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## Food for thought...

A tired mind rarely makes good decisions. Fatigue can be very costly. Yet many people who are capable of managing companies and developing complex budgets don't have the sense to know when they need a break, or how to use their resources without depleting them. If you're wise, you won't just put appointments on your calendar, you'll schedule some "down time" too. Well-timed rest restores your energy and maintains your abilities, so that you can function at full capacity. Life is demanding, and the more you succeed, the more people will demand of you. It's up to you to rest and repair yourself.

## Agenda



- Luncheon Begins.....11:45
- Call to Order.....12:00
- Song.....Debby McBride
- Invocation.....Matt Tittle
- Pledge.....Micky Czarnik
- Four-Way-Test.....Mark Humphrey
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Pam Culpepper
- Announcements.....12:10
- Program.....12:30  
South African Group Study Exchange Team
- Adjourn.....1:00

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

SOUTH AFRICAN GROUP STUDY  
EXCHANGE TEAM

District 9320 South Africa to District  
5890 USA

20 February 2006 – 22 March 2006

TEAM LEADER: KAREN DE JAGER

TEAM MEMBERS:

TRACY THOMAS

SHAMEEM RANCHOD

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Please welcome each member  
and show them real Texan  
hospitality.

Our Boots and Black Ties Ball will be posted  
on the website below for other Rotarians that  
may want to come.

<http://www.rotary5890.com/DistEvents/Calendar.htm>



### Excerpt from JB Fox's Quarterly Report:

*It was suggested to the city manager that our club might consider the placement of very nice permanently installed grills in the park adjoining Lake Nassau. Each grill would have a brass plate installed with the wheel, depicting Space Center Rotary's donation to the city.*

*We were informed that there are long spaces in the median of NASA Parkway that are available to our club to use. One suggestion was the use of a replica of the RNASA award placed in one of the spaces. A good architect could do wonders with this offer.*

*The third quarter will be dedicated to adopting some or all of the aforementioned projects. In addition, other local projects identified will be given priority.*

### PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

JESSICA HERGERT

PEACE CORPS IN AFRICA



*Jennifer Keller gets her Blue Badge. Congrats Jennifer!!*



### 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.



## SERVICE Above Self

### AREA MEETINGS & OTHER LOCATIONS

- Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm ALDERNEY  
Belle Vue Hotel  
Alderney, Channel Islands
- Tuesdays @ Noon PEARLAND  
Golfcrest Country Club  
2501 Country Club Drive
- Tuesdays @ 12:10 LA PORTE  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Broadway @ Ave G
- Tuesdays @ 12:10 pm CHICAGO  
Union League Club  
65 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL
- Wednesdays @ 12:05 PASADENA S.  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
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- Fridays @ noon PASADENA  
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### Happy Birthday to you.....

Nanci Rutledge	1-Mar
Owen Morris	3-Mar
Travis Vermeer	4-Mar
Wayne Young	5-Mar
JB Fox	9-Mar
Pam Culpepper	14-Mar
Tim Kropp	17-Mar
Roger Lyons	22-Mar

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



Charles Grant promotes the formation of Rotaract Clubs for ages 18 to 30.



Phil Sandlin was inducted into our club last week and received his Red Badge. Phil is currently the Chief Deputy for Harris County Constable Precinct 8. He also volunteers with the Pasadena and Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeos. He is married to Merissa and they have a son named Blake. Thanks to Mike Cornett for sponsoring another new Space Center member. *Houston, we have a Red Badge.*



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RHONDA KENNEDY OF THE SWEENEY ROTARY CLUB WAS SELECTED TO SERVE AS GOVERNOR OF DISTRICT 5890 DURING THE YEAR 2008-2009. CONGRATULATIONS RHONDA.

Thanks to Jerrold DeWease who bought a table for the Boots and Black Ties Ball. With Earl Maudlin's two tables, that makes three. Who's next?

This Omega "moon watch" is valued at \$3,200. Travis Vermeer of Ben Bridge Jewelers at Baybrook Mall has donated this watch to be raffled off. Raffle tickets are twenty dollars each, or 6 tickets for one hundred dollars. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Winner will be drawn at the VIP Boots and Black Ties Ball on May 5th. Please make sure you thank Travis for his generous donation.

Here is the history on this extremely unique watch:

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In April 1970, the OMEGA Speedmaster rescued the Apollo 13 mission from a potential disaster, earning OMEGA the "Snoopy Award", the highest distinction awarded by the NASA astronauts. In another historical event, the Speedmaster was worn on the wrists of both the American astronaut Tom Stafford and the Russian cosmonaut Alexei Leonov during the historic Apollo-Soyuz space rendezvous. This was the first time the cosmonauts also wore the OMEGA Speedmaster. Ever since, the Speedmaster has been the official chronograph of all Russian manned space missions.

The greatest moment in the Speedmaster's history was undoubtedly 20 July 1969 at 02:56 GMT, when it recorded man's first steps on the Moon's surface. The Apollo 11 mission was a milestone in history and the Speedmaster became the first watch (and the only watch since) to be worn on the Moon. With this unique accomplishment came a unique nickname: the Moon Watch.



### DITTY OF THE WEEK: Whistle a Happy Tune

Whenever I feel afraid  
 I hold my head erect  
 And whistle a happy tune  
 So no one will suspect  
 I'm Afraid.

While shivering in my shoes  
 I strike a careless pose  
 And whistle a happy tune  
 And no one ever knows I'm afraid.

The result of this deception  
 Is very strange to tell  
 For when I fool the people I fear  
 I fool myself as well!

I whistle a happy tune  
 And ev'ry single time  
 The happiness in the tune  
 Convinces me that I'm not afraid.

Rotary Night at the Rockets  
 is coming up on Friday, March 31st at  
 7:30 pm. They are playing the  
 Washington Wizards.  
 Tickets are \$22 and \$27 each.  
 Great Seats!  
 You can go to: [http://  
 www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/  
 Calendar.htm](http://www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/Calendar.htm) to learn more.

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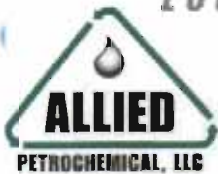
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