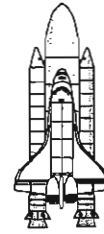
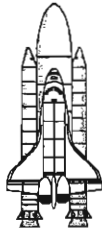


THE BLASTOFF



December 10, 2001

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District 5890 2001 - 2002 Theme

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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 & Brent Caldwell
Program	Rocketmen	

Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

	Rotary Club of Space Center
Dec 14	Holiday Party/Lakewood Yacht Club/ Contact Bill Taylor
Dec 17	Soundwaves
Dec 24	Holiday - no meeting
Dec 31	Holiday - no meeting

	Rotary District 5890 for 2001
Jan 17	All Club Mtg/Radisson Hotel Astrodome Convention Center
Mar 8	RNASA Banquet - South Shore Harbour
Mar 16	Ambassadorial Scholarship Interviews
Mar 21-23	Lone Star P.E.T.S.
May 9 - 12	District Conference in New Orleans - <i>Jazz it up!</i>



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Today's Song

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a White Christmas,
just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten and children
listen to hear sleighbells kin the snow.
I'm dreaming of a White Christmas
with ev'ry Christmas card I write
"May your days be merry and bright,
and may all your Christmases be white."

Power Raft

Dukes of Spook vs. Rocket Men

http://tlc.discovery.com/fansites/junkyard/episode/season_05_04.html

White water and death-defying rapids present the challenge in this first-round match. The Rocket Men, a group of NASA scientists, are competing against the Dukes of Spook, haunted house builders, to fashion power rafts that will carry them up and down the turbulent rapids of the Kern River. The teams must build an unsinkable, one-man, powered boat to carry them through the special white-water obstacle course in the shortest possible time. Speed is paramount, but the different elements of the course (smooth water, rocks and wild white-water rapids) require the boats to have engines and propulsion systems that work reliably, a strong, stable hull design and a brilliant steering system. One team goes for a complex, high-tech design while the other tries to keep it simple. The outcome however, like white water, is anything but predictable.

Judge: Greg Shoemaker, Corona, Calif.

Greg Shoemaker is a 52-year-old jet boat designer and builder. He began drag boat racing in 1974 and has won numerous titles and set records in racing divisions all around the world. In 1979, he started his own company building his own jet pump boats. He even helped Kawasaki make its jet bikes run faster. In the 1990s, he got into racing Alcohol Hydros and was the national champion five years in a row. Recently, he worked as a color commentator on ESPN on their drag boat racing shows.

Expert for Rocket Men: Doug Riddle, Lewiston, Idaho

Doug Riddle is a 49-year-old boat builder from Lewiston, Idaho. He's been building boats since 1975 and has explored new rivers in Nepal for the U.S. and Nepalese governments. He's raced white-water jet boats since 1981 in Canada, the United States and Mexico and also raced in sprint boat competitions. He built the boats used in the James Bond movie *Tomorrow Never Dies* and taught the stuntmen how to drive them.

ROCKETMEN - Today's Program

Recently, a team from the Johnson Space Center participated in the taping of a television show that aired in October. The show is called "Junkyard Wars", and is carried by The Learning Channel (TLC).



Mike Jensen (NASA), Jim Dewberry (NASA) and Tom Evans (Barrios) were one of the 8 teams selected, out of nearly 1000 teams that entered, to participate in the Fall 2001 series of episodes. The team originally entered under the team name of "Orbital Debris", but then changed to "The Rocket Men", at the production company's request. The series of shows aired in late September, with the Rocket Men taking on the "Dukes of Spook" on October 24th, at 8 pm on TLC.

"Junkyard Wars" is the American version of a British show, "Scrapheap Challenge", and started out as an educational show intended to try and get kids interested in technically related things, also providing explanations on how things work. Cathy Rogers, one of the co-hosts and President of the company that created the show, actually came up with the idea for the show while watching the movie "Apollo 13". She said that it came to her when the NASA Engineer walks into the room with a box full of stuff and says that the task is to figure out how to build a Carbon Dioxide (CO2) scrubber out of these parts. A typical show pits 2 teams against one another, with a common challenge to build a machine out of junkyard parts, in ten hours, then to compete those same machines the next day. The winner gets a handsome reward; bragging rights.

