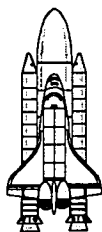
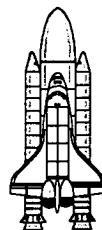


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# THE BLASTOFF



Rotary Club of Space Center  
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**Whatever It Takes**

District 5890 Theme for 2001 - 2002

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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 **Rolfe Young**  
Program **Carolyn Fine** - Visions and Possibilities  
Conversations with Leaders  
Carolyn's Bio on page 10

## Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

### Rotary Club of Space Center

- July 9 Dave Baldwin  
July 16 Thomas Goggins, Houston CAN! Academy, marketing  
July 23 Dr. Shelley Sekula, Dermatologist on Melanomas  
July 30 Dr. Gail Evans, Exe Dir Distance Edu, UH-Downtown  
Dr. Laural Dodds, Exe Dir Distance Edu, UHCL

### Rotary District 5890 for 2001

- Aug. 20 DG Dennis Adams Visits our Club  
Aug. 29 Rotary Night at the Astros & Reds  
Sep. 21/22 Texas Style BBQ Cook-Off (North Shore Pavilion)  
Sep. 22 Shrimporree - Space Center



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## Annual Club Membership Fee

Just a reminder to let you know that your annual \$180.00 Space Center Rotary club membership fee should be submitted to the Treasurer on July 1, 2001 for the year 2001 - 2002.

## Gilruth Center Access

By: Laura Hale



If you DO NOT have a Johnson Space Center (JSC) gate pass use the SATURN ENTRANCE OFF NASA ROAD ONE FOR ENTRY.

You may exit other gates, but entry should be thru the Saturn Entrance.

Don't push your luck - it could cost us our luncheon meeting contract.... it's a government operation.

## Today's Song

### *In The Good Old Summer Time*

In the good old summertime,  
in the good old summertime  
Strolling through the shady lanes  
with your baby mine  
You hold her hand and she holds yours,  
and that's a very good sign  
That she's your Rotary Sweetheart  
in the good old summer time

## VIP Wine Tasting & Auction

Houston Yacht Club  
7:00 pm - August 25, 2001  
Contact Greg Turley at 281-461-0595  
or  
Dick Gregg, III at 281-480-1378



Next District Conference is in New Orleans!



Welcome!

Welcome Visiting Rotarians & Guests!

Proposed Member  
Angela Copeland  
Mark Giargrosso  
Denise Platt  
Xavier Sandoval  
Shawn Spohn

Proposed By  
Mark Humphrey  
Dr. Betsy Giusto  
Marilyn Musial  
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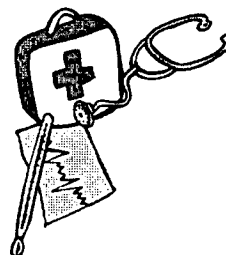
## Board Members

## Red Badgers



Next Board meeting will be on July 10, at 7:00 am at the NASA/JSC Gilruth Center.

## Get Well Wishes



Please keep George and Elaine Fleming in your thoughts and prayers as they have teamed up to have surgeries this month. Elaine had knee surgery on June 8 and George's surgery was scheduled for June 25, but has been rescheduled.



At the kind suggestion of **Billy Smith** *The Blastoff* will start having a "blank space" for you to make a note if needed, to record a date/event that is announced, exchange notes with a fellow Rotarian, etc. We hope this added empty space will be useful to you - there is only so much margin one can write in. Thanks for the suggestion Billy!

## Bolivian Water Project On Track

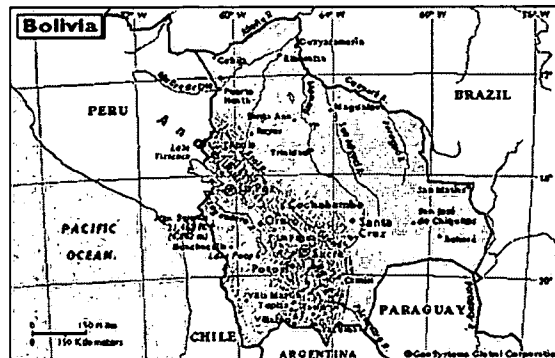
By: *Stan Galanski*

This Summer, Rotary Foundation (through the Matching Grants Program), the Rotary Clubs of Space Center (5890), Friendswood (5910), and Wintertur (2000), and their respective District Leaders, will begin a Water Well Project in one of the poorest areas of the world, Bolivia. The resultant water source will serve the needs of two orphanages, supporting 300+ children in Cochabamba, Bolivia.

