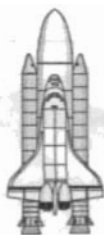




# THE BLASTOFF BULLETIN



Rotary Club of Space Center

District 5890

Meetings are

Monday's 11:45

at the

Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel

3000 NASA Road One

June 19, 2000



ROTARY 2000:

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Credibility  
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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 Mickey Herskowitz – The Houston Chronicle



<u>Proposed Member</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>
Rolfe Young	Marilyn Musial

## Today's Song

### *You're A Grand Old Flag*

You're a grand old flag, you're a high-flying flag  
 And forever in peace may you wave  
 You're the emblem of the land I love,  
 the home of the free and the brave  
 Ev'ry heart beats true for the red, white and blue  
 Where there's never a boast nor brag  
 Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
 keep your eyes on the grand old flag

27<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Shrimporee & Auction  
 Saturday, September 23, 2000  
 C. D. Cap Landolt Pavilion – Clear Lake Park Noon  
 til 6:00

Chair – Mike Brown 281-488-7070

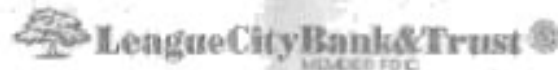


Benefiting  
 Bay Area Turning Point  
 Clear Creek Education Foundation  
 Second Chance Pets  
 (Thanks Jim Saxe and the Beneficiary Committee!)

Next Shrimporee Meeting – Monday, June 26th at 5:00 pm  
 JSC Credit Union

*Thank You Shrimporee Sponsors!!*

Apropos Distinctive Interiors	(Beverly Baldwin)
Barrios Technology, Inc.	(Sheila Self)
JSC Federal Credit Union	(Mike Brown)
League City Bank & Trust	(Dave Baldwin)
South Shore Montessori School	(Suzi Howe)
Space Center Tire and Auto	(Jerald Dewease)
The Citizen / Exchange News	(Mary Alys Cherry)



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 Please email logos to Sheila Self as a jpeg file

May, 2000

*BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: Mickey Herskowitz*

Mickey Herskowitz is a nationally known sports columnist for the Houston Chronicle, and the author or co-author of more than thirty books. His writings won numerous awards for The Houston Post, where his works appeared for three decades until the paper ceased publication in April of 1995.



**Mickey Herskowitz**  
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

One of the country's most prolific authors, Mickey has written best selling autobiographies with Dan Rather, Mickey Mantle, Howard Cosell, Bette Davis and Gene Tierney. His other collaborations include Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, golfer Tom Kite, the late Texas governor John Connally, and a sequel to Rather's best seller, called "The Camera Never Blinks Twice."

Herskowitz is one of two Texans ever to receive the National Headliners Award for excellence in sports writing. His work has appeared many times in anthologies, including a collection featuring 50 American writers, among them James Michener, John Updike, Norman Mailer and Budd Schulberg. The late Red Smith, as a judge in the annual "Best Sports Stories" competition, called Herskowitz "one of the wittiest writers alive."

At 26, Mickey was the youngest sports editor of a major newspaper in the country. He is a former Marine and a distinguished alumnus of the University of Houston. In 1984, he was among the first group inducted in the Houston Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. Other inductees included astronaut Alan Shepard and baseball great Nolan Ryan.

He was inducted into the writers' wing of the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998, and received lifetime achievement awards for his baseball and football reporting in the spring of 2000.

In addition to his writing, and radio and television commentaries, Mickey's career has ranged across the sports world. He is a former public relations director of the American Football League: an original partner in the Houston Rockets pro basketball team, and one of the owners of the 1986 Breeders Cup Classic champion, Skywalker.

In all his years in sports, he says, this was the first time he had been associated with a complete horse.

**A Special Thank You!**

Thanks to each of you who contributed to the successful fundraising campaign this year for the South Bay Area American Red Cross. Funds donated this year enabled the Red Cross to purchase a van from Allen Samuel's Chrysler Plymouth (& the negotiating skills of Shirley Lindquist!). The van will provide free medical transportation for the elderly and indigent. Volunteers will pick up patients in our area and get them to their doctor's appointments, dialysis, etc. and return them to their home Monday through Friday.

The van's transportation services extend to any ambulatory Harris County resident unable to drive or who has driving limitations. The van will also be used to go to the scene of apartment and home fires to serve beverages to firefighters and victims; carrying supplies and clean up tools to victims of fires, floods, or other disasters is also a critical requirement of the Red Cross van. If possible, please keep the Red Cross in your thoughts next year during their annual fundraising campaign. Again, many thanks to each of you for helping our community!