In the Oct 24th episode, The Rocket Men and the Dukes of Spook were challenged to build a powered watercraft that would negotiate a single-fastest lap, with three laps available to each team to accomplish the task. There was also one additional small detail; this had to be done on a white-water river.



From the far left, is Mike Jensen, Cathy, Jim Dewberry, Tom Evans and Doug Riddle, our team expert for the boat challenge.

The chance to intentionally tear up stuff and use all sorts of tools was very fun, and having to scrounge the parts and build the machine in 10 hours was quite a challenge. Mike, Jim and Tom all agreed that the experience was quite a lot of fun, and that they would all participate again, if given the chance.

Be sure to tune in for the upcoming reruns on TLC.





Clear Lake Metropolitan Ballet

University of Houston-Clear Lake Bayou Theatre

December 7th at 8 PM
 December 8th at 2 PM & 8 PM
 December 9th at 2 PM

Tickets: \$16 - \$22
 Available at the CLMB office (281) 480-1617
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www.clmb.org

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

Rotarians in Pakistan - Submitted by Alan Wylie

Good Rotary publicity
 Something positive for all of us to enjoy

Please see the following article from the Nov 28 Chicago Tribune:
<http://chicagotribune.com/features/lifestyle/chi-0111280042nov28.story?coll>

Mark Your Calendars!!

Vocational Excellence Award "Outstanding Business Person"
 Nominations are due December 14 - Contact **Dr. Adena Loston**

Bicycles with helmets and knee pads - \$50.00 Contacts are: **Vic Maria, Earl Maudlin, Al Brady and Dennis Dillon**

Rotary Holiday Party - December 14 7:30 pm - 11:30 pm
 Lakewood Yacht Club - Dinner and Dancing - Kurland Street
 Band and a Surprise Special Guest - \$42.50 per person
 Contact **Bill Taylor** for tickets

Pancake Breakfast January 19 at 7:30 am - \$5.00
 Nassau Bay Baptist Church - Purchase tickets from **Jack Lister**

December 1-29, Christmas at the Kemah Boardwalk. Get in the Christmas spirit with a stroll through the Boardwalk's holiday-themed areas including Toyland, the North Pole, Candy Land and Winter Wonderland. Santa photos and letters to Santa are offered weekends all month. Information 281-334-9880 or 1-877-AT-KEMAH.

December 8, Holiday Canoeing, Armand Bayou Nature Center. A special holiday canoe trip down Armand Bayou. Start off by personalizing your canoe with various provided holiday decorations, then take a leisurely paddle to the boathouse to enjoy a light breakfast. Continue canoeing down the bayou to discover what winter wildlife awaits you. Travel approx. 2-3 miles round trip. Beginning and experienced canoers welcome. Ages 10-adult, 7:30-11:00 a.m. For fee and info 281-474-2551.

December 8, 40th Annual Christmas Boat Parade on Clear Lake. More than 100 beautifully lighted and extravagantly decorated boats travel leisurely through the Lake and up Clear Creek Channel to Galveston Bay, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The parade can be viewed along the shoreline in Seabrook and Kemah. For information, call 281-488-7676.

December 22, Breakfast on the Bayou. Start your weekend by enjoying a leisurely morning breakfast drifting down the bayou on the "Bayou Ranger" pontoon boat at Armand Bayou Nature Center. Observe wildlife searching for their own breakfast. An uncommon opportunity to watch and learn about bayou life while enjoying rolls, juice and coffee. For Information 281-474-2551.

December 29, Sunset Cruise at Armand Bayou Nature Center. Leave from Bay Area Park aboard the "Bayou Ranger" 28' pontoon boat. Enjoy a leisurely educational and relaxing trip on the bayou in the cool of the evening. Sunset on the water is a beautiful and a very active time for birds and other wildlife. For ages 5-adult. Nominal fee. For Information 281-474-2551.



