

27th Annual Rotary Shrimporee & Auction
Saturday, September 23, 2000
C. D. Cap Landolt Pavilion – Clear Lake Park
11:30 am til 6:00 pm
Chair – Mike Brown 281-488-7070

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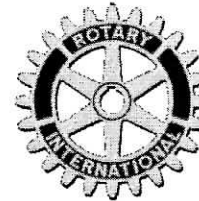
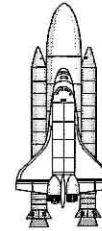
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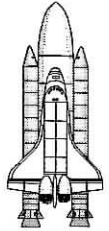
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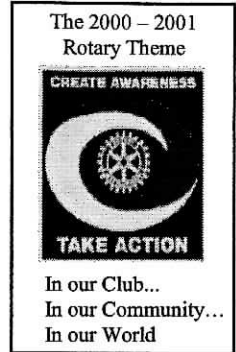


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Rotary Club of Space Center
 Rotary District 5890
 meetings are
 Monday's 11:45
 at the
 Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel
 3000 NASA Road One

July 24, 2000



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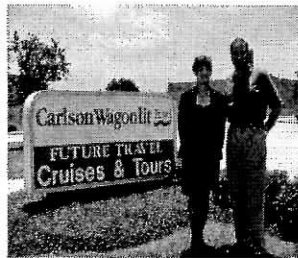
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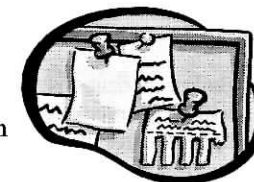
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Upcoming Rotary Programs & Socials



Rotary Club of Space Center

July 31	Oscar Woods / NAACP
August 7	Connie Elston / Bay Area Transportation
	John Martinec / Partnership Circulator
August 14	Governor's visit
August 21	Steve Ellinger / Community Association Institute
August 28	Joe Harrelson / Texas Rangers
September 4	Labor Day – No SCR Meeting

Rotary District 5890

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

Electronic Communications Committee

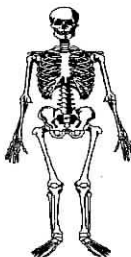
1. This year we expanded the district web site www.rotary5890.org from the 20 web pages last year to over a hundred this year. Most of the District Directory was online. Next year, there will be even more pages, with registration forms to all the District events on the calendar. Also all of DG John Painters newsletters "Pointedly Painter" are online in a text format.
2. We are working on updating the master list of all district members that have email in an effort to improve communications within the district. We have over 500 names in the data base, but are still finding duplications and non-working addresses. When the list is completely edited, it will be put on www.eGroups.com.
3. About six more clubs added web sites this year, but some clubs have not updated their web sites in over a year.
4. Beginning the new year 2000-2001, we have identified an email contact person for all 54 clubs so that DG Clemmons and R I President Frank Devlyn will be able to communicate with all the clubs electronically.
5. We will begin listing interesting programs on the district web site along with contact name/ phone number. If someone presents an interesting program at your club, forward the information to me and I'll put it on our list for other clubs.
6. We expanded the web sites of several committee's this year, especially the Youth Exchange Committee and the District Newsletter committee. (Sheila Self – District Governor's Newsletter Editor/Painter & Clemmons)

Ron Zilliox, Chair Electronic Communication Committee.
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Unsolved Mysteries of Anatomy

Submitted By: Dennis Dillon

Where can a man buy a cap for his knee,
or the key to a lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called an academy, because there are pupils there?
Is the crown of your head where jewels are found?
Who travels the bridge of your mouth? Would you use the nails on your toes?
Can you sit in the shade of the palm of your hand
or beat on the drum of your ear?
Can the calf in your leg eat the corn off your toe?
Then why not grow corn on the ear?
Can the crook in your elbow be sent to jail? If so, what did he do?
How can you sharpen your shoulder blades?
I'll be darned if I know – do you?



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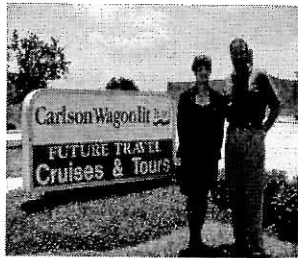
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