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Food for thought...

True communication is more than just listening and speaking to someone. It is also being friendly and helpful. It is also smiling - it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile - and it is being generous with praise and cautious with criticism. It is being genuinely interested in people. It is being alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others. Have a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility, and you'll be rewarded many-fold!

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song..... Debby McBride
- Invocation..... TBD
- Pledge..... TBD
- Four-Way-Test..... TBD
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... TBD
- Announcements..... 12:05
- Program..... 12:25
Bob Royall, Jr. - Fire Marshal's Office
- Questions and answers..... 12:50
- Adjourn..... 1:00

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

R. W. "Bob" Royall, Jr.

Bob Royall is the Chief of Emergency Operations for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office. He is a retired 30-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department where he held the rank of Sr. Captain and served as the Assistant Coordinator of the Hazardous Materials Response Team. Bob is an instructor for the International Association of Fire Fighters and has served as an independent consultant for the Defense Threat Reduction Agency, the Department of Justice and the FBI on matters of hazardous materials response and Weapons of Mass Destruction. He is a member of the National Fire Protection Association, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the Houston Professional Fire Fighters Association Local 341, the Houston Fire Museum, the Last Alarm Club, and has recently been appointed as HazMat/WMD Manager for Texas Task Force 1 Urban Search & Rescue Team. He currently chairs the Greater Houston LEPC, and is affiliated with the Houston Area Anti-Terrorism Council, the Houston Bomb Council, and the Channel Industries Mutual Aid organization. Bob holds numerous emergency response certifications and was decorated four times by the Houston Fire Department for exemplary leadership and service. Bob was also the recipient of the Houston Fire Department's second highest declaration, "The Medal of Valor" for rescuing five trapped citizens during a tank truck accident in August of 2001. In December of 2005, Bob was presented the Fire Marshal's Humanitarian Service Award for his participation in the Katrina Astrodome Shelter Operation.

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.

Armand Bayou Nature Center sent a thank you note for our contribution of \$3,500 toward the restoration of their historic farmhouse. On Dec. 19th, they were able to get the house level. If any member is interested in volunteering time for some hands-on work on this project, please let JB Fox know.



farmhouse

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK
MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY
NO MEETING NEXT WEEK
(JOHN TURNER - TORT REFORM
ON JAN. 23RD)

*The Rotary Foundation Seminar
Saturday, January 21st. 9am-2pm
Houston Baptist University
Coffee and donuts provided. Free
Admission. Please RSVP to Dennis
Adams: 713-702-0895 or email at
olhoss@prodigy.net. Come learn more
about the Foundation.*



**The Rotary Club of Golden Green,
District 1130, London, England sent us
a certificate that a tree has been
planted in the Pestalozzi Rotary Forest
in the name of Space Center Rotary.**

SERVICE Above Self

AREA MEETINGS & OTHER LOCATIONS

The district has bought 500 tickets to the Rodeo and only about 150 have been committed. Many clubs have shown interest, but only six have paid any money. Charlie Thorp needs a response as soon as possible.

- Mondays @ 7:00 pm ARUBA
Divi Phoenix Hotel
Oranjestad, Aruba
- 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
- Thursdays @ 12:30 LANCASTER
Lancaster Country Club
Lancaster, South Carolina
- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you....

- Vissett Sun 4-Jan
- Lamar Bowles 5-Jan
- Mark Keesler 7-Jan
- Travis Moebes 7-Jan
- Mary Ann (Micki) Czarnick 17-Jan
- L. Jean Walker, Ph.D. 18-Jan
- Mike Brown 21-Jan
- Bob Mitchell 24-Jan

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

DITTY OF THE WEEK:

Edelweiss

Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Every morning you greet me.
Small and white, clean and bright,
You look happy to meet me.

Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.

Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Bless my homeland forever.



LOCKHEED MARTIN



*"NOT BEING ABLE TO DO EVERYTHING IS NO
EXCUSE FOR NOT DOING EVERYTHING YOU CAN."*

ASHLEIGH BRILLIANT

"We - Are - Fam - i - ly"

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers to help work on a housing construction project for a "50 house build" for families of the Gulf Coast hurricanes. The work dates are Jan 19th thru 21st and Jan 27th and 28th. If you can help in this area, it will bless you more than you can imagine. Please let JB Fox know.

Joseph Hang

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- THE CITIZEN

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