To date, Rotary has contributed \$31,000 of the \$51,000 project cost, with private donations to supplement the remainder. Should any Rotary Club be interested in participating in or contributing to this project, **THERE STILL IS TIME!** A special Rotary bank account has been established in Cochabamba to collect all donated funds, which will be managed and directed by the local Rotary Tunari Club.

If anyone is interested in being a part of this sizable and worthy project, please contact the U.S. Rotary Project Supervisor, Stan Galanski (Space Center Rotary) at 713.750.4011 or 713.301.0721.

**Note:** *A small group of Rotary contributors will be visiting Bolivia in late September to view the results of the project and learn more about the people and needs of Bolivia. If you are interested in joining them on this exciting venture, please notify Stan as soon as you can, so accommodations can be arranged.*



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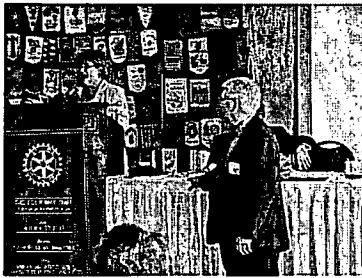
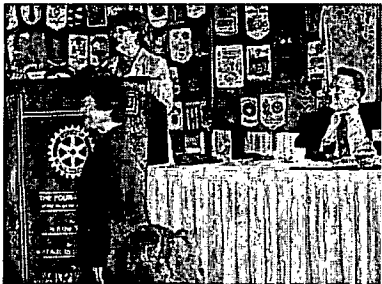
Dear Fellow Rotarians:

As we are all aware, Houston was devastated by tropical storm Allison and has left many people with needs that are very unusual in our area and in America. We have found ourselves, friends, and neighbors homeless, without clothing, medical assistance, etc. Governor Charlie Clemmons has requested from Rotary International that this area be declared a disaster relief area. Already certain Rotary clubs have donated funds to an account that is a 501C3 fund maintained by District 5890. Also, there are disasters outside of District 5890 who are wanting to help with the remainder of their DDF funds. A Disaster Relief Committee has been established with yours truly as chair. Members are Kaylon Adams, Dan Mims, and Bob Geary. We have requests from agencies which are already busy taking care of the needs of those who are helpless. We expect RI in the Houston area this weekend to do a survey and take pictures to help support the decision of President Frank Devlyn. If you have any funds towards this humanitarian effort, please send them to any committee member or to Don Dickerson at Bank One, Pasadena (P.O. Box 2629, Houston TX 77252-2629). Please ask Don to earmark your contribution for the "Disaster Relief - Tropical Storm Allison".

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

John R. Painter  
Past District Governor



Models that volunteered last week - as they learn how to dress for success! From top left Delia Stephens, John Wilson, Bob Struzinski, and Sheila Self.



Special thanks from Dave Baldwin to our photographer Bob Mitchell who also helps everyone in the Red Badge Orientation process.



Special thanks from Dave Baldwin to our folks who always show up early and handle all of the registration for us each—pictured are Murray Epstein and Roger Donnelly along with former Blastoff Editor Tom Wier.

**Thank You  
Space Center  
President  
Dave Baldwin  
for a great year!**



## Director's Summary of Committees 2000 – 2001

### **Club Service A - Director 2000-2001 J.B. Fox**

**Fellowship:** The committee consists of **Bill Taylor** (Chair), **Bill Lowes** and **Dennis Dillon**

The usual outings were had. The Rotary night at the Rodeo, a get-together at Armand Bayou, Christmas party, and a planned fun outing at Putt Putt. This event has yet to happen, but will take place when Jim Saxe can have it. It has already been agreed to by Jim. My thanks to Jim for his kindness.

**Public Relations:** The Committee consists of: **Mary Alys Cherry, Rick Clapp, Pat Patton**, The Citizen, The Bay Comber, Born Wild Innovative Promotions

Space Center Rotary has been put before the public on two Government Access Channels, Channel 66 of Nassau Bay, and Channel 64 of Seabrook. The Channel 66 has a coverage of Nassau Bay, Seabrook, League City, and El Lago. The Seabrook Channel has a coverage in reverse to Channel 66, so the Rotary events e.g. the Shrimporee were covered no matter which channel a person was watching. Events were published in the local newspapers.

During the Month of May, our club's presence has been made known Worldwide by creating an Internet "Page." Space Center Rotary received a special price from GHG Corporation. Access to the "Page" is obtained by <http://www.spacecenterrotary.org>.

