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SPACE CENTER ROTARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## Food for thought...

Have you heard about the Chinese bamboo tree? During the first four years of its life, it grows only a few inches. Then in the fifth year, it grows 90 feet in just five weeks. The real question is, did it grow 90 feet in five weeks or five years? The answer: five years. If at any time during the first four years it didn't receive any water or fertilization, it would have died. Our lives are like that. Try to understand timing, preparation and perseverance.

## Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song.....
- Invocation.....
- Pledge.....
- Four-Way-Test.....
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....
- Announcements..... 12:05
- Program..... 12:30  
Randy Gish  
Assoc. Director / Chief of Staff  
NASA / JSC.....
- Adjourn..... 1:00

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**RANDY K. GISH**

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR / CHIEF OF STAFF  
NASA / JOHNSON SPACE CENTER**

*Mr. Randy K. Gish is the Associate Director for Management and Chief of Staff at the Johnson Space Center (JSC). In this role, he is responsible for all administrative activities at the center. His duties include: Directing and coordinating activities of the center staff, furnishing the Center Director and Deputy Center Director with information and recommendations, formulating and implementing policy, and serving as a liaison to NASA Headquarters and other NASA Centers on administrative matters.*

*Mr. Gish earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Masters Degree in Public Administration prior to beginning his NASA career. He joined NASA in 1980 as a Contract Specialist. Since that time, he has held progressively responsible positions including Space Shuttle Program Procurement Officer; Director of Acquisitions, International Space Station; and JSC Director of Procurement. Mr. Gish has received numerous honors and awards including the NASA Procurement Supervisor of the Year, the NSA Exceptional Service Medal and the NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal.*

*Mr. Gish is married to Katherine (Hageman) Gish. They have two married daughters, Amy and Christy, and two grandsons, Noah and Luke.*

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

*How long did it take you to get out of town for the Rita Hurricane? Hopefully, everyone made it safely out of town and didn't have to stay in the car too long. Thankfully, we weren't hit hard and came back to minimal damage. We have all seen what Katrina did to our neighbors, and it certainly could have been us. Thanks for all the generosity still being given to those in need.*

**CLASSIFIEDS**  
*Lunch Teller Manager(s) wanted (Jim Wyatt and Dennis Dillon are retiring)*  
*Duties are:*  
*1.-Make sure a Rotarian is at the meeting ready to take money by 11:15 am*  
*2.-Have Petty Cash & all items needed to keep the count. Have lunch tickets, receipts and deposit slips available*  
*3.-Make sure Treasurer receives the deposit*

**PEEK AT NEXT WEEK**  
**COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY**  
  
**NO MEETING FOR OCTOBER 10TH.**  
  
**JULIE PURCER, PHD, WILL SPEAK ON OCT. 17TH ABOUT RED RIBBON WEEK AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION.**

**The Shrimpooree has been rescheduled for November 19, 2005.**



**Rotary - Did you know?**

- The 4-Way Test was created by Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 when he took charge of the Club Aluminum Company that was facing bankruptcy, and saved it by having his employees follow the 24-word code of ethics.*
- Herbert Taylor became president of Rotary International during 1954-55.*
- The 4-Way Test was adopted by Rotary in 1943 and has been translated into more than 100 languages and published in thousands of ways.*



**APPRECIATION CORNER**



Have you checked out the Space Center Rotary Club Website lately? Kudos to JB Fox for spearheading the effort to make our website something we can be proud of. It is a great resource for members and a good way for perspective members to check us out! Awesome!

# 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 @ 12:30 pm PARIS**  
Pavillon Dauphine  
Paris, France
- **Wednesdays @ 12:05 PASADENA S.**  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- **Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK**  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
2425 Nasa Road One
- **Fridays @ noon PASADENA**  
First United Methodist Church  
1062 Fairmont Parkway
- **Fridays @ noon MINNEAPOLIS**  
Windows of Minnesota  
IDS Tower, 50th Floor, MN



# Friendswood Classic

Tuesday, October 4th, 2005  
Shotgun Start at 12:00 PM  
Timber Creek Golf Course  
4554 F.M. 2351, Friendswood

## what's included

The cost for this fun-filled event is \$125 per person and includes:

- Greens Fees
- Cart & Range Balls
- Boxed Lunch
- Texas Roadhouse Rib Dinner
- Goodie Bag

Last chance!! Tomorrow is the golf tournament! Check in is between 10 :00 and 11:30 am. Free Range balls are included! Call Sharon Bloomfield at 281-794-3929 to sign up!

There is still immediate need for the following Katrina and Rita Relief efforts:

Mops, Brooms, Disinfectants, Chlorine Bleach, House Soap, Insect Repellent, Trash Bags, Window Cleaner, Lawn Rakes, Cleaning Rags, Paper Towels, Cleaning Buckets, Sunburn Lotion, Sunscreen, Dust Face Masks, Plastic Gloves, Work Gloves, Disposable Sponge Mops, Antibacterial Hand Soap, Basic First Aid Supplies, and Replaceable Sponges for Mops.

You may also continue to make monetary contributions to:

Rotary District 6200 Foundation  
Attn: Janice Bradshaw, General Secretary  
P.O. Box 44365  
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**"BE A FRIEND LUNCHEON"**  
Benefiting Dist. 5890 youth programs at Junior League of Houston  
1811 Briar Oak Lane  
November 1, 2005  
11:30 AM Registration....Luncheon at Noon  
Invited are: Rotarians, Spouses & friends.  
Any questions should be made to:  
Janet Francklow @ 713-552-0838.  
cost is \$30.00/ person or \$275.00 for a table of ten.  
Reservation deadline is October 24, 2005



*"We - Are - Fam - i - ly"*

*Jerrold Dewease had major surgery at noon on Thursday at Clear Lake Hospital and it was successful. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a complete recovery.*

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for tomorrow's circumstances.*

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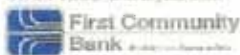
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**The Food and Wine Festival was  
cancelled this past weekend and will  
be rescheduled. Now there's more  
time to plan to attend!**

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