

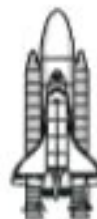


July 16, 2001

# THE BLASTOFF



Rotary Club of Space Center  
Rotary District 5890  
Meetings are held  
Monday's 11:45  
NASA JSC Gilruth Center  
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Whatever It Takes

District 5890 2001 - 2002 Theme

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## Today's Agenda

- |                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| <b>11:45 am</b> | Buffet luncheon begins                        |   |
| <b>12:15 pm</b> | Call to order                                 |   |
|                 | Song for today                                | <b>Jerry Bourgeois</b>                    |
|                 | Pianist                                       | <b>Ann Fulcher - John Wilson</b>          |
|                 | Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance           |   |
|                 | Introductions of Guest and Visiting Rotarians |   |
|                 | Four Way Test                                 |   |
|                 | Announcements                                 |   |
| <b>12:30 pm</b> | Program Chair                                 | <b>Rolfe Young &amp; Pam Culpepper</b>    |
|                 | July Greeters                                 | <b>Earl Maudlin &amp; Dick Gregg, III</b> |
| <b>Program</b>  | Thomas Goggins, Houston CAN! Academy,         |   |

## Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

### Rotary Club of Space Center

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| July 23 | Dr. Shelley Sekula, Dermatologist on Melanomas    |
| July 30 | Dr. Gail Evans, Exe Dir Distance Edu, UH-Downtown |
|         | Dr. Laural Dodds, Exe Dir Distance Edu, UHCL      |
| Aug. 7  | Board Meeting 7:00 am                             |

### Rotary District 5890 for 2001

- |            |   |
|------------|---|
| Aug. 20    | DG Dennis Adams Visits our Club                 |
| Aug. 29    | Rotary Night at the Astros & Reds               |
| Sep. 21/22 | Texas Style BBQ Cook-Off (North Shore Pavilion) |
| Sep. 22    | Shrimporee - Space Center                       |
| Nov. 7     | B: A Friend Hat Society - Westin Gallery        |



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# Today's Song

## Hello Dolly

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

We fell the room swayin', cause the band's playin'  
One of your old favorite 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

## How \$1,000 is Making a Difference By: Dr. David Taylor

Alex Gabriles of the River Oaks Rotary Club appealed for financial support to help a 21-year old Russian student who has gotten accepted into an American university M.B.A. program but cannot afford the cost. There are both general reasons and specific reasons why we might want to contribute to this cause.

In general, Russia's future is tied to the modern, western, ethical business model and bright young business people like Azamat can help lead the way. Azamat is a student prodigy who already has two college degrees in his Republic of Kabardia, speaks English fluently and will do extremely well at his studies in this program. He will succeed.

Specifically, our district knows Azamat and his father Slava, and last year his sister was a long term Rotary exchange student in Houston. She is a musical prodigy herself. His father first helped our district when Alex Gabriles began shipping supplies to the war torn parts of Russia during the first Chechnya rebellion some years ago. His father teaches at the medical school there and helped Alex to get the supplies where they belong.

His father is also the person who contacted us to host some high ranking law enforcement officials from their Republic three years ago. He accompanied that group as an interpreter. Those officials turned out to be the equivalent of the head of their F.B.I., their Attorney General, Vice Minister for Criminal Justice, etc. In other words, his family has been devoted to the fabric of a new Russian society.

It was Slava Koumykov who said they needed help with the criminal justice system and put that project together. It was his son Azamat who did all of the emailing and negotiating with us to set up the details of the trip. We feel like we know the young man personally and he is very impressive.

His education is just as likely to help Russia's future as the project to enlighten their law enforcement officials was. And we spent thousands on that police project.

So Alex Gabriles of River Oaks Rotary Club, who knows Azamat and his family quite well, appealed for a \$1,000 commitment from our club to permit Azamat to accept a position in the next M.B.A. class at the University of Hawaii. Azamat is such a remarkable young man that he is multi-lingual and has been employed by the United Nations as an interpreter.

He so impressed some Japanese visitors as their interpreter that they used their ties to the University of Hawaii to get him a scholarship in that M.B.A. program. He was then awarded a second scholarship, and along with donations from some Rotary clubs here in Houston to defray living expenses, he has been able to enroll for this fall. To help put this assistance into perspective, Azamat's father holds three jobs at wages which would be inconceivable here in the U.S. to give his family a better chance at life.

