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Food for thought...

A boy named Tommy had a particularly hard time in school. He constantly asked questions and was not able to keep up with the other kids. His teacher finally gave up on him and told his mother that he couldn't learn and would never amount to much. But Tommy's mother was a nurturer: she believed in him. She taught him at home, and each time he failed, she gave him hope and encouraged him to keep trying. Whatever happened to Tommy? Well, he eventually grew up and became an inventor with more than 1,000 patents, including the phonograph and the first electric light bulb. Yes, this was Thomas Edison. Your words have power, so take time to teach faith, confidence, life and hope to others.

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song..... Debby McBride
- Invocation..... Alan Wylie
- Pledge..... Scott Rainey
- Four-Way-Test..... Charles Milby
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Bill Lowes
- Sunshine and Showers..... 12:05
- Announcements..... 12:10
- Program..... 12:30
James Campbell - Houston
Chronicle Editorial Staff
- Adjourn..... 1:00

TODAY'S PROGRAM

JAMES CAMPBELL HOUSTON CHRONICLE EDITORIAL STAFF

James T. Campbell is the Houston Chronicle's Readers' Representative and a senior member of the newspaper's Editorial Board. A native Houstonian, Campbell also worked as a reporter for the now defunct Houston Post.

Campbell graduated from University of Houston with a BA degree in journalism and history. He also attended George Washington University where he completed the Charles Edison Memorial political journalism fellowship.

Campbell's work as a reporter for the Chronicle and Post has earned him writing awards from among others the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Association, National Association of Black Journalists, the Press Club of Houston and the Hearst Corp. Campbell is a member of several journalism organizations, including the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, Organization of News Ombudmen and the National Association of Black Journalists.

Campbell is married to Carolyn Campbell, a TV reporter at KHOU-Channel 11. Together they have a son, Justin, and an active Golden Retriever, Sam.

Don't forget to purchase tickets for the Boots and Black Ties Ball! Let's have this fundraiser be our biggest success yet. Invite your friends for some fun, great food, and a chance at some great auction items.



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.

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

**RAMON MOROS
NICOLE PIASHOWY
YOUTH EXCHANGE**

Please be aware of the new member postings. They have been posted on the door leading into the ballroom. However, they may be posted on our bulletin board in the future. Someone might know of a reason that the proposed person would not be a good candidate for the club. The Board can do only a cursory review. If there are good reasons for disallowing a candidate, it may prevent problems later on. ---JB Fox

Some of our auction items for the Boots and Black Ties Ball are as follows:

- Texas Longhorns National Champions mini helmet autographed by Vince Young
- Epiphone guitar autographed by Willie Nelson
- One night's stay at Casino Coushatta and a round of golf for two at their Koasati Pines Resort (\$300 value)

More to come later....

The District Conference is less than a month away.... April 27th - 30th
There is still space for you to sign up for a "Ride of a Life Time"!
Don't miss this special event.



There is a Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation meeting on Tuesday, April 11th. If you are a Red Badge, attending a meeting may help with your checklist.

SERVICE Above Self 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 am SEABROOK
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 Nasa Road One
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you.....

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!)

DEBBY'S DITTY OF THE WEEK: MY FAVORITE THINGS

Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens
Brown paper packages tied up with strings
These are a few of my favorite things

Girls in white dresses with blue satin sashes
Snowflakes that stay on my nose and eyelashes
Silver white winters that melt into Spring
These are a few of my favorite things

When the dog bites
When the bee stings
When I'm feeling sad
I simply remember my favorite things
And then I don't feel so bad.

*OUR CLUB MEMBER DR. DAVID TAYLOR RECEIVED
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD
A FEW YEARS BACK....
THERE ARE ONLY 50 OF THESE AWARDS GIVEN
EACH YEAR... WORLDWIDE.*

*(FRANK HUEZO OF THE HUMBLE ROTARY CLUB RECEIVED THIS
AWARD FOR HIS WORK WITH THE NICARAGUA PROJECT.)
DR. TAYLOR WAS INVOLVED WITH A RUSSIAN CONTAINER PROJECT,
SO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE RUSSIAN DENTISTS.....WELL THAT
MADE HIM A NATURAL FOR THE "OFFICE VISIT." IT IS VERY
REWARDING THAT HE WOULD TAKE THE TIME FROM HIS
BUSY SCHEDULE TO HOST THESE DENTISTS.....LAURA HALE*

THE RUSSIANS ARE HERE

We are happy to have as our guests today a delegation of Russian Dental professionals. The team is composed of eleven members, a group leader or facilitator and a professional interpreter. They will be in the Houston area for the remainder of this week.

The team is traveling under a program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State which brings young entrepreneurs from Russia to study our business practices. They then apply what they have learned to their businesses when they return to Russia. The program is like a modern day Marshall Plan. The effect is to help rebuild a sound middle class based on a market economy.

The program is called the Productivity Enhancement Program and is administered by the Center for Citizen Initiatives, a San Francisco based non-profit organization. The visit of this particular delegation began in January with the help of PDG Jon Eiche, acting as the Local Coordinator for the group. This is a joint project of the five Rotary Clubs in Ft. Bend County: the Rotary Clubs of Sugar Land, Ft. Bend County, Rosenberg, Richmond and Oyster Creek. Each of the clubs has played an active role in securing home hosts and visits to various dental facilities in the Houston Metro area. The business visits have been coordinated by PDG Bob Ellis, a retired dentist.

During their two week visit, the team has been given presentations by the U.T. Dental School, the Ft. Bend Dental Society, the Texas School of Business, and dental clinics and dental equipment companies in the various specialty areas of dentistry. The group has had presentations on strategic and business planning, marketing, running a successful practice, an overview of American Dentistry, management decision making, financial planning, personnel management, current trends in dental surgery, associations and lobbying, business ethics, and the education and certification of Dentists and Dental Assistants.

The team has also been the guest of several Rotary Clubs in District 5890 and two fundraisers. This visit is an excellent example of the Rotary Vocational Lane of Service in action.

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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.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good or any kindness that I can show to my fellow creature let me do it now for I shall not pass this way again." - Stephen Grellett

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Join in on the fun at every Monday meeting.

Tell the members about your good fortune.

We call this part of the meeting, "SUNSHINE."



If your best friend took your soul mate, or your kitten kicked the bucket, or you locked your keys in the car while the car was running; tell us your problems so we can feel bad too!

This part of the meeting is called, "SHOWERS." Great fellowship!



--JB Fox



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