THE UNITED STATES ONE DOLLAR BILL

Take out a one dollar bill, and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design. This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal. On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget. In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut. Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury. That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know.

If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved. If you look at the left-hand circle, you will see a Pyramid. Notice the face is lighted, and the western side is dark. This country was just beginning. We had not begun to explore the West or decided what we could do for Western Civilization. The Pyramid is un-capped, again signifying that we were not even close to being finished. Inside the capstone you have the all-seeing eye, an ancient symbol for divinity.

It was Franklin's belief that one man couldn't do it alone, but a group of men, with the help of God, could do anything. "IN GOD WE TRUST" is on this currency. The Latin above the pyramid, ANNUIT COEPTIS, means, "God has favored our undertaking." The Latin below the pyramid, NOVUS ORDO SECLORUM, means, "a new order has begun." At the base of the pyramid is the Roman Numeral for 1776.

If you look at the right-hand circle, and check it carefully, you will learn that it is on every National Cemetery in the United States. It is also on the Parade of Flags Walkway at the Bushnell, Florida National Cemetery, and is the centerpiece of most hero's monuments. Slightly modified, it is the seal of the President of the United States, and it is always visible whenever he speaks, yet very few people know what the symbols mean.

- The Bald Eagle was selected as a symbol for victory for two reasons:
- First, he is not afraid of a storm; he is strong, and he is smart enough to soar above it.
- Secondly, he wears no material crown. We had just broken from the King of England.



Also, notice the shield is unsupported. This country can now stand on its own. At the top of that shield you have a white bar signifying congress, a unifying factor. We were coming together as one nation. In the Eagle's beak you will read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM", meaning, "one nation from many people". Above the Eagle, you have thirteen stars, representing the thirteen original colonies, and any clouds of misunderstanding rolling away. Again, we were coming together as one. Notice what the Eagle holds in his talons. He holds an olive branch and arrows. This country wants peace, but we will never be afraid to fight to preserve peace. The Eagle always wants to face the olive branch, but in time of war, his gaze turns toward the arrows.

They say that the number 13 is an unlucky number. This is almost a worldwide belief. You will usually never see a room numbered 13, or any hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about this: 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the Pyramid, 13 letters in the Latin above, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum", 13 stars above the Eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits, and if you look closely, 13 arrows. And, for minorities: the 13th Amendment.

I always ask people, "Why don't you know this?" Your children don't know this, and their history teachers don't know this. Too many veterans have given up too much to ever let the meaning fade. Many veterans remember coming home to an America that didn't care. Too many veterans never came home at all.

Information Submitted by: Billy R. Smith

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November 10, 2001

Dear Space Center Rotary Club,

I would like to first introduce myself to all of you and secondly tell how my exchange has gone so far in the first two months. My name is Jenny Diamond and I am an outbound student right now in Ecuador, sponsored by Space Center Rotary. In case I have not previously thanked the club I would like to do so again for making possible this opportunity of a lifetime. Here is a snippet of my life abroad up until this point.

I live in the city of Cuenca here in Ecuador and it is the third largest city here with a population of 350,000, small by Houston standards. Cuenca is unique because although it is the third largest city, it is as we say in Spanish "muy antigua" and has retained much of its colonial charm. Many of the streets are only now being paved and there is no shopping mall here. The biggest building is the supermarket which has a handful of small stores attached similar to a strip shopping center. There are two cinemas in town, each with one screen. The first month that I was here I went with my younger brother and sister (aged 10 and 12) to see Shrek and Atlantis in Spanish.

One of the fallacies that I held before coming here was that since I would be living on the equator the weather would be hot, but so far it has been pretty cold and I need to layer up to stay warm. One of the most useful things that I received from the club was the youth exchange sweater. I wear it all the time since it is quite warm and I would like to thank you again particularly for that gift. From what I am told it doesn't get much warmer so I know that the sweater will continue to get a good use here.

