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Rotary District 5890

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## Today's Agenda

**11:45 am**

Buffet luncheon begins

**12:05 pm**

Call to order

Song for today

**Jerry Bourgeois**

Pianist

**Ann Fulcher - John Wilson**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions of Guest and Visiting Rotarians

Four Way Test

Announcements

**12:30 pm**

Program Chair

**Rolfe Young & Eric Westall**

Program

Nicaraguan Children's Choir

## Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

### Rotary Club of Space Center

Oct 1

Mayor Lee Brown

Oct 2

Board Meeting - 7:00 am

Oct 8

Holiday - no mtg.

Oct. 15

Shrimpoee follow up

Oct 22

Oct 29

Patrick Nolan / Channel 13, ABC News, Service Above Self

Nov 5

Robert Smith, III / Federal Reserve Bank

Nov 12

Holiday - no meeting

Nov 19

Dr. Maxime Faget / Conceptual engineer, director of Mercury

Nov 26

Tommy Holloway / ISS Director

### Rotary District 5890 for 2001

Oct 20-21

Wings Over Houston

Nov. 7

Be A Friend Hat Society Day - Westin Gallery

Jan 17

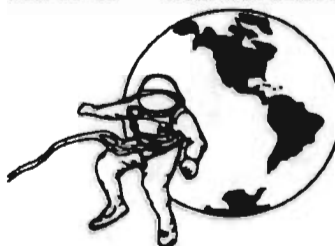
All Club Meeting

Mar 16

Interviews Ambassadorial Scholarship

Mar 21-23

Lone Star P.E.T.S.



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## Today's Song

**All Hail to Rotary**  
(Melody: *Anchors Aweigh*)

All hail to Rotary, Steadfast and Strong.  
We'll strive to stay the course,  
Though days seem short, and nights seem long.

Service in all we do, Forever free.  
Until we meet once more  
Here's health to all our friends in Rotary!

  
**Welcome!**

Welcome Visiting  
Rotarians &  
Guests!

<u>Proposed Member</u>	<u>Proposed By</u>
Peter Wuenschel Tony Resendez	Huey Barnett Marc Schneider



### A Special Message from RI President Richard D. King

On behalf of 1.2 million Rotarians in 163 countries of the world, I want to extend my heartfelt condolences to the victims and families of the tragic events of 11 September 2001. At this early stage, we do not yet know what losses our own Rotary family may have experienced, but I am quite certain that all Rotarians stand united in offering sympathy and support in these difficult times.

Since this tragedy occurred in the country where our world headquarters is located, Rotary International has received an outpouring of concern from Rotarians throughout the world. To share these concerns and condolences with other members of the Rotary family, we have put these messages on our Web site. This Web page will remain on the site permanently to allow Rotarians to respond to the future disasters that seem almost inevitable in our troubled world.

Many Rotarians have asked us how they can help. We strongly encourage Rotarians to turn to their own individual clubs or local districts for guidance. In the days and weeks ahead, clubs and districts in the New York and Washington, D.C., areas will undoubtedly begin initiating projects to help their communities recover. If you or your club want to provide assistance, the best way is to contact these clubs directly through your own district. Meanwhile, we are suggesting that Rotarians or Rotary clubs consider working with the Red Cross and other organizations that are equipped to respond quickly to such disasters.

These events demonstrate all the more the importance of Rotary's Global Quest to keep our organization growing and thriving. Where Rotary exists in the world, there is a greater chance for peace. By swelling the ranks of Rotarians dedicated to peace, we can further strengthen Rotary's mission to foster international understanding and goodwill.

Sincerely,  
Richard D. King

### RNASA

The RNASA Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 has been cancelled. If you have any questions please contact **Floyd Bennett**.

### Thank You

Thanks to **JB Fox** who went to the Gilruth Center at JSC and retrieved the Badges, Banners, and the "Tapestries", etc.



Tony Resendez has been proposed by **Marc Schneider** as a new member.

### DIRECTORY UPDATE

**Ted Cummings** - home phone number has changed to 281-480-1461.

**Lou Gaigher** - [pgaigher@quixnet.com](mailto:pgaigher@quixnet.com)





I'm sure we will hear from the Washington, DC and New York Rotary Clubs and we will pass on their information as soon as we can. This information is FYI only.

At this time we do not know what plans have been made from District 5890 or our club for this disaster.

SMS



Certainly, the NY tragedies were much more catastrophic and graphic. Had the fourth plane not gone down in Pennsylvania, DC might have looked much worse.

At this point, only one of our members from the Pentagon is unaccounted for, though it's not likely he was in the devastated part of the

building. In the midst of the confusion, I canceled this week's meeting as it was not clear whether the Secret Service would let us into the hotel. As it turned out, they have posted guards around the area, but they are allowing un-restricted travel.

Even with our membership intact, we have all lost friends and colleagues. Thank you for your kind thoughts.

Tim Hanson

President, Rotary Club of Washington, DC

#### Email Received From Rotary International

How to donate to the special fund for the Great Tragedy in New York City  
The Rotary Club of New York deeply appreciates the tremendous outpouring of support, from so many parts of the world, during this horrendous and unprecedented tragedy in our great city. In response to all the requests to help, we have set up a special fund for the Great Tragedy of New York City.

