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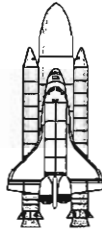
The 2000 - 2001
Rotary Theme

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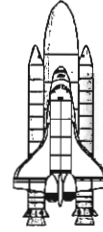


In our Club ...
In our Community ...
In our World ...

January 29, 2001



Rotary Club of Space Center
Rotary District 5890
Monday's 11:45
Nassau Bay Hilton Hotel & Marina



ROTARY 2000 - 2001

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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 and Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of Guest and Visiting Rotarians

Four Way Test

Announcements

12:30 pm

Program Chair

Dick Gregg, III

Program

Tim Mowbray / Bay Area Rehabilitation Center

Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

Rotary Club of Space Center

Feb. 5 Diane E. De Voge / San Jac. State Historical Park
Feb. 12 Al Garza / Martial Arts
Feb. 19 President's Day Holiday - no club mtg.
Feb. 26 Justin Wilkinson / Earth Science - JSC

Rotary District 5890 for 2001

Feb 9 - 11 Rotary Expansion in Russian/Nassau Bay Hilton
Feb 19 Rodeo Night
May 3 - 6 District Conference / Cancun
June 24 - 26 RI Convention - San Antonio



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TODAY'S SPEAKER

Timothy S. Mowbray

Mr. Mowbray is a member of the Baytown Rotary. Mowbray is the President and CEO of Bay Area Rehabilitation Center. The Center is a non-profit organization that provides Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy services to individuals with disabilities of all ages in the Greater Houston Area. The Center, in collaboration with Accessible Space, inc., recently constructed an apartment complex designed for affordable, independence in living by individuals with disabilities. Mowbray's presentation will be regarding the Center and the important services it provides to individuals in order to make "disabilities become possibilities".



Dr. John Wilson leading us in our song along with our Pres. Dave Baldwin and his wife Beverly on Jan. 22

Genevieve B. Rowland
Our speaker on Jan. 22



Photos courtesy of Bob Mitchell!!



Rotary Night at the Rodeo

Dick Hergert reminds us to sign up and go to Rotary Night at the Rodeo on Monday, Feb. 19 (entertainment—Lyle Lovett & Robert Earl Keen) Luther's BBQ at 5:30, rodeo at 7:00
Price: \$23.00 per person

For reservations please contact Dick Hergert at 281-280-0444

Today's Song

I Left My Heart In San Francisco

I left my heart in San Francisco,
high on a hill, it calls to me
To be where little cable cars climb
halfway to the stars
The morning fog may chill the air - I don't care!
My love waits there in San Francisco,
above the blue and windy sea
When I come home to you, San Francisco,
your golden sun will shine for me.

Three Wishes

Three Wishes for Christmas Bicycles for foster children. May God's blessings shine on those listed below for helping to make a child's Christmas be bright.

Those who donated towards this project are:

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more than one
bike

Thanks to Earl Maudlin for his help in furnishing a truck and helping to pick-up and deliver the bikes to the C.P.S. (3 wishes for Christmas) receiving area in Alvin, TX. We also delivered some of our bikes to the "Goodfellows Program" (also a 501 C3) sponsored by the Houston Chronicle to help make a joyous Christmas for abused and needy children in the Houston area.

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The Blastoff



Not Like it Used To Be

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Although it is celebrated as a lovers' holiday today, with the giving of candy, flowers, or other gifts between couples in love, it originated in 5th Century Rome as a tribute to St. Valentine, a Catholic bishop.

For eight hundred years prior to the establishment of Valentine's Day, the Romans had practiced a pagan celebration in mid-February commemorating young men's rite of passage the god Lupercus. The celebration featured a lottery in which young men would draw the names of teenage girls from a box. The girl assigned to each young man in that manner would be his sexual companion during the remaining year. In an effort to do away with the pagan festival, Pope Gelasius ordered a slight change in the lottery. Instead of the names of young women, the box would contain the names of saints. Both men and women were allowed to draw from the box, and the game was to emulate the ways of the saint they drew during the rest of the year. Needless to say, many of the young Roman men were not too pleased with the rule changes.

Instead of the pagan god Lupercus, the Church looked for a suitable patron saint of love to take his place. They found an appropriate choice in Valentine, who, in AD 270 had been beheaded by Emperor Claudius.

Claudius had determined that married men made poor soldiers. So he banned marriage from his empire. But Valentine would secretly marry young men that came to him. When Claudius found out about Valentine, he first tried to convert him to paganism. But Valentine reversed the strategy, trying instead to convert Claudius. When he failed, he was stoned and beheaded.

During the days that Valentine was imprisoned, he fell in love with the blind daughter of his jailer. His love for her, and his great faith, managed to miraculously heal her from her blindness before his death. Before he was taken to his death, he signed a farewell message to her, "From your Valentine." The phrase has been used on his day ever since.

