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Food for thought...

Suppose you had five birds sitting on a wire and three of them decided to fly. How many birds would you have left on the wire? Five birds is the correct answer. Making a decision to fly without acting on the decision is a waste of energy. The momentum to do something about our decisions is energized by action! To become successful, you must be a person of action. Many people "know" what they are supposed to do, but to "know" is not enough. You must know and do. Don't let your ideas, dreams or good intentions sit idly on a wire. Take action today!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

JESSICA G. HERGERT PEACE CORPS IN AFRICA

Jessica Hergert grew up in the Clear Lake area, graduating from Texas A&M University with a BA in Psychology and from University of Houston-Clear Lake with a Master's in Business Administration. After working in the human resources field for a year, Jessica left for Morocco to serve as a Maternal and Child Health Volunteer in the Peace Corps in February of 2003. Shortly thereafter, the Peace Corps program in Morocco was temporarily suspended when the US went to war in Iraq and Jessica returned to the States. In 2004, Jessica left again to serve as a Health Volunteer in Madagascar. Upon returning home in 2005, Jessica joined her father, Richard Hergert, at his financial planning firm, and is now following in his footsteps as a financial planner. In her free time, Jessica enjoys reading about international travel and development, and participating in triathlons and running and biking events.

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins.....11:45
- Call to Order.....12:00
- Song.....TBD
- Invocation.....TBD
- Pledge.....TBD
- Four-Way-Test.....TBD
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....TBD
- Announcements.....12:10
- Program.....12:30
 Jessica Hergert
 Peace Corps in Africa
- Adjourn.....1:00

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>

Please do not introduce your guests at our meetings as "potential Rotarians." Statements such as that should not be made for the simple reason that the person may not be accepted into our club for several reasons:

1. The board may not approve the proposal for reasons that come to light.
2. The club has a limit of how many persons of the same occupation are to be allowed into the club. It has nothing to do with his or her person, but due to RI recommended rules.

It would be a shame to announce him or her as a proposed member, and it not happen. The board's acceptance of a proposed member is not a foregone conclusion. In reality, the person who would be proposed, should not be told he or she is being proposed, for the same reason stated above. -JB Fox


PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

RICH BARRETT

AIRPORT NOISE COMPLIANCE OPERATIONS SERVICES

I just wanted to say thanks to Bill Geissler, Debby McBride, Bob Mitchell, Tony Bloomfield, and especially JB Fox for sending me weekly biographies, songs, pictures, announcements and many other items that enable me to share information with the club through the Blastoff. Thanks to many others who have given me items to add as well. I also appreciate all the feedback. You guys are awesome!

--Sharon Bloomfield



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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- 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 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
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- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
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1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you.....

	Pam Culpepper	14-Mar
	Tim Kropp	17-Mar
	Roger Lyons	22-Mar
	Dick Gregg III	4-Apr
	Ken Gurry	15-Apr
	Dennis Dillon	26-Apr
	Dick Meyer	30-Apr

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

APRIL 2, 2006

Rotary District 5890 Foundation Alumni
Reunion Picnic

YMCA Pavilion - Cypress Creek Family
YMCA (FM 249 @ Cypresswood)

12 noon until 4:00 pm

Lunch to be provided by Willowbrook
Rotary Club

Prizes, prizes, and more prizes!

RSVP: Rexanne Paugh 281-517-3710



save the Date

Suzi Howe
District 5890
Governor Installation
Saturday, June 3, 2006
6:30 p.m.
Space Center Houston

Contact:
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281-400-7444

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE
ROTARY SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE
AT 11:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 10,
2006 AT THE BRENTWOOD INN.**

Thanks to Jerrold DeWease, Tony Bloomfield and Earl Maudlin who are Shrimporee sponsors who have updated to full tables for the Boots and Black Ties Ball. With Earl Maudlin's two tables, that makes four. Number five anyone?

Excerpts from Julie, a Space Center Rotary Youth Exchange Student, who has been in Argentina for approximately 6 weeks (at the time of this message). She was writing to Alan Wylie.

...My first week was really hard getting used to everything; the big bugs, cold showers, no AC, really weird hours (dinner at 12:30 at night). But by the second or third week, I started ignoring the bugs, enjoying the showers and dealing with everything else I hadn't gotten used to. I had my ups and downs of course, but I have had such a great past two weekends, that I can hardly remember the downs. ...Everyone here in my town is so nice, and all really close, most of the times even related. In fact, pretty much if they are not related, they are dating. So I already have a whole network of good friends and cousins. School started last week, and it has gone well, especially since I had the chance to meet all my schoolmates before school even started since it's been summer here. Classes are taught very different here, but I enjoy them. ...We were invited to the Mendoza Rotary meeting/reception for us, and were presented certificates of participation in the weekend and information about Mendoza. We also went for a tour through the amazing Andes Mountains and, the big event of the weekend, a Festival Nacional de Vendimia, a 75 yr old traditional show and story of the harvesting and making of wine told by music and dancing. It was absolutely amazing. ...Yep, I am enjoying Argentina now. ...Thank you so much for everything. If it weren't for Rotary, and you, I would never see the beautiful things I have seen these past weeks. I am so grateful for this experience. Please pass that along to the rest of Space Center Rotary Club and let them know I am doing great. Chau and Suerte! ---Julie Raye

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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.

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.

DEBBY'S DITTY OF THE WEEK: HELLO DOLLY

Hello, Dolly, well, hello, Dolly.
It's so nice to have you back where you belong.
You're looking swell, Dolly,
we can tell, Dolly,
you're still glowin', you're still crowin',
you're still goin' strong.

We feel the room swayin
for the band's playin
one of your old fav-rite songs from way back
when.

So, take her wrap, fellas,
find her an empty lap, fellas.
Dolly'll never go away,
Dolly'll never go away,
Dolly'll never go away, again.

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/](http://www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/)

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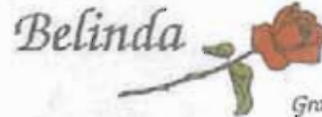
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