I am adjusting as with everything else and it gives me an excuse to go shopping, although the clothes are very expensive. Almost everything else though is very cheap by American standards. It costs me twenty cents for bus fare. A three course meal in a restaurant is about two dollars and a bouquet of roses is about one dollar fifty to cite a few of the prices here.

Although the forms of entertainment here are limited I always find something to do after school and on the weekends and have stayed extremely busy. I have signed myself up for Spanish lessons twice a week for two hours each time and am looking into salsa lessons with my friends here. On off days from classes we like to go to the cinema, shopping, walking through the city, out for an ice cream, or just hang out at each others' houses. Since Cuenca is so small you are bound to see at least a handful of people you know, and even I see friends when I go into town despite being here for only two months. When you run into someone you know, or even when you don't know the person you greet them with a peck on the cheek which I think is a lot friendlier and intimate than the traditional handshake.

The food is also a bit different than what I am used to in the US. The big meal of the day is lunch which the whole family comes home for. The traditional lunch consists almost always of a soup (sopa), followed by usually a vegetable. Normally chicken is the meat of choice because that is what most can afford although fish is also prevalent and of course there is always, always rice at every meal. I don't think that I have ever in my life eaten this much rice.

As for major activities and festivities I have experienced much in the first two months alone. I arrived in Cuenca in time to go to the wedding of my cousin the first weekend that I was here. It was so much fun and interesting to see the differences in the way they celebrate special events here. The festivities go on for between 8 and 12 hours before everyone eventually goes home tired, happy and drunk off a local liquor that is brewed here in the mountains and very popular. My second week here was spent with my family at the beach in a popular vacation town called Salinas that thrives off solely tourism and vacationers. Although the beaches were beautiful I could not bring myself to get in the water because it was so cold. Afterwards I had a week to get to know Cuenca and the other exchange students before school started on the 24th of September.

Since then I have been in school everyday and it is very different than the school in the US. Here I am in what they call the 6th grade but it is the last year of high school here so it is the equivalent of the 12th grade in the US. There are two classes in the 6th grade and we stay in the same classroom. It is the professors who change classes for each of the 8 classes a day. There is one 30 minute break and I go home for lunch. I take the bus to school in the morning so that means that I need to wake up at 5 am to catch the bus at 6 although school doesn't start until seven thirty. This is also the first time I have had to wear a uniform to school.

Two weekends ago there was a conference in a small nearby town called Gualaquiza with all the rotaract students from the area. There were lectures all day long in Spanish on topics such as morals, ethics, and cultures. It was all day long and we broke only to watch the big soccer game (which Ecuador won), and many dressed up in the national colors for the game. One night at the conference I had to do a skit in Spanish with two other exchange students and since our Spanish is limited we just decided to have fun with it and act goofy. Well, I guess we did a good job because the rotaract kids and the rotarians all thought that we were the funniest thing on two legs. It was really nice to connect with the others there and I hope that they remember us.

This past weekend the Rotary Club of Portoviejo hosted a weekend for all of the exchange students in Ecuador. This was the first time that I had the opportunity to meet all eighty exchange students here in Ecuador. We spent the first two nights in a hotel in Portoviejo and toured the area. The next night we went to a small secluded hostel right on the beach. It was beautiful. The last night we were in

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Rotary Youth Exchange

By: Alan Wylie

December 1 - 2 was a big week-end for the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Six American students were interviewed for the long term program. Also a Christmas party was held for the applicants and for our inbound students . The six applicants are being sponsored by Space Center Rotary Club, Brazosport Rotary Club, Angleton Rotary Club, and the Sugar Land Rotary Club. All are excellent candidates for representing our district.

