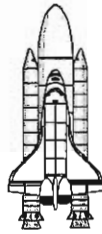
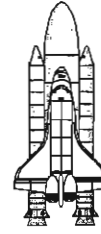


# THE BLASTOFF

February 12, 2001



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



The 2000 - 2001  
Rotary Theme

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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 Al Garza / Martial Arts

## Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

- Rotary Club of Space Center**
- Feb. 19 President's Day Holiday - no club mtg.  
Rotary Night at the Rodeo!
- Feb. 26 Justin Wilkinson / Earth Science - JSC
- Mar. 3 SCR Club Social / Armand Bayou Nature Center  
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- Mar. 12 Houston 2012 Olympics
- Mar. 19 Peter Pruyn / Peace Corps Experiences
- Mar. 26 Ray Yellig / Clean Air Act
- Rotary District 5890 for 2001**
- Feb 19 Rodeo Night
- May 3 - 6 District Conference / Cancun
- June 24 - 26 RI Convention - San Antonio



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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 RNASA, Rotary expansion in Russia, Rodeo Night, District Conference in Cancun and Rotary International Convention in San Antonio.

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>.

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.

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).

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

### APPLY NOW! YOUTH COMMITTEE FUNDS

Space Center Rotary Youth Committee Funds are available for organizations working with at-risk children and youth. Following criteria must be met:

- Funds are for preventative rather than rehabilitation programs.
- Projects preferred include those for latch-key & unsupervised children & youth.
- Projects should be for children & youth in grades K-9.
- Deadline for application is March 2, 2001.

Any questions please contact: Ava Lunsford, Chair, Space Center Rotary Youth Committee,  
Telephone: 281-338-5823, Fax: 281-338-5844, E-mail: [alunsfor@ccisd.net](mailto:alunsfor@ccisd.net)

## Today's Song

### *America The Beautiful*

O beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties  
Above the fruited plain,  
America, America,  
God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good, with brotherhood,  
From sea to shining sea.

### SPACE CENTER ROTARY YOUTH COMMITTEE

Request for Funding

Deadline: March 2, 2001

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mission of the organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funds requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Other funding sources (United Way, etc.):

Summary information about the organization:

Special information relative to the request: (Please answer each of the following in your response. Additional pages may be used.)

1. How will the funds be utilized?
2. What is your targeted group?
3. How many children/youth will your program serve?
4. How will you measure the success of your program?

Please submit the following with your request:

- List of Board of Directors.
- Copy of non-profit status (IRS form).
- Recent budget or financial statements.

I agree to use the funds requested for the sole purpose listed above.

Printed Name  
Title

Signature  
Date

Please mail this form and any additional materials to the Youth Committee for consideration of your proposal. Thank you.

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## President's Day History of the Holiday



The original version of the holiday was in commemoration of George Washington's birthday in 1796 (the last full year of his presidency). Washington, according to the calendar that has been used since at least the mid-18th century, was born on February 22, 1732. According to the old style calendar in use back then, however, he was born on February 11. At least in 1796, many Americans celebrated his birthday on the 22nd while others marked the occasion on the 11th instead.



By the early 19th century, Washington's Birthday had taken firm root in the American experience as a bona fide national holiday. Its traditions included Birthnight Balls in various regions, speeches and receptions given by prominent public figures, and a lot of revelry in taverns throughout the land. Then along came Abraham Lincoln, another revered president and fellow February baby (born on the 12th of the month). The first formal observance of his birthday took place in 1865, the year after his assassination, when both houses of Congress gathered for a memorial address. While Lincoln's Birthday did not become a federal holiday like George Washington's, it did become a legal holiday in several states.

In 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays. One of these was Washington's Birthday, the observation of which was shifted to the third Monday in February each year whether or not it fell on the 22nd. This act, which took effect in 1971, was designed to simplify the yearly calendar of holidays and give federal employees some standard three-day weekends in the process.



Apparently, while the holiday in February is still officially known as Washington's Birthday (at least according to the Office of Personnel Management), it has become popularly (and, perhaps in some cases at the state level, legally) known as "President's Day." This has made the third Monday in February a day for honoring both Washington and Lincoln, as well as all the other men who have served as president.

### VALENTINE POTLUCK DINNER

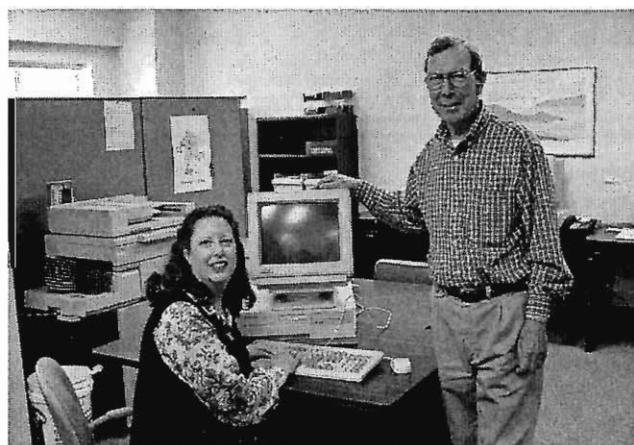
Plan to attend our annual Valentine's Potluck dinner (and silent auction) to be held on Sunday evening, February 18, at the Bay Area Museum at Clear Lake Park. Social at 5:30; dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Please bring a potluck dish and a nice, wrapped white-elephant type gift for our silent auction. Something that your great-aunt Isobel gave you and you can bear to part with!!

