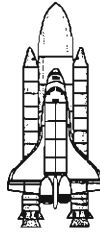
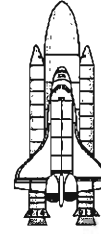


# THE BLASTOFF

February 5, 2001



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



The 2000 - 2001  
Rotary Theme

CREATE AWARENESS



In our Club ...  
In our Community ...  
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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 Diane E. De Voge / San Jac. State Historical Park

## Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

### Rotary Club of Space Center

- 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

**Board Meeting**  
Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 am



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## President's Corner

We have a number of great activities either going on as we speak or are on the calendar. Plan on making some Rotary time to support functions such as RNASAs, Rotary expansion in Russia, Rodeo Night, District Conference in Cancun and Rotary International Convention in San Antonio.

(1) The "Rotary Expansion in Russia and Eastern Europe" will be sponsored this year by our District 5890. Get details at [http://www.rotary5890.org/Russian\\_Conference/conf-5\\_details.htm](http://www.rotary5890.org/Russian_Conference/conf-5_details.htm). Both President Frank Devlyn and President Elect Rick King will address the Conference. Local Clubs will host "Texas Style Parties" for all participants.

(2) To make certain we have a successful Rotary Night at the Rodeo, our district has purchased 1500 Rodeo tickets. Please get an accurate count of the tickets needed by your club and fax to Mike Cook, Rodeo Committee Chairman at 713-968-3200 as soon as possible (we are already past the deadline). If you have any questions phone Mike at 713-968-3047.

(3) We are approaching the deadline of Feb 15 to release the airline tickets we have on hold to our "No Siesta Fiesta:" District Conference in Cancun. To take advantage of these special discount fares phone Trish (Kingwood Travel) at 281-358-5464. Registration information <http://www.rotary5890.org/cancun.html>.

(4) Just a few rooms left in our reserved block for the International Convention in San Antonio June 24-27, 2001. Here is latest room information [http://www.rotary5890.org/RI\\_Convention/](http://www.rotary5890.org/RI_Convention/). To download the registration form for International Convention go to [http://www.rotary.org/services/download/pdfs/01conreg\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/services/download/pdfs/01conreg_en.pdf). Don't miss this chance to attend an "International Fiesta" here in our own back yard.

(5) Interact District Conference Feb 17-18, Channelview High School - Contact Paul Mueller, Phone: 713.407.3859 Fax: 713.960.9549 <mailto:paulm@mfsllhou.com> Information at [http://www.rotary5890.org/interact/interact\\_district\\_conference.htm](http://www.rotary5890.org/interact/interact_district_conference.htm).

(6) Download the Presidential Citation form <http://www.rotary.org/services/download/pdfs/00cita.pdf>. and make sure your club sends it to Governor Clemmons before April 1, 2001. Citation Chair, Jay Donnella <mailto:JDonnella@wisenberg.com>.

Thanks for your commitment to service in Rotary,

**Dave Baldwin**

## Today's Song

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**



PDG **Bob Franklin** was admitted to Methodist Hospital for diagnostic procedures and biopsy of a mass found on a blood vessel leading to his heart. He is expected to be in the hospital until at least Friday, Feb 2nd. Please give a special prayer asking God to keep Bob safe and put him in "Divine Hands" both here on earth and in Heaven above.

Until we hear word on Bob's condition, please address all questions about the Rotary in Russia Conference to Bill Haglund W-713.467.3091 H-281.468.2126 or email to [wmhaglund@aol.com](mailto:wmhaglund@aol.com).

This message was sent to the 1080 members of the Rotary District 5890 email group. Feel free to pass this message on to anyone that knows Bob. God knows he can use all the prayers we can send his way.

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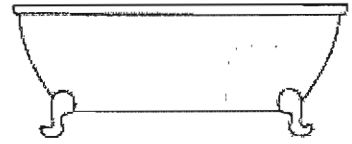
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I Will Never Complain Again .....  
Facts from the 1500's

- ◆ Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor.
- ◆ Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children-last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."
- ◆ Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw, piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, rats, and bugs lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof-hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."
- ◆ There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence. The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entry way-hence, a "thresh hold."
- ◆ They cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while-hence the rhyme, "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."
- ◆ Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "chew the fat." Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with a high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.
- ◆ Most people did not have pewter plates, but had trenchers, a piece of wood with the middle scooped out like a bowl. Often trenchers were made from stale pays, a bread that was so old and hard that they could use them for quite some time. Trenchers were never washed and a lot of times worms and mold got into the wood and old bread. After eating off wormy moldy trenchers, one would get "trench mouth."
- ◆ Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."
- ◆ Lead cups were used to drink ale or whiskey. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up - hence the custom of holding a "wake."
- ◆ England is old and small and they started out running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer."



# Happy Valentine's Day



Love sought is good, but given unsought is better  
*William Shakespeare Twelfth Night*

*Valentine's Day is a wonderful way to make "I love you" easy to say.*

## The Rotarians Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

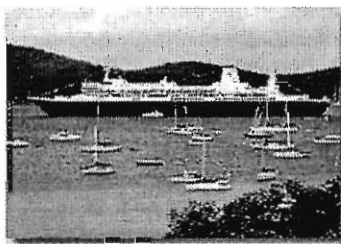
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2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



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## Make - Up Locations

<b>Monday - noon</b>	
Angleton	A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof. Bldg.
Galleria Area	University Club
<b>Tuesday - noon</b>	
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
<b>Wednesday - noon</b>	
Baytown	Goose Creek Country Club
Deer Park	Court & Theater Center
Dickinson	Methodist Church
Friendswood	Village on the Park
So. Pasadena	Baywood Country Club
<b>Thursday - noon</b>	
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
<b>Friday - noon</b>	
Pasadena	First United Methodist Church
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