**June 19, 1885 The Statue of Liberty Arrives**

The Statue of Liberty, a gift of friendship from the people of France to the people of the United States, arrived to New York City's harbor. Originally known as "Liberty Enlightening the World," the statue was proposed by French historian Edouard Laboulaye to commemorate the Franco-American alliance during the American Revolution. Designed by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, the 152-foot statue was the form of a woman with an uplifted arm holding a torch. On February 22, 1877, the anniversary of George Washington's birthday, Congress approved the use of a site on New York Bedloe's Island suggested by Bartholdi. In May of 1884, the statue was completed in France, and three months later, the Americans laid the cornerstone for its pedestal in New York. On June 19, 1885, the dismantled Statue of Liberty arrived to the New World, enclosed in over two hundred packing cases. Its copper sheets were reassembled and the last rivet of the monument was driven in on October 28, 1886, during a dedication ceremony attended by U.S. President Grover Cleveland. On the pedestal was inscribed "The New Colossus," a famous sonnet by American poet Emma Lazarus that welcomed immigrants to the United States with the declaration, "Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, / The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. / Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. / I lift my lamp beside the golden door." Six years later, Ellis Island, adjacent to Bedloe's Island, opened as the chief entry station for immigrants to the United States, and for the next thirty-two years, more than twelve million immigrants were welcomed into New York harbor by "Lady Liberty." In 1924, the Statue of Liberty was made a national monument.



**District Installation Info:**  
 Thursday June 29, 2000, at Space Center  
 Houston, 1601 NASA Rd 1, Nassau Bay TX 77058

The theme for the evening is Fiesta in Space. Black tie optional. There will be a cash bar with cocktails served from 7:30 pm to 8:15 pm in the main reception room. The installation ceremony will begin at 8:25 pm in the Imax theatre. Dinner will follow the installation in the Astronaut gallery. Space Center Houston is leaving all exhibits open and operational until midnight.

We have 19 of the 20 seats sold.  
 We need one more Rotarian to attend with us.

Rotarians attending are:

Dave Baldwin	Laura Hale
Carolyn Blacknull	Charles Hartman
Al Brady	Jack Lister
John Christner	Marilyn Musial
J.B. Fox	Sheila Self

**President's News**

We are still waiting to hear on our Matching Grant application. Our contact person at TRF has been away from his desk for most of the month of May, expected to return tomorrow. We are confident the MG will be approved, just waiting for it to happen.

Meanwhile, the book project is still going on. Let me explain. Brother's Brother Foundation (BBF) has been shipping books to Books Across The Sea (BATS) in the Philippines for more than 10 years. BATS is a function of the Makati Rotary Foundation and is our Philippine partner in this. BBF uses funds from other sources as well as our SENDABOOK Projects, so books are being shipped even while we wait. Our purpose in SENDABOOK is to increase the flow of those book shipments, providing books for more schools and to encourage many more Philippine Rotary Clubs to actively participate in the distribution of the free books.

Each of the participating Philippine Clubs has been "partnered" with one of you, a participating US Rotary Club, so that you and all the other clubs. That are a part of this will receive recognition. The Philippine club is asked to prepare a banner acknowledging their US partner, and to send you photos showing "your" books being given to schools.

BATS has some 30,000 books in their warehouse now that will be distributed in June. Meanwhile, BBF will be shipping at least one more container (20,000 books more or less) in June. So, the project is very much alive even now. Once we receive that Matching Grant, it will become even greater.

Moving on from here, we have started on our project for next year, ROTARY SENDABOOK PROJECT 2001. We'll tell you - and a whole lot of other Rotary Clubs - about that shortly. I hope you will consider coming along with us again.

Sid Barnard, International Coordinator



**Rotary Club of Space Center  
 Upcoming Programs & Socials**

**Rotary Club of Space Center**

June 26	Installation of Officers
July 3	Rebecca Jasso / United Way
July 10	Bill Geissler - Awards Program
July 11	Board Meeting 7:00 am Hilton Chart Room
July 17	Dr. George Miller / Enhanced External Pulsation Counter
July 24	Wayne Smith / Houston Sports Stadiums
July 31	Oscar Woods / NAACP

**Rotary District 5890**

June 29	Governor's Installation Banquet / Space Center Houston
July 28 - 30	South Central Youth Exchange Meeting

**Rotary District 5890 for 2001**

February 9 - 11	Rotary Expansion in Russian / Nassau Bay Hilton
February ?	Rodeo Night
May 3 - 6	District Conference / Cancun
June 24 - 26	RI Convention - San Antonio
August 19	Astro's Night
November 17	All Club Meeting / JW Marriott

**Please Note: Rotary Club of Space Center will have a club meeting on Monday, July 3.**

Our upcoming Rotary International Create Awareness Take Action logo and theme along with Charlie Clemmons No Siesta Fiesta promoting District Conference in May 2001.



**No Siesta Fiesta!**



District 5890 Conference  
 Cancun - May 3-6, 2001

## NOTE:

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

P.O. Box 58862  
Houston, Texas 77258

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

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## 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?

## 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