Azamat's goal is to introduce the ethical western business model into the Russian economy -- a sorely needed paradigm. He may even teach some day in this regard. It's the old adage about teaching people to fish, is it not.



Shrimporee Meeting  
Tonight  
Monday, July 16 at 5:00  
JSC Federal Credit Union

## Get Well Wishes

Roger Donnelly's wife Ina will be having her third surgery on July 19 at MD Anderson. We also thank Roger for taking time to attend to Rotary events and getting donations for the Shrimporee while taking care of Ina!

Bill Geissler's wife Joan recently had surgery on her shoulder (rotator cuff). She has many more weeks to recuperate and will begin physical therapy. Please keep the Donnelly's and the Geissler's in your thoughts and prayers.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE  
MEETING TUESDAY / JULY /  
24TH / 5 PM / JSC CREDIT UNION





**Mario P. Grassi, 2002 Convention Chairman**  
Ole! Buenos Noches Amigos!

As the Chairman of Rotary International Convention of 2002 and on behalf of President elect Rick and Cherie King I am very pleased to invite you to join us in Barcelona on June 23 to 26, 2002. You have the date June 23-26, 2002.



You will feel immediately at home when you arrive in Barcelona. And you will feel the Mediterranean charm embrace you when you walk from the old fishing village where Columbus laid anchor on his return from the New World. Down the Rambla — derived not from rambling but from the Arabic word for dryer river course — and continue on this unique promenade with mime artists, bird sellers, cafes and kiosks, and a lot of friendly people.

The best way to enjoy Barcelona is on foot. If you look around, you will find much evidence of Barcelona's rich history as a maritime power, as a cultural center and as an architectural jewel. The Liceu, an opera house ravaged by fire in 1861 and 1964 was restored to its splendor. Or walk through the Mercat de la Boqueria, a covered market known as one of the most attractive in Europe. The 150th anniversary of the great Catalan architect Gaudi will give you the opportunity to see his extravaganza architecture (Casa Battlo, La Pedrera) and in particular the unfinished intriguing cathedral, the Sagrada Familia — the Holy Family Cathedral, in which he lived and worked for 43 years of his life. Or maybe you prefer to relax on one of the benches in Gaudi astounding Parc Guell, a UNESCO world heritage site.

Did you know that Pablo Picasso started his work in Barcelona? The Picasso museum in the old part of the city features his early works. And you can also admire the artistic creations of Joan Miro, or the works of Antoni Tapies, the international known Catalan artist still living and working in Barcelona as well as Catalan painter Salvador Dali. Our convention site is also wonderful. Built in 1992 for the Olympics, San Jordi holds 18,000 seats to accommodate our main sessions. From the large square in front of the Palacio you can admire a wonderful view of Barcelona. A short walk brings you down to the Pueblo Espanol, the Spanish Village, a creation of the 1920 World's Fair and a reconstruction of houses from all over Spain in a rural setting.

Here our Host Committee is preparing a wonderful night, with Spanish folklore and enchanting music. Walking down you reach the two former royal palaces where the House of Friendship and the Club Project Exhibition are hosted. A splendid fountain provides some refreshing mist while you enjoy fellowship with old and new friends. And, at night you can admire the beautiful lights that light up the Barcelona sky.

With over 12,000 rooms in the downtown area, you can pick the hotel of your choice, from five stars to three stars with affordable rates. A fleet of buses and I assure you we will take a special care on transportation will bring you to all events.

You will not want to miss this spectacular convention. Thank you.

At the kind suggestion of Billy Smith *The Blastoff* will start having a "blank space" for you to make a note if needed, to record a date/event that is announced, exchange notes with a fellow Rotarian, etc. We hope this added empty space will be useful to you - there is only so much margin one can write in. Thanks for the suggestion Billy!