The organization Officers and Directors are listed. Each Club Service is listed with their organizational responsibilities. Club Activities for the upcoming months are listed. The Blastoff publication is available through a link process. It is proposed to update on a regular basis. As with any new process, there are some minor problems to be resolved, but they will be resolved in the next few weeks.

The URL (Internet access listing) has been registered, and will be shown to all who search the subject Rotary. Our Club is now one of the few who has a dedicated Internet page. We have made a link to Rotary International, and to District 5890. District has, in turn, linked to our page. We can be found then in several ways, either by search engine, or through the District. We have included a guest book and an e-mail facility for visitors. A count box will tell how many persons have visited our page.

**Golf:** Bill Predmore (Chair). The gold committee is a group of golfers who play in tournaments. The proceeds from the tournaments are given to the Rotary foundation. Golf has been traditionally scaled back during our summer months and plans are to get going again with our more pleasant weather. Look for SCR golfing info and teams soon!

### **Club Service B – Director, Sheila Self**

**The Blastoff:** Editor – **Sheila Self** Weekly bulletins were prepared, printed and distributed on a weekly basis with up to date info from our club, district and international levels, along with current and community events as needed with inputs from club members along with the Space Center Women of Rotary news. We started placing ads in *The Blastoff*. The business card size ads ran each week and cost \$200.00 for six months. All funds raised from ads went directly to our clubs service account and were available for our various community and international charitable projects. This year, we had twelve members that ran ads and have continued to run ads– Thank You **Beverly Baldwin, Jim Barry, Mike Cornett, Jerrold Dewease, Mike Hesse, Sam Marullo, Marc Schneider, Bob Struzinski, Hattie Thurlow-McKinley, Ronnie Weiss, Johnny White, and Rolfe Young!!** (Apropos Interior Designs, AG Edwards & Sons, Ability Transmission, Clear lake Psychotherapy and Diagnostics, Texas Wealth Management, Inc., Excel, State Farm, Waldron, Schneider & Todd – Attorneys at Law, Space Center Tire and Auto, First Community Bank, Family Solutions, Doctor Cool/ Professor Heat). We are still looking for a back up editor if or when needed. Remember – I didn't know anything about newsletters until I became *The Blastoff* editor (and I'm still learning)! And a special thanks to **Bob Mitchell** our club photographer who took photos, downloaded them, and sent them to the editor! Your inputs and comments are appreciated!

**Programs:** **Dick Gregg, III** (Chair). Everyone has enjoyed the informative, entertaining topics and very current programs /speakers each week since July 2000. Dick has done an excellent job of securing our speakers all year! Be sure to tell him what an outstanding job he has done!

**Membership/Roster Directory:** **Billy Smith, Laura Hale** and **Jim Sweeney**. Billy continues to keep all SCR information

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up to date in his database. Laura collected all updates &/or changes plus added on new member info along with current photos. Laura gave this to Billy who updated his info and turned everything over to Jim at Minute Man Press to produce our clubs new directory which hasn't been updated in a couple of years. All members should have their own directory.

**Telephone Tree: Bill Geissler (Chair).** At times we almost didn't want to hear from the telephone tree due to the death of members or ill health, etc. However, the telephone tree has been a very helpful reminder to us when we had meetings to attend or location changes. Bill sent a voice mail to each SCR member for upcoming events, meetings, holidays, etc. Thanks to Bill – he pays for this service and volunteers his time to keep us informed with his messages.

### **Club Service C Director, Marilyn Musial**

Club Service C has been very active this past year. Those who have served on the various committees include **Mark Humphrey, Scott Rainey, Murray Epstein, J. B. Fox, Bob Mitchell, Jim Wyatt, Belinda Skloss, Bob Struzinski, Pat Maurer, Nanci Rutledge and Birda Gaskin.** During the year our club inducted or reinstated 25 members. The Classification Committee has worked to reclassify members with appropriate classifications and to change appropriate members to Senior Status. Special recognition goes to **Suzi Howe** for chairing a special Membership Task Force.

### **Club Service D Director, Mike Duckworth**

#### **Vocational Service Director, Vissett Sun**

Vocational Service - Vocational Excellence Award (VEA) Chair person: **Adena Losten** The VEA Committee Members are: **Mary Alys Cherry, Jerold Dewease, Bill Geissler, Dick Gregg, Jr., Rudolfo Gonzalez, John Kennedy, Tim Kropp, Slade Lewis, Pat Patton, and Jim Sweeney.** This committee was required to receive nominations evaluating and selecting the Outstanding Business Person in our area with the possibility of gaining new members. As Rotarians, we strongly believe that excellence in a chosen profession of vocation along with the Four Way Test is evident in daily life deserves a "Rotary Recognition." The VEA is for someone in our community that is an "Outstanding Business Person" and a community leader with notable achievements who has not yet become a Rotary member. The VEA included a \$500 scholarship that went to San Jacinto Community College in the name of the VEA recipient. The VEA nomination was sent to the district level for further consideration for the District Award. Presented at the District Assembly or District Conference each year. Jay Honeycutt was the recipient of the club award this year and at the district level.

