



# The Blastoff

Space Center Rotary's Weekly Bulletin

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## Today's Program Gilbert Smith

Gilbert Smith has been employed by Harris County Precinct Two for 20 years. It is with great honor and pride that he holds the position of Superintendent of Parks as he has worked way up from a line employee in the field.

Gilbert is a product of San Jacinto College and is an Army veteran. He is dedicated to the parks and enjoys seeing parks utilized to the fullest.

Gilbert and his wife Mary enjoy camping and spending time with their two sons. Gilbert is a member of Rotary Club of North Shore.

## SPACE CENTER PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS AS OF JANUARY 2005

Floyd Bennett	John Lee
Tony Bloomfield	Al Ligrani
Jerry Bourgeois	Vince Lipovsky
Lamar Bowles	Jack Lister
Floyd Boze	Bill Lowes
Al Brady	Roger Lyons
Mike Brown	Vic Maria
Mary Cherry	Earl Maudlin
David Coney	Bob Mitchell
Mike Cornett	Bob Montgomery
Ron Crowder	Owen Morris
Ted Cummings	Olive Murphy
Micki Czarnik	Marilyn Musial
Mik Dennard	Mike Porterfield
Jerrold Dewease	Scott Rainey
Dennis Dillon	Sheila Self
Bill Dusenbury	Joan Skellinger
Murray Epstein	Belinda Skloss
J B Fox	Billy Ray Smith
Stan Galanski	Delia Stephens
Bill Geisler	Vissett Sun
Dick Gregg, Jr.	David Taylor
Ken Gurry	Bill Taylor
Laura Hale	Gene Tromblee
Joe Hang	Carlos Villagomez
Jim Hargrove	Marilyn Watkins
Dick Hergert	John Wilson
Mike Hernandez	Art Wood
Mike Hesse	Bob Wren
Susan Howe	Jim Wyatt
Chuck Jacobson	Wayne Young
Dick Kidder	Hilmar Zeissig

## FREEMAN LIBRARY DEDICATION



District Governor D'Lisa Simmons, Past President and Assistant Governor Laura Hale, Rotary International President Glenn E. Estess, Sr., Space Center Rotary President Vissett Sun and Space Center Rotary Director and Friend of Freeman Library, Dick Kidder.

## A NOTE FROM ANN....

Laura,  
I want to thank you and the members in your Royall Club for honoring me with the Paul Harris Fellow Award at your meeting Monday, January 24, 2005.

I do feel VERY HONORED receiving the Paul Harris Fellow Award and I will cherish this Special Award in years to come.

Thanks again!!!!

Alan Wylie's Sister  
Ann

## District Events

February 12th - Willowbrook Rotary Club, Monte Carlo Night Fund Raiser at Sam Houston Race Track, 6-11:00 PM. Seated dinner, live & silent auctions, awards and gaming - call Wayne Roush for info 281-320-2710

## Agenda

- Luncheon Begins 11:45
- Call to Order 12:00
- Song Jerry Bourgeois/  
Dr. John Wilson
- Pianist Ann Fulcher/  
Dr. John Wilson
- Invocation
- Pledge
- Four-Way Test
- Introductions of Guests  
and Visiting Rotarians
- Announcements
- Program 12:30
- Adjourn 1:00

## Area Meetings

- Tuesday Noon Pearland  
Golfcrest Country Club  
2501 Country Club Drive
- Tuesday 12:10 LaPorte  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Broadway @ Ave G
- Wednesday Noon Baytown  
GooseCreek Country Club  
5000 Country Club Drive
- Wednesday 12:05 Pasadena South  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- Thursday 7:00am Seabrook  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
2425 Nasa Road One
- Thursday Noon Alvin  
Joe's Barbecue  
1400 East Hwy 6
- Friday Noon Pasadena  
First United Methodist Church  
1062 Fairmont Pkwy.

## Upcoming Programs

- February 7  
Diane Savage  
Bay Area Turning Point
- February 14  
Open
- February 21  
President's Day (No Meeting)
- February 28  
Steve Waldner  
Sheltering Arms Senior Services



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100 Years

**Four Way Test  
of the Things We Think,  
Say or Do**

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?

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and  
**BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

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All Concerned?

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**Blastoff**

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**Today's Song**

**Mame**

You coax the blues right out of the horn,  
Mame  
You charm the husk right off of the corn,  
Mame.  
You've got the banjos strummin',  
And plunkin' out the beat to beat the band.  
The whole plantation's hummin',  
Since you brought Dixie back to Dixie  
land.  
You made the cotton easy to pick, Mame.  
You gave my old mint julep a kick Mame.  
You make the old magnolia tree  
Blossom at the mention of your name.  
You've made us feel alive again,  
You've given us the drive again,  
To make the South revive again, Mame.

**All Club Meeting**

The All Club Celebration for District 5890 will be held on **Saturday, February 26th** at the **Marriott Houston Westchase** (formerly the Adam's Mark). This will be a great night of celebration in honor of Rotary International's 100 years of serving mankind. We will have as our guest, Past R. I. President 2002-2003, Bhichai Rattakul from Dhonburi, Thailand. Highlight your club's projects or look to "borrow" great ideas from the Clubs' Project Fair! The Project Fair will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner and program will begin at 7:00 p.m. **sharp!** We will also have other guests from International and other Districts. Dress is **black-tie optional**; one club has already asked if they can wear their "Texas" tuxedo with jeans, boots, tux shirt and jacket, and if they can do that at the White House, we can certainly do that here! Cost is **\$50.00 pp.** Let's show them how Texans Celebrate the Centennial of the best service organization in the world!

We have planned a great evening of fellowship for all clubs in the District. Our **exchange students** will present their flags, clubs will present an **Exposition of Projects**

and Programs, and the entertainment will delight you. Please plan on attending with as many of your members as possible. The club with the most members present will receive recognition at the celebration. **Be sure to bring your club bell so we can ring in the 100 year meeting together.**

There will also be a **major door prize** for the ticket stub drawn that night; two round trip tickets from Southwest Airlines to the destination of your choice that Southwest serves. What a great way to get to Chicago and the International Convention!

The hotel has agreed to help Rotary Celebrate with a **\$69.00 room rate**. Be sure to tell them you are with the Rotary Celebration. Get your members together and come celebrate with the rest of the best District in Rotary! Deadline for registration is **January 31st**.

Registration forms for the Celebration and the Exposition are available on the Web. Feel free to copy and distribute.

Your All Club Celebration Chair,  
Your Centennial District Governor,  
Barbara Franklin D'Lisa Simmons



The 2005 District 5890 Conference will be held in Kerrville, Texas, April 21-24, 2005. This event is for **ALL** club member and their spouses...not just the club and district officers and the committee chairs. **EVERYONE** is encouraged to attend!

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