#### MONDAY 16 TH AT 5 PM AT JSC CREDIT UNION

The **SHRIMPOREE** is the only fundraiser that supports our service budget. Back in October I requested that all club members attend at least **two** of our meetings. Other than our regular committee members and a few red badgers, only **two** other club members have attended one of our meetings. I know that this may not be the committee that you serve on, but it is the fundraiser that supports your committee. Your input is wanted and needed. Come help make this the **best Shrimporee ever**. See you Monday 5pm, Earl



## Space Center Women of Rotary

Next Meeting - July 19, 2001 at the Holiday Inn

11:30 a.m. Social 12:00 Noon Lunch 12:30 p.m. Program:

The Hope Village Foundation for Retarded Children

Invocation: *Shirley Dillon*

Raffle prize donated by *Blanche Ligrani*

Hope Village provides a home-like atmosphere where each person is an individual, enjoying privacy, independence, and security. Each receives careful guidance and is accorded every opportunity to develop mental and physical skills to the utmost of his or her capabilities.

Roger Proulx (Director of the Workshop), and his wife, Sharon (Assistant Administrator), will be with us to give us an insight into this wonderful community. They will also bring some of the ceramic items produced by the residents.

Make your reservation when your SCWR telephone committee person calls you or call *Joan Geissler*, 281/488-1046.

### OFFICERS FOR 2001-2002 INSTALLED

At the June meeting, Mary Allen Stang, Past President, installed the following officers for the coming year:

*Martha Owen*

President (SCWR Newsletter Editor)

*Annie Epstein*

Vice President

*Carolyn Bennett*

Secretary (*Shirley Dillon*, proxy)

*Joni Dusenbury*

Treasurer (*Virginia Chaney*, proxy)

The following board members were announced:

Luncheon Chair

*Joan Geissler*

Callers:

*Aggie Bourgeois, Norma Brady, Sandra Predmore, Val Wier*

Service:

*Joyce Morris*

Social:

*Jackie Powers*

Historian:

*Blanche Ligrani*

Badges:

*Val Wier*

Shrimporee Dessert Chair:

*Jane Sweeney*

Progressive Dinner Chair

*Nell Lyons*

Board Advisor

*Marge Jacobson*

### SCWR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

At our June meeting, we presented our charitable funds for 2000-2001 to: Meals on Wheels (\$750), Women's Resource and Crisis Center (\$750), the Galveston County YMCA (\$250), and the Clear Lake YMCA (\$250). Thanks to all of you for your support which enabled us to make these donations.

These donations bring our charitable contributions amount to nearly \$30,000 since our inception! We can be truly proud of our organization!

Thank you so much to all of the members of the Space Center Women of Rotary for all that you do for Rotary and the community!

### 'MESSAGE FROM MARTHA'

Welcome to another year of service to our Women of Rotary! I am delighted to be working again with such a wonderful and talented group of ladies. I think we will have another great year! Thank you, Mary Stang, for a really nice installation service. I know Carolyn and Joni were sorry to miss it. Thank you, Shirley Dillon and Virginia Chaney, for being our pro tems.

My goal and hopes for this year are to bring into closer fellowship the families of Rotary. To do that, I need your help! Please plan to attend our monthly luncheons and support our major fundraisers as well as our smaller ones -- such as personal donations of items for various charities and our monthly "gift" raffle -- and plan to attend our social events. Together we can make this another outstanding year!

I will miss seeing you all at the July meeting due to a promise I made in December to baby sit two of my grandchildren in Atlanta during this period. Annie will preside and I know she will do a good job. See you soon --

Martha Owen, President

### SCWR Dates to Remember

- 08/02 Thursday: Board meeting at Victoria's Classy Chats Tea Room, 118 So. Walnut St., Webster. Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; lunch following.
- 08/06 - Monday: Space Center Rotary Meeting at Gilruth Center, NASA to celebrate their 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 11:45 a.m.

Turn Up The Heat  
marks the  
Shrimporee  
\$100,000 Goal





## INTERACT COMMITTEE MEETING BY: SCOTTY SMITH

The Interact committee will meet at 11:15 for a few minutes before our regular weekly meeting at The Gilruth Center on Monday July 23rd.

Please email me and let me know if you will be interested in joining this committee—new members needed—Red Badgers—this is a great opportunity for you to see what other committees you can become involved in!

Thanks a million  
Scott S. Smith  
ssmith.holidayinnnasa@gal-tex.com

## Sergeant at Arms - Vissett Sun

Please let Vissett know if you are planning to bring a group of people to attend an upcoming Rotary meeting in order for him to give the Gilruth an accurate headcount for lunch to be prepared.