Although the lottery for women had been banned by the church, the mid-February holiday in commemoration of St. Valentine was still used by Roman men to seek the affection of women. It became a tradition for the men to give the ones they admired handwritten messages of affection, containing Valentine's name.

The first Valentine card grew out of this practice. The first true Valentine card was sent in 1415 by Charles, duke of Orleans, to his wife. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London at the time.

Cupid, another symbol of the holiday, became associated with it because he was the son of Venus, the Roman god of love and beauty. Cupid often appears on Valentine cards.

Happy Valentine's Day



Valentine's Day is named in memory of St. Valentine of Rome who died in 269 AD. Saint Valentine was arrested by Emperor Claudius II for helping Christian martyrs. After refusing to give up the Christian faith he was beaten to death with clubs and beheaded by the Prefect of Rome on February 14th. (1) In 469 A.D. Pope Gelasius set February 14th as a day to honor him. (2) Saint Valentine became the patron saint of epilepsy; having suffered from it in life. Saint Valentine also became the patron saint of lovers as the church assimilated the fertility festival Lupercalia into their calendar.

Lupercalia or Februarca, "The Feast of Purification", used to be on February 15th and contained priests called Luperci who prayed to the wolf deity Lycaeus at the cave of Palentine. Lycaeus was the mother of the founders of Rome, Romulus and Remus. Marc Antony was master of the Luperci priests during his lifetime and in 44. B.C. offered the crown to Julius Caesar. The names Lyceum "Temple of Love" and February "pure" remain in the language today.



*Valentine's Day
Is a wonderful way
To make "I love you"
Easy to say.*

Love's a thing that's never out of season.

Barry Cornwall

Will you still love me when I'm sixty-four?

Paul McCartney

In dreams and in love there are no impossibilities.

Janos Arany

**Love sought is good,
but given unsought is better**

William Shakespeare Twelfth Night

**ROTARY EXPANSION
INTO RUSSIA AND NEW INDEPENDENT STATES
2001 CONFERENCE
FEB 9-11, 2001**

YOUR SPECIAL INVITATION

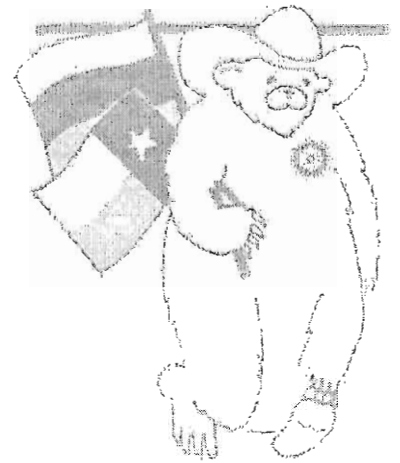
As the Governor of District 5890 for 2000-01, I invite you to the **Fifth Annual Rotary Expansion in Russia and the NIS Workshop/Conference**. The conference is adjacent to the Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake, Texas - sister city to Star City, Russia. Cosmonauts and Astronauts live and train together here. A visit to Space Center Houston (included in this year's conference fee) offers an opportunity to see the results of successful inter-country cooperation in the field of science and technology.

Our District has participated and encouraged several Group Study Exchanges with the NIS (New Independent States). We will be urging our GSE alumni to return for the conference. Arranging for the attendance of groups will guarantee a successful conference. Your participation and support of the multi-district conference is important. We guarantee an interesting, informative, and fun-filled venue for all.

Districts 5890 and 5910, along with others, are honored to host this very important Rotary event. We look forward to seeing you in Houston on February 9-11, 2001 for the Fifth Annual Conference.

Yours in Rotary,

Charles E. Clemmons
Governor 2000-2001



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Rotary's 92nd International Convention in San Antonio will be fun for all: young and old. San Antonio is a great city to visit and tour: SeaWorld and Six Flags Fiesta Texas theme parks are just part of the reason. Great golf courses, too. Incredibly, it has the #1 and #2 most popular sites in all of Texas: the River Walk and the Alamo, site of the famous Battle for Texas Independence in 1836! Just getting around is simple and fast. When you see a picture of the San Antonio River, imagine yourself there because three (free) River Barges will be ferrying you from the convention site to restaurants to hotels. Finally, the Rotary plenary sessions and opening and closing entertainment ceremonies will be terrific. But the Host Ticketed Events on Saturday (NIOSA) and Tuesday (Ranch Party) will be spectacular! When you leave San Antonio on June 27th, you will have "tasted Texas" most unique city. That's why the Alamo City has become a very popular destination resort in the United States.

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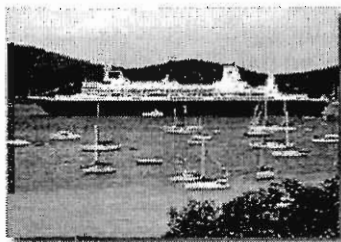
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2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
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Monday - noon

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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 Village on the Park
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

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