Mother

God made a wonderful mother,
 A mother who never grows old;
 He made her smile of the sunshine,
 And He moulded her heart of pure gold;
 In her eyes He placed bright shining stars,
 In her cheeks fair roses you see;
 God made a wonderful mother,
 And He gave that dear mother to me

- Pat O'Reilly

Richer Than Gold

You may have tangible wealth untold;
 Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.
 Richer than I you can never be -
 I had a mother who read to me.

- Strickland Gillilan

Somebody's Mother

The woman was old, and ragged, and gray,
 And bent with the chill of a winter's day;
 The streets were white with a recent snow,
 And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

At the crowded crossing she waited long,
 Jostled aside by the careless throng
 "human beings who passed her by,
 heeding the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street, with laughter and shout,
 Glad in the freedom of "school is out,"
 Came happy boys, like a flock of sheep,
 Hailing the snow piled white and deep,
 Past the woman, so old and gray,
 Hasten the children on their way.

None offered a helping hand to her,
 So weak and timid, afraid to stir,
 Lest the carriage wheels or the horse's feet
 Should trample her down in the slippery street.

At last came out of the merry troop
 The gayest boy of all the group;
 He paused beside her, and whispered low,
 "I'll help you across, if you wish to go."
 Her aged hand on his strong young arm

She placed, and so without hurt or harm,
 He guided her trembling feet along,
 Proud that his own were firm and strong;
 Then back again to his friends he went,
 His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's Mother, boys, you know,
 For all she's aged, and poor, and slow,
 And some one, some time, may lend a hand,
 To help my mother--you understand?
 If ever she's poor, and old, and grey,
 And her own dear boy so far away."

Somebody's mother bowed low her head,
 In her home that night, and the prayer she said
 Was: "God be kind to the noble boy,
 Who is somebody's son, and pride and joy."

Faint was the voice, and worn and weak,
 But heaven lists when its chosen speak;
 Angels caught the faltering word,
 And "Somebody's Mother's" prayer was heard.

- Mary Dow Brine -

Census Bureau - Facts for Features
A product of the U.S. Census Bureau's Public Information Office
How Many Children Do Mothers Have?

Among the 35 million mothers in the United States ages 15 to 44 in 1998, 10.7 million had one child, 14.3 million had two, 6.7 million had three and 3.3 million had four or more.

Women ages 40 to 44 in 1998 had an average of 1.9 children each. Hispanic women in this age group had 2.4 children each, African American women, 2.0 and White women, 1.8.

Perhaps Idaho should be known for more than just potatoes. As of 1998, there were 1,623 births to every 1,000 women ages 15 to 44 in the Gem State -- among the highest birth rates in the nation. Women in the District of Columbia and Vermont had some of the lowest rates, 823 and 975 births per 1000 women of childbearing ages, respectively. These rates were not significantly different from one another.

In 1998, women in the 15- to 44-year-old age range in Alabama, Alaska, Idaho, Mississippi and Wyoming were among the most likely to be mothers. About 64 percent in each state had given birth at least once. Those in this age range in the District of Columbia were among the least likely to be moms: 38 percent had given birth at least once. Among states, those in Vermont and Massachusetts were among the least likely to be moms: 48 percent in Vermont and 49 percent in Massachusetts had given birth at least once. The proportion for the District of Columbia does not differ significantly from those of Vermont and Massachusetts.

In 1997, 41 percent of the births that took place were the mother's first, 32 percent were her second, 16 percent, her third and 10 percent, her fourth.

<<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/1999/cb99-238.html>>

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 your time and energy
 because you care.
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 the things we do,
 without the help
 of volunteers like you!



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**District 5890 Conference
 Cancun • May 3-6, 2001**

Make Your Reservations
The Governor's Installation Banquet

If you and your spouse would be interested in a delightful evening out with your fellow club and district members, then get your reservations in ASAP. There are only 300 seats. Contact Dave Baldwin.

It will be held at SPACE CENTER HOUSTON in the IMAX Theater. You will get to dine among the Space Suits in the Astronaut Gallery. Musical Entertainment will be by the Kurland Street Bank.