We want to be sure there is enough food provided and we are also currently working on providing the Gilruth a closer headcount each week so that we are not charged for extra meals.

Email Vissett at vissettsun@aol.com

## Directory Updates!

Please correct the following in your directory.

**Jerome Bourgeois** has a new email address  
abourgeo@worldnet.att.net

**Marilyn Musial** has a new email address wmmusial@mcleodusa.net

**Dick Gregg, III** (I had his email address wrong) please make it  
dhgregg3@cyberbay.net

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Blood Type O Sponsor: Billy Ray Smith Date Inducted: 5/21/01  
Employer: MegaHaus Corporation Position: President  
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Albert Timme, III



Linda's Lines

"Be a Friend Hat Society"  
Tea and Market



Wednesday, November 7, 2001  
Times 11-2  
Westin Galleria Hotel



For Spouses and Rotarians

Prize for spouse of Club President  
hat has most in attendance  
for this event.



"On Monday, I'm not really up to speed yet.  
By Wednesday, I'm totally exhausted. I'm at  
my peak on Tuesdays from 11:20 to 11:23 AM."





Linda and Dennis Adams

**This is the song we will start to practice  
each week before our Governor  
visits on August 20**

***Song Rotary Business***  
(to the tune of  
Give My Regards to Broadway)

Sing out a song of Ro-ta-ry  
We're in the business of Mankind  
We soar the earth as Regal Eagles  
New Members each to find

We are the Class in Black my friend  
We serve will all our heart and mind  
So sing out a song of Rotary  
We're in the Business of Mankind

All Rotarians,

Please locate and bring in your  
past issues of "The Rotarian"  
magazine so we can give them to  
our guest to take home and read  
what rotary is doing around the  
world.

Thanks, Earl Maudlin

#### ***The Rotarian***

RI produces a wealth of informational  
and promotional materials, many of  
which are available for download. Ro-  
tary's flagship publication is *The Ro-  
tarian*, RI's official monthly magazine.  
All Rotarians receive *The Rotarian* or  
one of 27 official regional magazines.  
RI also provides *Rotary World*, a  
newspaper for RI leaders published  
five times a year, and the *Rotary News  
Basket*, a weekly online newsletter.

## **Upcoming Programs Rolfe Young & Johnny White**

- Aug. 6 Anniversary of Space Center Rotary Club Laura  
Hale/History of former members & long time cur-  
rent members
- Aug. 7 Board Meeting 7:00 am
- Aug. 13 Shrimporee!! Earl Maudlin
- Aug. 20 Governor Dennis Adams
- Aug. 27 Ian Crichton/Tour guide South Africa

[www.rotary.org/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/index.html)

Be sure to visit the Rotary In-  
ternational web page for more  
information about Rotary!

### **Object of Rotary**

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



The Blastoff continues to place ads for those interested in advertising their business. The business card size ads will run each week and cost \$200.00 for six months. All funds raised from ads will go directly to our clubs service account and thus be available for our various community and international charitable projects. Please contact Sheila if you are interested in placing an ad for the next six months.



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## The Rotarians Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



## Make - Up Locations

### Monday - noon

Angleton	A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof. Bldg.
Galleria Area	University Club

### Tuesday - noon

Galveston Island	San Luis Hotel
Harrisburg	Brady's Landing
LaPorte	St. John's Episcopal Church
Pearland	Golfcrest Country Club
River Oaks	Briar Club
Texas City	Nessler Center

### Wednesday - noon

Baytown	Goose Creek Country Club
Deer Park	Court & Theater Center
Dickinson	Methodist Church
Friendswood	Village on the Park
So. Pasadena	Baywood Country Club

### Thursday - noon

Alvin	Homestead Inn
Gulfway/Hobby	Hobby Hilton
Houston	Jr. League of Houston
LaMarque	1811 Briar Oaks Lane
League City	Ramada Inn
Seabrook (7:00am)	Esteban's Fiesta Shack
	Lakewood Yacht Club

### Friday - noon

Pasadena	First United Methodist Church
W. Galveston Cty.	LaMarque Holiday Inn

## NOTE

Makeup forms, checks, and other communiques to club secretary, treasurer, or president should be mailed to:

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Thank you for your inputs &/or comments! *THE BLASTOFF* inputs are due each Wednesday.



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