Following the interviews, the applicants went to Pearland, to the home of Rotarian Naomi Stevens, our hostess for the Christmas party. The inbound students arrived mid afternoon. Everyone went to the basketball tournament, sponsored by Pearland Rotary, and then returned to Naomi's home for a catered barbbq dinner (courtesy of Pearland Rotary). In the latter part of the evening, the students sat in a circle, talked about the Christmas customs in their countries, and exchanged gifts. They enjoyed being with one another. Also it was an excellent opportunity for the outbound students to make new friends from across the world, while deciding what countries to include in their request for a host country. Once more, we were reminded about the excellent calibre of students in the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

A special thank you to the following Rotary clubs for hosting / financing the exchange students for 2001-2002: Space Center, Copperfield, Memorial Spring Branch, Heights, West U, Brenham, Willowbrook, Northwest Houston Sunrise, Northshore, Sweeny, Brazosport, Tomball, Cy Fair, Sugar Land, Richmond, Oyster Creek, and Deer Park. Also thank you to Pasadena, Sharpstown, and Galleria Rotary clubs who will be hosting / financing students beginning January 2002

Exchange agreements are now being made with districts in other countries for 2002 - 2003. Plans are to host 18 to 20 students, meaning approximately 18 clubs will be needed for hosting. District 5890 Rotary clubs are asked to commit now for the opportunity to host a Rotary exchange student for 2002 - 2003. Please contact Alan Wylie (281-326-4175, adwylie@ghg.net) or Nick Giannone (nickfg@iwon.com) , co-chairs for RYE, for more information.

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Porteviejo, we were hosted in the houses of local Rotarians and that was a nice way to end a great weekend. We were busy almost the whole time and the Rotarians did so much for us, not only monetarily but they generously gave their time the whole weekend to make it a truly memorable trip for us. I am excited about the other two trips coming up this year for us, in February and also in April to the Orient and to the Galapagos Islands.

Last but not least I would like to add a bit about my host family here. I cannot say enough for them and I just adore the whole family. My father here is in the banking business and my mom here works at a school and also works almost every day at the family's ranch which is also a restaurant and hotel that is about thirty minutes outside the city. We go there about every other weekend for the day to eat and while my parents work we get to ride the horses or take walks and explore the place.

I have four siblings here but one of my sisters who is 17 is an exchange student right now in New York. Living here is my oldest sister who is 20 and in the university here and who was an exchange student with Rotary to the US two years ago. We have become good friends and I love having an older sister for the first time. I also have a younger sister who is 12, the same age as my sister in the US, and a brother who is ten. I truly feel like part of the family here.

I hope that this letter paints a better picture of my life here in Ecuador and thank you again for everything. This experience of a lifetime would not have been possible were it not for the support emotionally, physically and monetarily that all the Rotarians worldwide have provided.

Lastly I would like to ask a favor of the Rotary Club of Porteviejo and myself. I would like the Space Center Rotary club to consider helping sponsor this program that the club here has started to help out the youth here who cannot afford basic school and medical supplies.

Muchas Gracias!

Jenny Diamond
Cuenca, Ecuador

Information submitted by: Art Wood

Having Input In District 5890 Decisions Interest In Allocating DDF Money?

By George M. Yeiter, DGN

It is time to determine how District Designated Fund (DDF) money will be spent in 2003-04.

What Money? DDF money.
What For? International Service but some is for Local Community Service.
How Much? \$182,523 is firm and it may be more depending on future events.

Here is how the DDF works. Each year the district conducts a fund raiser. The money goes to the Rotary International Foundation. Rotarians receive Paul Harris Fellowships for every \$1,000 they raise. The money is invested and then spent on International Charitable projects 3 years from when it was donated to the RI Foundation. During 2001-02 we are selling raffle tickets.

The Districts that donated the money "Share" in the decisions as to how this money is spent in the International Lane of Service. (District 5890 will allocate \$182,523 for year 2003-04). Keep in mind the objective of International Service which is to build goodwill and peace in the world through humanitarian service, educational programs, and cultural exchanges.

If you want to have input on how District 5890's DDF funds are spent in 2003-04, now is the time to speak up. Here are the primary choices to which we can allocate our DDF monies.

