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Food for thought...

As you drive towards your destiny, you'll hit some potholes and occasionally take a few wrong turns. Actually, the only way to avoid failure is to never leave your driveway! The issue is not whether or not you are going to fail, but whether you're going to learn from it and make it an asset. Are you going to turn it into wisdom to succeed and move forward? The next time you fail at something, ask yourself, "Did I actually fail, or did I just fall short of an unrealistically high goal?" Failure is success if you learn from it!

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..... 12:10
- Program..... 12:30
James O'Malley - School drop out prevention
- Adjourn..... 1:00

TODAY'S PROGRAM

JAMES O'MALLEY

SCHOOL DROP-OUT PREVENTION

Jim O'Malley is a former Executive with Exxon Mobil Corporation and a resident in the Bay Area since 1979, except for a brief assignment in New Jersey in the late 80's.

Since retiring in mid-2000, Jim has been an active volunteer in the community. His volunteer activities focus almost exclusively on children and education and organizations that help them.

He has taught Junior Achievement programs to elementary school students for the past five years, encouraged science and math education in our schools as a Science Ambassador from Exxon Mobil Corp, and served as the founding Chairman of the St. Clare of Assisi School Board. He chaired the Clear Creek Education Foundation for two terms, and is the immediate past-Chair of that organization. He volunteered with Communities In Schools-Bay Area for the past five years and is currently their Vice-President and Chair of its Resource Development Committee.

For fun, Jim likes to play golf with the BOOB's and he even agreed to be the Chairman of the Bay Oaks Country Club Board of Governors for one year. Most of all he loves traveling with his wife Ann, who taught him all he knows about volunteerism!

Excerpt from JB Fox's Quarterly Report:

A club in Monterrey is being contacted in regard to their request for medical services for a child to be seen by Dr. Fustok. It is very likely that this project will be funded.

District has informed us that one of the clubs in the district had been supporting a Lahore, Pakistan club, but they have expended all of their resources. The club's effort in helping the Pakistan club came as a result of the devastating earthquake in that area. We will be looking into the kind of support they had been giving, with a mind of giving some aid.

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

JIM MANZOLILLO HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM

HE WILL BE SPEAKING
ABOUT HIS SHIP BUILDING
EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO.

Scott Smith has resigned from the club and Gary Johnson has accepted the position as his replacement, as he was next in line according to the number of votes. He will serve until the next Rotary year in July when Gary becomes Sgt. At Arms. Thanks for stepping up, Gary!



Boots and Black Ties VIP Event

Mark your calendars! Our formal, spring fundraising event is scheduled for May 5th, at the Marker 1 Marina.

Individual tickets are \$100 and tables of 10 go for \$750. Price includes a Texas Roadhouse catered meal, beverages, participation in live and silent auctions, plus all the dancing you can stand. Tickets are limited, so contact Geoff Atwater to get your name on the list.



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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
- Thursdays @ 7:00 pm LAGOS
The Federal Palace Hotel
Victoria Island, Lagos, Nigeria
- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One
- Thursdays @ noon YOSEMITE
The Ahwahnee
Yosemite National Park, California
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you.....

Bob Swint	15-Feb
Bill Geissler	16-Feb
David Taylor	16-Feb
Steve Owens	22-Feb
Christopher Gregg	25-Feb
Nanci Rutledge	1-Mar
Owen Morris	3-Mar
Travis Vermeer	4-Mar
Wayne Young	5-Mar
JB Fox	9-Mar

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



Pancake Breakfast for the Rotary Endowment Saturday, February 11th



Our adorable chefs



The "Red Badgers" who worked at the pancake breakfast last Saturday were: Alissa Sammons and her son Cameron, Art Oswald, Greg Layton, Jennifer Keller and Bob Taggart. Thanks for your help. We had the biggest crowd ever. The total net was \$817.00+. There may be some less to the Church. One half of the grill was inoperative, but Rotary intends to help repair the grill.



THE HISTORY OF TEXAS AND ITS FLAGS



PRESENTED BY GARY MCHENRY



AT THE FEB 6TH ROTARY MEETING

DITTY OF THE WEEK: MAME

You coax the blues right out of the horn, Mame,
You charm the husk right off of the corn, Mame,
You've got the banjoes strummin'
And plunkin' out a tune to beat the band,
The whole plantation's hummin'
Since you brought Dixie back to Dixie land.

You make the cotton easy to pick, Mame,
You give my old mint julep a kick, Mame,
Who ever thought a Yankee would put
A little Dixie mouse to shame.
You've made us feel alive again,
You've given us the drive again,
To make the South revive again, Mame.

Joseph Hang

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Alan Wylie was elected President of the Southwest District Rotary Youth Exchange. Congrats, Alan!

Ken Gury has made it home from the hospital, but is still not in top shape. Please keep him in your thoughts.



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