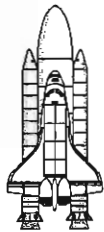




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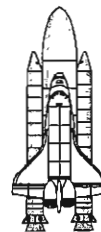


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Today's Agenda

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| 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 & Dave Baldwin |
| Program | Rebecca Cordero, our exchange student from Venezuela | |

District Governor Nominee for 2003 - 2004

In keeping with Article XIII of the R I Manual of Procedure (MOP) I have notified each club president on Aug 03, 2001 of our intention to select a District Governor Nominee to be Governor of our District in the year 2003-2004. Each Club was given 60 days to nominate a candidate from their club by the deadline of October 03, 2001. Applications were received, and the District Governor Nominating Committee met with the candidates and interviewed them on Oct 15, 2001.

They selected **George & Beverly Yeiter**. They determined that George & Beverly met the qualifications and were the best available candidate to lead our District.

I hereby declare George Yeiter as District Governor Nominee.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dennis Adams, District Governor 2001-2002

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The ROTARY Lombardi Award

The Rotary Lombardi Award is hosted by the Rotary Club of Houston and benefits the American Cancer Society. The Award was initiated by the Rotary Club in 1970 shortly after the death of Vince Lombardi to cancer.

The Rotary Lombardi Award goes annually to the college football lineman – offense or defense -- who, in addition to outstanding performance and ability, best exemplifies the discipline of Vince Lombardi. As the legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers, Lombardi first made a name for himself as the smallest but toughest member of Fordham University's "Seven Blocks of Granite," renowned in their day (1934-37) for being the most unyielding line in college football.

Appropriately, the trophy is a 40-pound block of granite atop a silver pedestal built over a foundation of discipline. The symbolic design was created by Houston Rotarian and professional artist, **Mark Storm**.

A distinguished committee of over 300 of America's most prominent college football coaches, football writers, sports broadcasters and previous Rotary Lombardi Award winners, participate in a three-tiered balloting process. Each year the selection committee selects twelve semifinalists, four finalists and the ultimate winner in balloting conducted by the accounting firm of KPMG Peat Marwick.

All four finalists, their head coaches and sports information directors are brought to Houston for two days of hospital visits, media interviews and local hospitality. The climax of the trip is the annual Rotary Lombardi Dinner, when the sellout crowd gathers to hear the announcement of the winner. Plans are currently underway for the 2001 Lombardi Dinner, and will be published when made available.

CAPERS HEADLINES 2001 ROTARY LOMBARDI DINNER

Texans Head Coach to Deliver Speech and Present Lombardi Award

Dom Capers, who will lead the Houston Texans into their historic first season of play in the NFL in 2002, will deliver the keynote speech at the 32nd Rotary Lombardi Award Dinner in Houston on December 5. This year's gala event will be held at the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Houston.

Caers is no stranger to the type of talent required to earn the designation of "Lombardi Finalists". In his NFL coaching career, six former Finalists played for Capers (Bruce Clark, , Eric Curry , Jack Del Rio, Ted Gregory, Greg Skrepenak, and Zach Wiegert). In addition, he was on the defensive coaching staff at the University of Tennessee in 1983 when Vols defensive tackle Reggie White was a finalist for the award.

This will be Capers second stint as the head coach of an expansion franchise in the NFL. He compiled a 30-34 record in four seasons with the Carolina Panthers. The Panthers' 7-9 record set an NFL record for most victories by an expansion team. Carolina also posted the first four-game winning streak in expansion history, the first winning home record by an expansion club and the first win over a defending Super Bowl champion (San Francisco) in expansion annals. In 1996, he was named NFC Coach of the Year as he led the Panthers to the NFL Championship game. After leaving the Panthers, he was hired as the Defensive Coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars improving their defense from 25th in the NFL in total defense in 1998 to fourth in 1999. He was named as the Texans first head coach on January 21.

"We are pleased and excited to have Coach Capers be our featured speaker this year," Dinner Chairman Marc Rieke said. "As a former coach of seven Rotary Lombardi Award finalists at both the college and professional level, he is very familiar with the outstanding talent and character required to become a finalist for The Rotary Lombardi Award.