Career Development at Clear View High School Chairperson: **Claire Taylor** This committee rewards outstanding Clear View students who have met requirements for Vocational Internship Program (VIP) and to open career doors for those same students. Also, this committee provides positive experiences and exposure to Rotarians and the businesses in our area. The goal of this committee was to demonstrate to the Clear View student body through the positive experiences and opportunities of the VIP students that hard work and determination to complete goals provides further opportunities and rewards.

Excellence in Education Chairperson: **Joan Skellenger** The goal of this committee was to promote Rotary as an organization that recognizes and rewards excellence in education in the vocation of teaching the children of our community. This committee honored teachers in the Clear Creek ISD who have achieved excellence in education by granting four Excellence in Education Awards of \$300 each and two \$1000 Teacher of the Year Awards to an Elementary and Secondary education teacher. Other awards will include certificates, personal plaques, and individual recognition at a Rotary luncheon presentation. There is a perpetual plaque on display at the CCISD Administration Building to recognize the Teachers of the Year.

Excellence in Law Enforcement Chairperson: **Bill Farries** The goal of this committee was to recognize the Law enforcement officers that work in the Bay Area community. Yearly, this committee awards five officers with the Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award. There will be one "Officer of the Year." A Rotary Luncheon presentation will recognize the officers with certificates and cash awards on June 11. A perpetual Plaque in the Harris County Courthouse, Clear Lake Annex will be maintained to recognize the "Officer of the Year."

### **Community Service A Director, Marc Schneider**



**Community Service B Director, Jim McDonald**

**Community Service Chairperson: Stephen Kelley Vice Chair: Pamela Culpepper** This committee was responsible for two wheelchairs that were procured and made available as loaners in the community when the need arises. They are stored at the United Way Facility in Clear Lake City. The Committee welcomes new members and ideas for effective ways to serve our community.

**Health and Safety Chairperson: Belinda Skloss Vice Chair: Pat Maurer** Two service projects were worked by this committee. A program "Safe On My Own" for all CCISD 3rd graders, a latch key educational program that teaches safety principles to young children and an "Excellence in Health Education" award program to recognize school nurses and their work. Congressman Nick Lampson was guest speaker at the Rotary Meeting on April 30th, supporting these programs.

**Scholarships Chairperson: Gregory Turley Vice Chair: Keith Huff** This committee developed the Scholarship Awards Programs for three high schools (Clear Lake, Clear Brook and Clear View) They established criteria and worked with school counselors in selecting students for scholarship awards, basing decisions on financing need, academic achievement and general background.

**Senior Citizens Chairperson: J B Fox Vice Chair: Robert Mitchell** Computers have been placed in assisted living facilities and in nursing homes in the Clear Lake area to help bring senior citizens into the world of computers with Email and internet capability. They recently expanded this service to assist the Bay Area Turning Point to come on line with computers, and also provided computer equipment to the Interfaith Caring Ministries.

**International Service A Director, Greg Turley**

**International Service B Director Dick Kidder**

**GSE Activities - chair Bill Geissler** This committee provides support to individuals selected for the GSE teams. This may involve interviewing prospective outbound GSE team members or hosting incoming team members through a career day, overnight in club members home or at a club meeting. The GSE (group study exchange) recently hosted several people from the United Kingdom and with the help of Bill Geissler and others the visit was well received. GSE takes visitors from around the world and aligns them with their business interests to better understand our ways and to learn from the experience. GSE Committee Members are **Bill Taylor, Marc Schneider, Robert Struzinski, Pat Patton, Alan Wylie, and Ava Lunsford.**

**Youth Exchange - chair Art Wood**

Our club will continue to provide strong support for this program. We have hosted a foreign long term student every year since 1989. We are very active with the short term exchange and we provide major support for various District IYE functions.

This is a very active committee and is always hosting youth from around the world. Art and his committee of **Alan Wylie, Stan Galanski, Earl Baum, Birda Gaskin** and **Gary Johnson** are very active in setting up host families and coordinating the visits to Houston area. At the present time we have two in this area. We are also involved in scholarship funds for our designated long term students.