The Rotary 2000-2001 District Officers, Assistant Governors, and the Governor will be installed. The installation will be by Past RI Vice President Irving "Sonny" Brown. GHAR Past President, George Yeiter will be installed as an Assistant District Governor, (Space Center's ADG for 2000-2001).

You're No Longer A Kid When.....

- Your back goes out more often than you do.
- You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks in the room.
- You buy a compass for your car.
- You are proud of your lawn mower.
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- You enjoy bearing about other people's operations.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- You answer questions with "Because I said so."
- You wear black socks with sandals.
- You know what the word "equity" means.
- Your ears are hairier than your head.
- You talk about "good grass" and you're referring to someone's lawn.
- You got cable so you can watch the weather channel.
- You have a party and the neighbors don't even realize it.

OXYMORONS

- Act naturally
- Microsoft Works
- Holy war
- Airline food
- Good grief
- Government organization
- Sanitary landfill
- Legally drunk
- Childproof
- Taped live
- Clearly misunderstood
- Political science
- Tight slacks
- Diet ice cream
- Rap music
- Religious tolerance
- Freezer Burn
- Jumbo Shrimp
- Loners Club
- Postal Service

The Story of Mother's Day



The earliest Mother's Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During 1600's, England celebrated a day called "Mothering Sunday". Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter*), "Mothering Sunday" honored the mothers of England.

During this time many of the England's poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employers. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the *mothering cake*, was often brought along to provide a festive touch.

As Christianity spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the "Mother Church" - the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church.

In the United States Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by *Julia Ward Howe* (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother's Day meetings in Boston, Mass ever year.

In 1907 *Ana Jarvis*, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother's church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother's Day on the second anniversary of her mother's death, the 2nd Sunday of May. By the next year Mother's Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia.

Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother's Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother's Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the 2nd Sunday of May.

While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother's Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May.



Mothers come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, colors and age. But they all have one thing in common. They teach us, they nurse us, and they love us unconditionally. Let us pay tribute to those wonderful women in our lives.



27th Annual Shrimporee & Auction Saturday, September 23, 2000 Chair - Mike Brown

- What Shrimporee committee are you supporting?
- Auction items needed!
- Sponsors needed!

Tuesday, May 16th - Auction Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 6th - Shrimporee Meeting
5:00 pm
JSC Credit Union

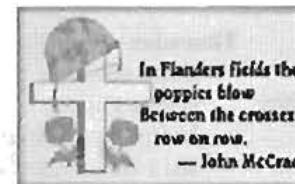


Excellence In Education Committee Announces Finalists By: *Marle Dalton*

The field of 48 nominees for the Space Center Rotary Club's annual *Teacher of the Year* awards has been narrowed to six, the Excellence in Education Committee has announced. These six will be honored today at our May 8 luncheon, at which time the elementary and secondary level Teachers of the Year will be named.

The finalists are *Mary Beth Barr*, first grade teacher at Walter Hall Elementary; *Gina Cherry*, first grade teacher at League City Elementary; *Gregory Dick*, band director at Space Center Intermediate; *Erin Irvine*, fourth grade teacher at James F. Bay Elementary; *James M. Kidwell*, orchestra/beginning orchestra teacher at Clear Lake High School and Brookside Intermediate; and *Judy Lucas*, social studies teacher at Clear Book High School.

Committee members are Chair *Vissett Sun*, *Joan Skellenger*, *Gerald Hurley*, *Suzi Poddad*, *Ted Cummings*, *Greg Penner*, and *Marie Dalton*.



District Schedule of Events

May 11
District Assembly

June 4-7
International Convention
Buenos Aires

June 20
ADG Quarterly Meeting
w/2000-2001 ADGs

June 29
Governor's Installation Banquet
Space Center Houston

"Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

NOTE:

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

P.O. Box 58862
Houston, Texas 77258

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 goodwill and better Friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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

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Make - Up Locations

Monday - noon

Angleton A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof. Bldg.
Galleria Area University Club

Tuesday - 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 - noon

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

Thursday - noon

Alvin Homestead Inn
Gulfway/Hobby Hobby Hilton
Houston Jr. League of Houston
1811 Briar Oaks Lane
LaMarque Ramada Inn
League City Esteban's Fiesta Shack
Seabrook (7:00am) Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday - noon

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

Rotary District 5890 web site:
<http://www.rotary5890.org>