Polio Plus Program - attempting to eradicate polio by 2005

Matching Grants - supplementing the club's request for matching grants with overseas Rotary clubs

Disaster Relief - to help when requests come to the district from overseas

Ambassadorial Scholarships - sending district area students abroad for study & cultural exchange

Peace Scholarships - a 2 year scholarship for a Masters Degree in Foreign Affairs - Conflict Resolution

Group Study Exchanges - swapping teams of 5 locals with 5 foreign people for 4 weeks of cultural exchange

University Teacher Grant for local Professor to teach abroad 3-9 months (can be a Rotarian)

Email me and tell me how you would allocate this money if you were the decision maker. Contact DGN George Yeiter at gyeiter@yeiter.com. If you want to learn more about any of these programs go to the RI web site: www.rotary.org.

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Be a Friend and Bring A Friend to Rotary.

Soon District 5890 will sponsor the annual **All Club Meeting**, a spectacular once a year gathering of more members of District 5890 Rotarians and their guests than any other Rotary function.

There are **three primary objectives** to this: **Fellowship, Membership Growth, and Rotary Information:**

1. *It is fun* and exciting to meet and **have fellowship** with a large group of Rotarians for a Rotary meeting at least once a year.

For Rotarians who have been around for a while, it is enjoyable to see old friends from other clubs and to expand your **acquaintanceship**.

For newer Rotarians it is the **opportunity** to see that there are many more Rotarians outside your club and you can expand your networking and friendship through out our enlarged community.

2. *It is also* a great opportunity to **introduce a friend to Rotary**. We have a powerful Rotarian speaker, the next President of Rotary, we have exhibits from the clubs to show our service projects, and we have lots and lots of Rotarian to show that there are thousands of business and professional men and women in Houston in Rotary.

3. Rotary information will abound starting with the exhibits and culminating with our noon lunch speaker. You and your guest will learn what about past and current service projects of the clubs of District 5890 and about what is happening in Rotary on an international basis. This should be extremely interesting in light of current world events.

It would be pretty impressive for your club to have an exhibit to brag about what you have accomplished. Also, if you have an exhibit, you will find more members will take interest and attend.

Mark your calendar for Thursday, January 17, 2002.

Exhibits can be visited from 10:30-2:30. The **Rotary lunch meeting** goes from 12-1:30. If you can make time, show your Prospective Rotarian friend the exhibits, but, if time is too tight, at least make lunch and hear **our speaker, the next President of Rotary International, Bhichal Rattakul of Thailand**. The **location** is the Radisson Hotel Astrodome Convention Center, Kirby at the 610 Loop.

\$25 per person for lunch. **Following are the benefits to include:**

- touring the exhibits,
- seeing old friends,
- making new friends,
- showing off what your club has accomplished,
- experiencing the fellowship of Rotary,
- introducing an acquaintance to the fellowship and friendship of Rotarians, and
- the introduction of your friend to the value of service as found in the clubs comprising District 5890 is all **FREE**.

Most, if not all clubs, will cancel club meetings and encourage members to attend this special, once a year treat.

The Rotary District 5890 All Club Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, January 17, 2002 at the Astrodome Radisson Hotel Convention Center, 8686 Kirby Drive.

This is a great opportunity to see Rotary in action, hear a great speaker, interact with other clubs within our District and have lots of fun. Usually, our club is well represented with about 20 Rotarians. This year, our goal is to have at least 30 of our club members in attendance. So, now is the time to plan to attend and reserve your seat. The \$25.00 per person fee IS PAID BY OUR CLUB!

Sign up now by calling me at 281-652-4353 and let our club be well represented!

Service Above Self,
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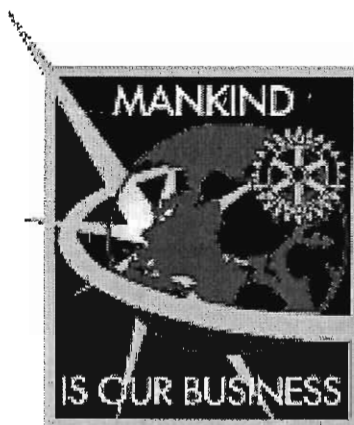


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