Now in it's 32nd year of honoring the top lineman or linebacker in Division I football, the Rotary Lombardi Award Diner has raised over \$2.5 million for cancer research since it was first held in 1970. Table sales for the 2001 Lombardi Award Dinner are currently underway. For more information about participating in, or supporting the 2001 Dinner as a sponsor, please call the Rotary Office (713) 973-9936

<http://www.rotarylombardiaward.com/2001dinner.htm>

Today's Song

I Left My Heart In San Francisco

I left my heart in San Francisco,
high on a hill, it calls to me
To be where little cable cars climb
halfway to the stars
The morning fog may chill the air -
I don't care!
My love waits there in San Francisco,
above the blue and windy sea
When I come home to you, San Francisco,
your golden sun will shine for me.



Rotary Youth Exchange Students from Texas and Arkansas get together recently.

Note from Martha Owen:

Thank you, members, for voting to be in charge of the Transportation for patients sponsored by Rotary and the World Health Committee.

Bob Struzinski tells me that Blanca Gonzalez and her mother, Lucia, returned to Mexico on September 25 after being here for 90+ days and successfully completing two surgeries by Dr. Fustok. She will return in June, 2002 for further treatment.

Bob will notify us when the next patient is due (based on Dr. Fustok's schedule and availability) and ask for our help in driving to doctor's appointments, etc.

**Space Center Women of Rotary (SCWR)
Dec. 6 "Holiday" High Tea
Captain's Quarters Bed and Breakfast
3-5 p.m. - \$18**

Please pay by November 9 so that reservations can be confirmed. Payment may be mailed to:

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**Rebecca Quintero
By: Art Wood**



Rebecca Quintero has been a Rotary Exchange Student sponsored by our Club and the District since January of 2001. Many of you have met her and today you get a chance to hear her speak of her home country of Venezuela and of her U. S. experiences.

Rebecca and her family live in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Her Father is an Electrical Engineer, has telecommunications business, and is a Rotarian. Her mother is a Psychologist. She has one younger brother. Prior to coming to Houston, Rebecca completed her High School Degree and had a high interest in learning about the U. S., English, and our ways of doing things.

Rebecca came to us in January and enrolled in Clear Brook High School after the beginning of the second semester. She struggled to turn her academic knowledge of English into a working knowledge while immersed in a challenging junior course load in the middle of the school year. She worked very hard with great dedication and passed all courses by the end of the semester. She has begun the Junior Year courses in August to complete them and is doing well.

Through out her stay, she has been hosted by **Birda Gaskin** and her wonderful family. Her counselor, Earl Baum, the IYE Committee, and the whole club have provided much needed and appreciated support.

Take advantage of today to get to know Rebecca better. If you have an interesting and informative activity planned over the next two months, consider including Rebecca. A call to Birda can set it up.

SCWR - SHRIMPOREE REPORT

The day may have started out wet and wild, but we ended up well. September 22 turned out to be a beautiful day for the Shrimporee and we did very well in our efforts to raise money.

The "Death by Chocolate" basket, created by SCWR, purchased by **Bill Geissler**, then given back to SCWR, was used as our raffle item. We had the Rotary youth help us sell the raffle tickets and collected \$127. Our sweets assortment was baked by over 35 different people and helped us raise \$639. Our total proceeds for the day = \$766. We sold everything we had, except a few cookies that we gave to Joyce Morris to put in her freezer for Hope Village.

Thanks to all those wonderful members who helped with this fundraiser. We had volunteers that made phone calls, baked goodies, and/or helped on the day of the event. It was truly a group effort.

Jane Sweeney,

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
La Porte	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 1811 Briar Oaks Lane
La Marque	Gulf Greyhound Park
League City	Esteban's Fiesta Shack
Seabrook (7:00am)	Lakewood Yacht Club
Friday - noon	
Pasadena	First United Methodist Church
Hitchcock/Santa Fe	MaximBank Hwy 6
W. Galveston Cty.	Ramada Inn

Get Ready to "Jazz It Up" in the Big Easy

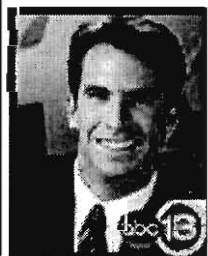
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Okay, enough of the corporate hype. On a recent excursion to New Orleans, District Governor **Dennis** and First Lady **Linda**, PDG Ed and JoAn Martin, PDG Bob and Barbara Franklin, DGE Jon and Evelyn Eiche and Conference Chairman **Bill Haglund** found out that the brochure was right!