There will be food, fun and maybe a joke or two!

Call Sandra Predmore for more details.

SR 70 Black Bird



Theresa Graham, director of the Interfaith Caring Ministries tries out the computer presented by the Space Center Rotary Club's Senior Citizens Committee. Committee members Bob Mitchell and J. B. Fox overhauled the computer before presenting it to ICM.



## The Rotarians Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

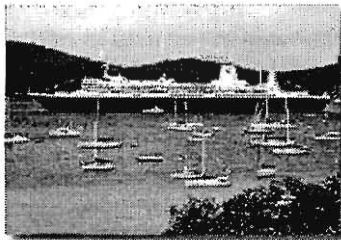
1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL  
and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to  
all concerned?



## NOTE:

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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 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

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

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**2001 ROTARY NATIONAL AWARD FOR SPACE ACHIEVEMENT (RNASA)**

**NATIONAL SPACE TROPHY**

Officials with the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation announced today that Tommy Holloway, manager of the International Space Station (ISS) program for NASA, will be honored with the 2001 Rotary National Award for Space Achievement for his distinguished contributions to the U.S. space program. Holloway will receive this award at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual awards banquet, to be held on March 2, 2001 at Space Center Houston, the official visitors center for NASA Johnson Space Center.

As a veteran engineer, expert flight planner, and a senior manager, Holloway has made major contributions to all of NASA's human space flight programs, including Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Skylab, Space Shuttle and International Space Station. He joined the NASA-Johnson Space Center in 1963 as a flight planner, developing astronaut procedures and timelines. Throughout his 37-year-career, he has held key management positions such as Chief Flight Director, Director of Mission Operations, as well as both Assistant Director and Manager of the Space Shuttle Program, overseeing the daily operations of the program. These included shuttle hardware acquisitions, vehicle processing for launch, flight preparation, astronaut training and in-flight operations.

One of his many significant career achievements occurred in 1970 during Apollo 13, in which an onboard explosion almost led to the demise of the famous mission. Responding to the immediate need to reconfigure procedures based on the spacecraft's critically eroded systems capabilities, Holloway developed, tested and implemented an entirely new set of flight procedures that led to the safe return of the Apollo 13 crew and spacecraft.

In 1994, Holloway was named as Director of the Phase One Program, the collaboration of the United States and Russia to begin developing elements of the future International Space Station (ISS). This ultimately led to his current position as Manager of the ISS program, where he is responsible for the overall management, development, integration and operation of the International Space Station.

"For the last 37 years, Tommy Holloway has made significant contributions to the U.S. space program," said Brewster Shaw, Vice President and General Manager International Space Station of The Boeing Company. "His undying commitment to excellence has earned him a reputation for being a true pioneer in the quest to explore the realm of space."

The Rotary National Award for Space Achievement is presented annually to a United States citizen who has made a pre-eminent contribution to the advancement of America's space program. The principal award, The National Space Trophy, is a seven-foot-tall, conical lead crystal that weighs 500 pounds and is permanently displayed at Space Center Houston. It is bestowed for important accomplishments in a space-related field such as research and development, operations management, program administration or legislation. Aerospace corporations, government agencies, professional organizations and individuals submit nominations for this prestigious award. Finalists are voted on by the Foundation's National Board of Advisors.

The Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1985 by the Space Center Rotary Club of Houston. The Foundation was established to recognize outstanding individual achievement in space and to create greater public awareness of space exploration.

For more information on the 2001 awards banquet, call **Floyd Bennett** at (281) 212-6213.



**Space Center Women of Rotary**

Next Meeting is February 15, 2001 at the Holiday Inn

11:30 a.m. Social

12:00 Noon Lunch

Soup De Jour, Chicken Caesar Salad; hot dinner rolls with butter; Apple Pie; Iced tea and coffee—\$12.00

Invocation: *Carolyn Bennett*

12:30 p.m. Business Meeting

12:45 p.m. Program:

Dr. Gordon H. Martin, a Vascular Surgeon, will speak to us about Silent Peripheral Vascular Disease and its prevention. He earned a B.S. in chemistry from the University of No. Carolina and then earned a medical doctorate from the University of No. Carolina School of Medicine. Spouses and guests are invited to attend this informative program!

Please make your reservation when your SCWR telephone committee person calls you or call *Norma Brady*, 281/326-1773. If you make a reservation and do not cancel by noon Tuesday preceding the meeting, we're sorry, but we must ask you for the luncheon fee of \$12. We must honor our commitment to the Holiday Inn. Please come early and enjoy a social time with your friends!

Raffle prize donated by *Carolyn Bennett*. Thank you, Carolyn!