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SPACE CENTER ROTARY'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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## Food for thought...

J.C. Penney once said, "I would have never amounted to anything were it not for adversity." Recognize that adversity will force you to dig for more accurate information and to pause for introspection. What lessons are you learning? What did you learn from this experience? Adversity reveals the depth of friendships. Who are your real friends? Adversity strengthens you and helps you decide what you really believe. Remember, it's not what happens to you that matters, it's what you do with what happens to you that counts!

## Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song.....
- Invocation..... Mike Title
- Pledge..... Bob Wren
- Four-Way-Test..... Dennis Dillon
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Johnny White
- Announcements..... 12:05
- Program..... 12:20  
Julie Purser, Ph. D.  
Red Ribbon Week and  
Drug Abuse Prevention....
- Adjourn..... 1:00

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### **JULIE PURSER, PH.D.** **DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION**

Dr. Purser is a clinical psychologist who has worked in the capacity of supporting children and their families for the past 20 years. She is currently the Coordinator of the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Families, a community coalition made up of over 150 members who are committed to develop strategies to reduce underage alcohol and substance use within the Clear Creek community. Dr. Purser has worked for the past 6 years at Clear Creek ISD in the area of drug prevention. Prior to this, she worked for 13 years at DePelchin Children's Center where she served as the clinical director of their Bay Area office and then as their Director of Prevention Services. Dr. Purser has a longstanding private practice in Dickinson and also is an adjunct professor at UHCL.



**DISTRICT RI FOUNDATION SEMINAR  
SATURDAY, OCT. 29TH  
9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM  
HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**



**Pearland Rotary Club  
WINE TASTING  
OCTOBER 15, 2005  
7:00 p.m. AT Golfcrest**  
  
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*If anyone is interested in leading the songs each week at our meetings, please let JB Fox know.*

**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**  
**MAUREEN M. WAKELAND, P.E.**  
**AREA ENGINEER FOR SOUTH HARRIS AREA OFFICE OF TX. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**AND**  
**CONSTANCE G. ELSTON**  
**PRESIDENT & CEO OF BAY AREA TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP**  
  
**THEY WILL BE SPEAKING ON LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND THE NASA BYPASS**

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



**Rotary - Did you know?**

- Interact is a Rotary-sponsored youth service club that was launched by the RI board of Directors in 1962. It provides opportunities for young people of secondary school age to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding.*
- The first Interact club was established by the Rotary Club of Melbourne, Florida.*
- Today, there are more than 8,600 Interact clubs with about 200,000 members in 110 countries.*

**Rotarians, please remember that RI or SCR will not ask for personal information on their members via email or phone.**

**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 @ 7:15 DENVER**  
University Club  
Denver Mile High, CO.
- **Wednesdays @ 12:05 PASADENA S.**  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- **Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK**  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
2425 Nasa Road One
- **Thursdays @ 19:30 ISTANBUL**  
Princess Hotel Persembe, Maslak  
Istanbul - Sariyer, Turkey
- **Fridays @ noon PASADENA**  
First United Methodist Church  
1062 Fairmont Parkway

**APPRECIATION CORNER**

**T**HANKS TO ALL THE SPACE CENTER ROTARIANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TEXAS ROADHOUSE FRIENDSWOOD CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT. WE KNOW IT WAS A SACRIFICE DUE TO IT BEING THE WEEK AFTER THE HURRICANE. WE RAISED \$6,000 FOR THE SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB!



Pictures from 2002



Pumpkin Carving Contest

Excerpt from a Letter from Andrew Bahlmann  
 ...Life is good. I have been quite fine and I speak in Portuguese, think in Portuguese; but have not dreamed in Portuguese. I am having a blast with my friends, family, and Rotarians. This town is awesome. The people are very nice and patient, and there is no reason in the world why I wouldn't suggest this club to be used again. This town has treated me very well. Mr. Wylie, do you remember when you told me that it doesn't really matter what country you go to... because the exchange student makes the year good, bad, or mediocre? Well, I totally agree now. I didn't want to come here up until the summer time and now I wouldn't change my Rotary Club, my friends, and this country for any other country in the world.... well except for returning to the U.S. ... I wouldn't change anything here.



**"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.

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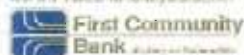
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