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Merry Christmas



Food for thought...

In 1954, Roger Bannister broke the four-minute mile and all medical journals had said it was humanly impossible. Forty years later, Eamonn Coghlan did it too. When you begin to believe that you can achieve your goal. (no matter what it is) you activate motivation, commitment, confidence, concentration and excitement inside of you. Henry Ford was right when he said, "Whether you think you can or you can't, either way you're right." Believing doesn't mean it will be easy. Keep in mind that you only grow stronger when resistance and opposition test you.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

STEVE SMITH

Born and raised in Southern Indiana, Steve Smith studied journalism at the University of Indiana in Bloomington. Following graduation, he served for 2 years as an Intelligence Officer in the Army. Then, he learned the broadcasting business on local Indiana TV.

In 1966, on a vacation to Houston, he landed a job at KPRC, channel 2. Soon, he anchored the 10:00 news and later the 5:00 news. He also wrote and produced both newscasts. For ten years, he wrote and hosted a public affairs program, Steve Smith's Sunday.

Mr. Smith spent 23 years at Channel 11. During that time he covered some of the major stories of the era: lunar landings, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Challenger explosion, plus some hurricanes, including Alicia.

His career as a newsman has taken him all over the world. He has traveled to the North Sea, British Isles, Japan, Singapore, Cairo, Kuwait, Paris and Vienna, to name a few.

Mr. Smith has contributed his time and talents to numerous charitable and arts groups in the Houston-Galveston area including the United Way, The Audubon Society, The Park People, Houston Grand Opera, Briarwood School, The Brookwood community, The Houston Symphony, Galveston's 1894 Grand Opera house, The Galveston Historical Foundation, Galveston's Ronald McDonald House, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, St. Joseph Hospital and others. He has given his writing and talent work to Moody Gardens, Memorial Hermann Hospital System, Port of Houston, NASA/Johnson Space Center and others.

Mr. Smith retired from the news business in 1999 and formed a media consulting firm, Anchor Communications. When he is not working, he can be found fishing for flounder and speckled trout.

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song..... Debby McBride
- Invocation..... Jack Lister
- Pledge..... Hector Marin
- Four-Way-Test..... Belinda Skloss
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Denise Platt
- Announcements..... 12:05
- Sunshine and Showers..... 12:10
- Program..... 12:30
Steve Smith
- Adjourn..... 1:00

A chair and committee is being sought for handling communications to the club. For details, please contact J.B. Fox @ jfox6@houston.rr.com. This is an important and essential job.

SCR Board Meeting and Endowment meeting on Dec. 13th at 7:00 a.m. in separate locations in the Brentwood Inn. No Rotary meeting on Dec. 26th or Jan. 2nd.

ALL CLUB EVENT:

Our club has arranged to purchase a table of ten (10) for the all club event on Thursday, February 2nd, 2006. If we fill two tables, then we will purchase two tables.

If you have never attended an all club meeting it is recommended that you go. This is of special interest to our new members.

If you plan to attend, Please contact Laura Hale by e-mail at: laurahale@houston.rr.com

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND
GOOD CHEER!



Who's Who?

Can you name these two people?

They were previous Rotarians in our club.

Answers on pg. 4.



Rotary - Did you know?

Individuals must be asked to join Rotary: thus it is every member's responsibility to identify and invite prospective members.

- The sponsor is the key person in the growth and advancement of Rotary.
- The task of sponsor should not end merely by submitting a name to the club. Invite prospective members to several meetings and then introduce the new member to club members each week for a month and encourage involvement in projects. Accompany the new member to the first make-up meeting to learn the process.
- When a new member becomes involved and connected, both Rotary and the new member become stronger.



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AREA MEETINGS & 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 @ 6:00 pm WEERT
Golden Tulip Restaurant
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- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One
- Thursdays @ noon DENISON
Cronk's Cafe
Denison, Iowa
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you.....

- Ava Lunsford - Dec. 3rd
- Debby McBride - Dec. 4th
- Rafael F. Lugo - Dec. 4th
- Mike Cornett - Dec. 12th
- John Nugent - Dec. 15th
- Dick Gregg, Jr. - Dec. 19th
- Art Oswald - Dec. 25th
- Richard Hergert - Dec. 30th

(If you haven't given your birthday to Tony or Sharon, please do so. Thanks!)

DITTY OF THE WEEK:

O CHRISTMAS TREE



O Christmas Tree,
 O Christmas Tree,
 How lovely are
 your branches!
 Your boughs are green
 in summer's clime
 And through the snows
 of wintertime.
 O Christmas Tree,
 O Christmas Tree,
 How lovely are
 your branches!

O Christmas Tree,
 O Christmas Tree,
 Your boughs they
 Want to teach us
 That constant faith
 and hope sublime
 Lend strength and
 comfort through all time.
 O Christmas Tree,
 O Christmas Tree,
 Your boughs they should
 Well teach us

Joseph Hang

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This will take effect in July of 2006.

Board of Directors:

- Mike Cornett
- Mark Humphrey
- Dick Kidder

- Geoff Atwater - President
 - Dick Gregg III - President Elect
 - Mike Hernandez - Secretary
 - Joan Skellenger - Treasurer
 - Gary Johnson - Sergeant at Arms
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- THE CITIZEN

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Is it FAIR to All Concerned?

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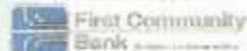
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