As part of their responsibility to the district's Rotarians, a responsibility which they all took very seriously, this group braved the streets of New Orleans on behalf of District 5890 in a valiant attempt to put together an outstanding experience during the 2002 District Conference.

Several important observations were made during the trip: 1) The hotel is a fantastic venue for a conference, with spacious rooms, elegant restaurants, a sports bar, and shopping right next door; 2) The piano bar at Pat O'Briens still rocks; 3) The hurricane supply is more than adequate; 4) Harrah's is just across the street; 5) All the famous restaurants of New Orleans are still open; and 6) There just isn't enough time to do everything you will want to do.

So, saddle up and plan on heading over to the Big Easy for the 2002 District 5890 Conference, May 9 - 12, 2002, in New Orleans. Registration materials will be available in January. If you don't go, you'll know what it means to miss New Orleans!



Next Week's Speaker Patrick Nolan

Patrick Nolan joined 13 Eyewitness News in 1999 as a general assignment reporter. He came to Houston from Florida where he worked as a reporter and anchor.

Born and raised in Miami, Patrick is the youngest of six children. He graduated from the University of Florida with a major in Telecommunication and a minor in Latin American Studies. He went to graduate school in Australia thanks to a scholarship provided by Rotary International.

Over the years, Patrick's reports have earned him a number of awards and taken him all over the country. He also speaks Spanish and has worked internationally covering stories in Mexico, Cuba and Germany.

Patrick's volunteer work has brought him into nursing homes, schools, and pools (he is a certified Red Cross swim instructor.) His other interests include tennis, traveling and country music.

http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/aboutus/Patrick_Nolan.html

The Adams Quarter

The North American Presidential Conference was one of the best, the meaning of soaring with the eagles becomes even more meaningful each time I hear Rick King exemplify his motto. So many great speakers at the conference gave their reason for being a Rotarian. I think the greatest explanation of a many Rotarians is "I was in Rotary, but Rotary was not in me". Think about it, being a Rotarian is not just having lunch once a week, but being involved in your fundraisers, projects, District Conference and district events. These are real reasons Rotary exists. The courage is to try... and to take a chance to set your spirit free. A yearning for what can be. Rotary is excitement, anticipation and participation; this is what makes Rotary grow. I hope each one of you will get involved with some of these things - so we can grow.

While we were in Salt Lake City, Utah, one of the many speakers we heard was Stephen Covey, I urge everyone to read his books. He said it best.

"Out of Silence comes Faith.
Out of Faith comes Love.
Out of Love comes Service
Out of Service comes Peace"

This is what Rotary is about, the peace we feel by helping others, from the love in our hearts as we service those in need, sometimes in silence and in never ending faith.

Another wonderful quote from Stephen Covey was "As we continue life's journey, because life is short and we have to travel wisely to accomplish goals that our maker put us on this earth for. Think about this, the four "L's" of Life is Live, Love, Learn and Leave a Legacy." If we can give this to our families, children loved ones and ourselves, wouldn't the world be a better place, and Rotary would expand immensely.

Linda and I had the great privilege to go to the United Nations in New York, NY to be with the children from Nicaragua. We were going to see the children perform, but unfortunately that did not happen. We were in Mid Manhattan the morning the World Trade Towers were hit on September 11, 2001. You cannot imagine what goes through your mind when you are so close to such a tragedy that affects the whole world. We heard sirens, and saw many, many people flee Lower Manhattan. If you can believe it, Wednesday morning when we left, New York was silent around Central Park; no one was on the street - not even a yellow taxi. Don and Pam Treimann were so kind to come to our rescue and offer us a place to stay until we could get home; in addition they had other guests that were also stranded. We called it the Treimann's B & B. We did get to help the Rotary Club of Cornwall and Litchfield, Connecticut with the Nicaraguan children, Father Marco and Frank Huezo. Don Treimann's club put together a wonderful fundraiser for the boys, in the short amount of time they had in getting the towns and community involved and interested. My hat is off to **Don, Pam and Ann Treimann!** See Rotary can work miracles and you can too!

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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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