**World Health - chair Bob Struzinski**

This committee brings children to the medical center from all over the world. The committee matches children in need with the local health community (Dr. Fustok), provides housing and transportation, and makes accommodations for family members. Dr. Fustok has treated children from Mexico for plastic surgery. World health through the Texas Medical Center in Galveston have treated children from the West Bank and Gaza for hip replacement and bone reconstruction surgery.

This committee has been inactive due to **Charles Hartman** being sick and then passing away. We now have a new chair in **Bob Struzinski** who has already set up a visit on June 12 for Dr. Fustok from one of his clients in Mexico (Blanca). Blanca will be here for several weeks for further surgery. This committee has done a lot of work in helping burn victims in Mexico and with the great help of Dr. Fustok we have greatly assisted many people. This committee is working again thanks to **Bob, Vic Maria, and Carlos Villagomez.**



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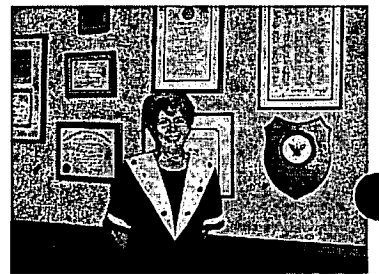
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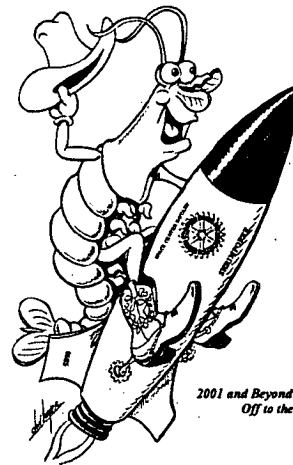
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**Is Your Jar Full?**

A philosophy professor stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with rocks, rocks about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full? They agreed that it was. So, the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the rocks. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The students laughed. The professor picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. "Now," said the professor, "I want you to recognize that this is your life. The rocks are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else. The small stuff. "If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups.

Take your partner out dancing. There will always be time to go to work, clean the house, give a dinner party and fix the disposal." "Take care of the rocks first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."



*2001 and Beyond: Rotary's Blast Off to the Future*



The Blastoff continues to place ads for those interested in advertising their business. The business card size ads will run each week and cost \$200.00 for six months. All funds raised from ads will go directly to our clubs service account and thus be available for our various community and international charitable projects. Please contact Sheila if you are interested in placing an ad for the next six months.

# Today's Speaker

## Carolyn Fine

Carolyn Fine is founder and president of Carolyn Fine & Associates, a management consulting firm specializing in developing leadership and partnership for implementing strategic futures.

She is an expert in:

- Building executive leadership teams that create and align on a new future for the organization.
- Future-based strategic planning and implementation that fulfill the new future.
- Developing a customer focused culture of leadership, management and partnership throughout the company that mobilizes the workforce for a common future.

Carolyn has consulted with many Fortune 500 and mid-sized companies such as Lockheed Martin, NASA, United Space Alliance, Barrios Technology, Christus Hospitals, Mail-Well Envelopes, and Magma Copper consistently producing breakthroughs in human performance and organizational results.

Magma Copper received a Presidential Citation as a company to be benchmarked in the area of union-management relations. Carolyn worked with the union presidents and management both separately and together to create a culture of leadership and partnership. Magma increased productivity 86 percent while reducing costs by 58 percent in a four-year period.

Lockheed Engineering and Science won the NASA Excellence Award for Quality and Productivity. The company was cited as an organization with a proactive culture of leaders and partners within the workforce.

Other examples of her accomplishments:

- Developed top management teams for government contract competitions winning seven out of eight contracts, ranging from \$500 million to \$10 billion.
- Another current mid-sized client (\$24 million) developed a ten-year growth plan ending in an employee buyout.
- Recently, Carolyn worked with the Change-Order Process Improvement Team (CPIT) consisting of cross-functional teams from United Space Alliance, Boeing and NASA from three different centers. The team received the NASA Group Achievement Award and the Superior Achievement Recognition Award for Teamwork from USA (an award given to only one team a year).

She spent two years facilitating and producing a major cultural shift in a 400 member organization. The outstanding team and business results were published in a final report for the Kansas City Management Office of the USDA.

At present Carolyn is working with a number of local organizations including the University of Houston Clearlake, Futron, Oceaneering and Christus Hospitals.

Carolyn earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Cal State Northridge and has done graduate work in psychology at Antioch University.



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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

<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
W. Galveston Cty.	LaMarque Holiday Inn



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