Checks Should Be Made Out To

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New York, New York, 10036

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The New York Rotary Foundation

Chase Manhattan Bank

Account Number: 0331041640

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We thank everyone who is standing by us at this very difficult time. We cherish your support and hope to take a major stand in helping the victims of this crisis.

If you have questions, please contact:

Andreas Runggatscher

Executive Director / Rotary Club of New York

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Very Sincerely,  
Helen Reisler, President

#### Belinda Skloss Emergency Appendectomy

Please keep Belinda Skloss in your thoughts and prayers as she heals from an emergency appendectomy recently. Belinda is always at our reception desk helping so we wish her a speedy recovery and return to the club!

#### THE LADY

By: Dana Holland

I wonder what she thought  
As she stood there, strong and tall.  
She couldn't, couldn't turn away,  
She was forced to watch it all.

Did she long to offer comfort  
As Her country bled?  
With her arm forever frozen  
High above her head.

She could not shield her eyes  
She could not hide her face  
She just stared across the water  
Keeping Freedom's Place.  
The smell of smoke and terror  
Somehow reduced her size  
So small within the harbor  
But still we recognized.....

How dignified and beautiful  
On a day so many died  
I wonder what she thought,  
And I know she must have cried.

God Bless Us All





On behalf of the Shrimporee Ticket Committee, I would like to thank the following Rotarians for paying for their tickets:

- |                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dave Baldwin     | 37. Adena Loston         |
| 2. Huey Barnett     | 38. Bill Lowes           |
| 3. Jerome Bourgeois | 39. Vic Maria            |
| 4. Floyd Boze       | 40. Earl Maudlin         |
| 5. Al Brady         | 41. Charles Milby        |
| 6. Jim Broughton    | 42. Marilyn Musial       |
| 7. Mike Brown       | 43. Frank Perez          |
| 8. John Christner   | 44. Bill Predmore        |
| 9. Angela Copeland  | 45. Scott Rainey         |
| 10. Mike Cornett    | 46. Xavier Sandoval      |
| 11. Ron Crowder     | 47. Jim Saxe             |
| 12. Pam Culpepper   | 48. Sheila Self          |
| 13. Marie Dalton    | 49. Dave Sincox          |
| 14. Joe DeKunder    | 50. Joan Skellenger      |
| 15. Jerrold Dewease | 51. Belinda Skloss       |
| 16. Dennis Dillon   | 52. Billy Smith          |
| 17. Mike Dinnard    | 53. Scott Smith          |
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| 33. Chuck Jacobson  | 68. Jim Wyatt            |
| 34. John Kennedy    | 69. Alan Wylie           |
| 35. Dick Kidder     | 70. Rolfe Young          |
| 36. Al Ligrani      | 71. Rosanne Zarcaro      |

If you have paid, and your name is not on this list, please contact **Rolfe Young**.

**Thanks to all of our Rotarians,  
families, and friends that helped  
to make this year's  
Shrimporee a success!**



#### The Adams Quarter

The club meetings are going full speed ahead, and I have seen friends and met new friends - all Rotarians, of course. The full impact of Rotary is outstanding as I visit the clubs. To see and hear all of the wonderful projects, new members being installed, Paul Harris Fellowships awarded and the club spirit. I will have to say the smaller clubs are really doing some wonderful things.

It was our pleasure to visit Bay City's major fundraiser, a concert given by "Asleep At The Wheel." They had a sell-out, got major sponsors, donations and the city's participation. What a great idea. Maybe, someone will give us an update of the \$\$\$ they made. If anyone's club has a fundraiser, please let me know when, where and the outcome - we all want to know.

Also, Brazosport had their major fundraiser, a shrimp and catfish cook-off. The food and enthusiasm was superb. The live and silent auction was full of great items and the attendance looked really wonderful.

The wheelchair response is so heart warming; I think Linda cries every time we get one. Just another way we can give something back to Rotary. I think we have 20 wheelchairs and numerous inquiries. Wouldn't it be neat if we could get 100 wheelchair donations this year - think about it!

John Painter's surgery went well and he is doing well at home. You might want to keep Diane and John in your prayers, Diane said she thinks she does not want to be a nurse, but love conquers all.

We just returned from New Orleans on a conference mission - what a mission. Linda coaxed me into a place that I was hesitant to go, but after 10 minutes I was hooked. (more on that later). You are going to be in for a treat every day. There is so much for you to see and do. Make sure you have your walking shoes on or learn to hail a taxi.

We really enjoyed ourselves at Enron Field with so many Rotarians, their families and friends. Thanks so much for your continued support! Proceeds from the event went to the Houston Area Flood Relief, where so many of our very own still need so much help. Linda and I had a really early start the next morning as we were on our way to Salt Lake for the Presidential Conference. (more on the conference next Gazette!) September 22 is going to be a really busy day and night - Linda and I have plans to attend all of the events.!!

I am still enjoying being your DG and thank you for all that you do, until next deadline!



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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?



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