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Food for thought...

Most people agree that growing is a good thing, but relatively few people devote themselves to the process. Why? Because growth requires change, and most people are reluctant to change. Growth demands temporary surrender of security, getting out of your comfort zone. The truth is that without change, growth is impossible.

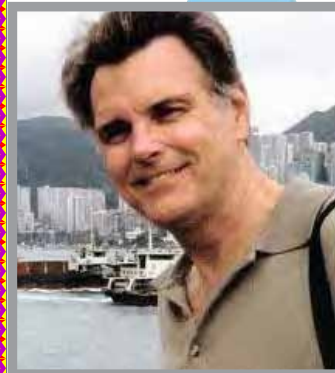
*TICKETS
HAVE
ARRIVED FOR
THE DISTRICT
RAFFLE . A
TRIP TO
SPAIN IS THE
WINNING
PRIZE!!!*

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song.....
- Invocation..... David Coney
- Pledge..... Denise Platt
- Four-Way-Test..... Belinda Skloss
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Mike Moliere
- Announcements..... 12:05
- Program..... 12:30
Chris Schaefer
- Author of "Bataan Diary"...
- Adjourn..... 1:00

TODAY'S PROGRAM: CHRIS SCHAEFER

Chris Schaefer, class of 1964, is a historian and Vietnam veteran with a long family history of military service. He holds a Bachelor's degree in History and a Master's degree in Computing



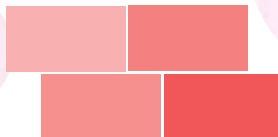
Sciences, both from Texas A&M. In 1976 he founded a computer software company, and worked for twenty-two years as president of the company and as a consultant in wide area business communications.

In 1998 he sold his computer business and embarked on a second career as a historian. Following the diary of an American soldier who refused to surrender to the Japanese in World War II, he spent more than five years researching the war in the Pacific. Although he has authored many technical papers and presentations, *Bataan Diary* is his first commercial book. In it he has defined the lives of real people caught up in a terribly brutal war. Here he follows their day to day personal lives, and also reveals the political and world influences which were going on around them. The result is a true story of struggle, intrigue and depletion, as seen by the men and the women who lived through it.

A local child needs you!

CCISD "Weekly Readers" is a program seeking volunteer readers to help children with their reading. One or two children from Kindergarten to fourth grade will be assigned to the volunteer for one hour per week. If you are interested, call the Community Partnership Office at 281-284-0037 or 281-284-0036. Every CCISD Elementary school is participating in this program, so select the school nearest you!

There are two days in every week that you should neither worry about nor fear: Yesterday and Tomorrow!



PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

CHARLES C. FOSTER
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HE IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASIA SOCIETY AND THE HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND.

DURING THE 2000 BUSH CAMPAIGN, HE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT ON THE MATTER OF IMMIGRATION.

BRING A GUEST NEXT WEEK!

If anyone is interested in leading the songs each week at our meetings, please let JB Fox know.

How about a Tequila Run? On September 10th, Jerry Smith is making his annual drive to Mexico to buy auction items for the Shrimporee. So grab your sombrero, a few pesos, brush up on your Spanish and call Jerry! Gracias!



Rotary - Did you know?

- Why is the number 711 so special to Rotary? It is the room number in the first building in Chicago where Paul Harris met with friends to discuss his idea of a club for professionals.
- The Rotary Club of Duarte California was the first club to invite women in their club in 1978. Their charter was withdrawn and they went to court and won. In 1989, the RI constitution was changed to allow women members.

SERVICE Above Self

AREA MEETINGS AND OTHER LOCATIONS

- Tuesdays @ Noon PEARLAND
Golfcrest Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive
- Tuesdays @ 12:10 LA PORTE
St. John's Episcopal Church
Broadway @ Ave G
- Wednesdays @ 12:05 PASADENA S.
Baywood Country Club
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- Wednesdays @ 7:15 am CAPITOL HILL
La Colline
Washington, DC
- Wednesdays @ 8:00 pm TACUBAYA
University Club
Mexico City, Mexico
- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

APPRECIATION CORNER

David Coney has agreed to handle the funds and distribution AGAIN this year for the District Raffle. Please let David know that his volunteering for this means a lot!



KUDOS TO YOU, DAVID!

There will be a Rotary International Foundation Meeting Wednesday, August 24th, at Polly's Cafe at 7:00 am.

Bill Taylor wants you!!

If anyone is interested in the position of Publicity Chairperson, please let Bill know. This is an important position, as we try to get the good name of Rotary in the community.

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

Is it the TRUTH?

Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

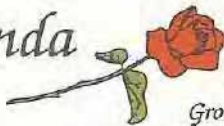
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?

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Don't forget to sign up for the Texas Roadhouse Friendswood Classic Golf Tournament on October 4th at Timber Creek. The last two years Texas Roadhouse has raised over \$13,000 for the club!

Belinda



Growth through feeling

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"We - Are - Fam - i - ly"
Please congratulate Space Center Rotarian Tony Resendez on his recent move to San Antonio. Unfortunately, he will be unable to participate in our club, but we know he'll make a great Rotarian in San Antonio. Good luck Tony!



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Scott Smith	Community Service A
Pam Culpepper	Community Service B
Art Wood	Vocational Service
Jerrold Dewease	International Service A
Dick Kidder	International Service B

Suzi Howe, our District Governor-Elect, wanted to share with Space Center Rotarians her activities this month:

- PETS Advisory Board meeting in Dallas
- Rotary Train the Trainer Seminar in Austin
- District Conference Scouting Trip to Puerto Vallarta
- District Membership Meeting
- River Oaks Rotary Club Meeting
- District Finance Committee Meeting
- Strategic Planning Committee Meeting
- Ambassadorial Scholars - meetings to get to know our outbound Ambassadorial Scholars
- College of Governors Meeting - all Past District Governors
- Meetings with prospective committee chairs and assistant governors.

Let Suzi hear from you on ways you would like to participate in the coming year. Through service we develop fellowship. Through fellowship we all will develop friendships.

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