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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 & Pam Culpepper
Program	Margaret Johnson - Simplify to Organize Your Life

### Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

#### **Rotary Club of Space Center**

Jan 21	MLK Holiday - no meeting
Jan 28	Anna Nyquist – Nutrition Manager
Feb 4	Vocational Excellence Award
	"Outstanding Business Person"
	Bill Geissler and Stan Galanski/Bolivia water well

Rotary District 5890 for 2001

- Jan 17 All Club Mtg/Radisson Hotel Astrodome
  - Convention Center
- Feb 15 Rotary Night at the Rodeo
- 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 Jazz it up!





### Today's Speaker Margaret A. Johnson, PE

Margaret has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan State University, a Masters in Business Administration - Marketing and Management from the University of Houston - Clear Lake and is a licensed engineer in the State of Texas. She worked for over 16 years in the corporate world in the electric utility industry, performing engineering analyses and management of technical and non-technical business functions. She currently runs her own business called Ideal Training, Inc. performing a variety of activities - including training, technical sales, and marketing. She has been involved in training throughout her career - both formally and informally teaching technical as well as non-technical subject matter. She instructs corporate and public courses on communication, risk taking, creativity, organization and presentation skills, business etiquette and understanding business operations.

Ms. Johnson relates well to the challenges of communication between men and women in the workplace having worked in the corporate world for many years. From jumping out of airplanes to starting her own business, Ms. Johnson is a firm believer in taking risks to advance yourself personally and benefit those around you. She believes it is essential for employees to understand how their work impacts the corporate bottom line. Operating her own business provides her with many opportunities to practice what she teaches.

Ms. Johnson has presented technical and non-technical subject matter to all levels of audiences through executive management. She has presented at technical conferences, to community groups, businesses, universities, as well as presenting public workshops. She is a fun, creative, enthusiastic and effective instructor who makes learning a great pleasure for all involved, as her passion for the subject matter shines through.

# Upcoming Programs in February Chairs: Rolfe Young and Johnny White Feb 4th Time split between Bill Geissler/Stan Galanski

- with their Bolivia Waterwell presentation and Dr. Adena Loston's Vocational Excellence Awards Committee - "Outstanding Business Person" presentation
- Feb 11 Carlos Mendoza with the Fish and Wildlife Service wetlands issues and other topics
- Feb 18 Federal Holiday no meeting
- Feb 25 Incoming **Dist Gov John Eiche** who is the President and CEO of The Living Bank, a non profit agency promoting organ and tissue donation.

### **Proposed New Members**

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Sponsored By Mike Dennard Eric Westall

Place a business card size ad in *The Blastoff*. \$200.00 for six months! Contact Sheila Self.

## TODAY'S SONG

### You're A Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag, you're a high-flying flag And forever in peace may you wave You're the emblem of the land I love, the home of the free and the brave Ev'ry heart beats true for the red, white and blue Where there's never a boast nor brag Should old acquaintance be forgot, keep your eyes on the grand old flag

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The 2001 Manual of Procedure is now available for download, in full or by chapter. Currently, it is available in English only. http://www.rotary.org/services/index.html

### Kudos

Congratulations to **Bill Lowes** and **Vi Maria**! Bill and Vic have been recognized for their many endeavors in our community and will be honored at this year's Men and Women of Heart Gala on Saturday, March 9 at South Shore Harbour benefiting the Bay Area Turning Point.

# Get Well Wishes

We send our best get well wishes to Jerry Smith and Bob Driver. Hope you are feeling better soon! We miss you!

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#### **British Airways Travel Discount**

British Airways is the official airline for travel to the Barcelona Rotary International Convention. Rotarians traveling from any One-

world Network to Oneworld gateways in Spain between 1 June 2002 and 10 July 2002 are eligible for the following discounts:

- 18 percent discount off applicable economy and economy plus class airfares
- 15 percent discount off business and first class airfares
- Rotarians whose travel originates in North America:
- Discounts will apply for all USA domestic American Airlines routes and all Iberia, Aer Lingus, and Finnair routes within Europe when British Airways is used as the transatlantic flight
- Rotarians whose travel originates outside of North America:
- Discounts will apply on British Airways flights only
- To make a reservation using these discounts, you must contact British Airways directly and mention code CIC\*82/27.

Should you experience difficulty in making reservations with British Airways, contact: Robert Mintz Rotary International Travel Service Manager, Phone: 847-866-3445

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### The Adams Quarter

Our year is half over and I have made all of my club visits and have enjoyed every one of them. It has been very inspiring to see what the clubs are doing to build membership, create projects and implement fund raisers.

We made several Christmas parties and wished we could have made them all but, there was not enough of us to go around. I hope you know that every club is very special to me.

We had a great Foundation Servinar at the North San Jacinto College Campus. My deepest appreciation to Charles Grant for the use of his campus facility. Also, thanks to everyone that shared and took part in this seminar. So far we have three major donors to the annual fund this year. If anyone is looking for a way to donate through a trust, cash, will or property - this would be a great avenue to help mankind through Rotary. If you want more information, give me a call.

The All Club Meeting is January 17, 2002 at the Astrodome Radisson Hotel Convention Center. I hope everyone realizes the magnitude of this special meeting and the opportunity it will lend to our district.

Who should attend - All Rotarians, Spouses, Potential Rotarians and anyone who would like to hear a great speaker with outstanding credentials, our next RI President - Bhichai Rattakul. We are very fortunate that he has chosen to speak at our District, with his endless list of requested visits from around the world. There will be booths of various projects in our District and several Rotary Emblem Merchandise Distributors with items for sale.

I hope everyone had a joyous and special Holiday Season. Now we are gearing up for the District Conference in New Orleans. Mark your calendar - May 9-12, 2002. Registration forms will be sent to all members and will be available at the All Club Meeting.

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God Bless and continue to keep our troops and families in your thoughts and prayers as we move forward from September 11, 2001.

### Rotary Youth Exchange Interviews By: Alan Wylie

December was big for the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Six American students were interviewed for the long term program along with a Christmas party that was held for the applicants and for our inbound students. The six applicants are being sponsored by the Space Center Rotary Club, Brazosport Rotary Club, Angleton Rotary Club, and 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 barbeque dinner (courtesy of Pearland Rotary). Later in the evening, the students sat in a circle, talked about the Christmas customs in their countries, and exchanged gifts. Everyone enjoyed being with one another. 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 caliber 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. 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.



### Celebrating Family Week - February 4-10, 2002 Pat Derr, PDG District 5870, Zone coordinator Family Task Force.

Children are the future of the world. Healthy and happy children are key to achieving Rotary's goal of building international understanding and peace in the world. There is no better place to nourish a young mind than in a family whose basic needs have been met and who can spend time together.

Celebrate Rotary's commitment to the family during the second week of February! Bring together the mothers, fathers, children, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and members of your Rotary family into shared activities.

Many of our club projects already revolve around children – those in our community and in the communities of the world. For suggestions on projects for children and families, please contact PDG Pat Derr, Zone 26 coordinator for Family Task Force, at pderr@n-link.com, telephone 254-368-1450 or 254-681-8241 or fax 254-698-6449. The Family Task Force has accumulated many projects that can be adopted by clubs to help children and increase family health. We are anxious to share these ideas with club presidents and presidents-elect.

You can celebrate Family Week in many ways. For example, you can sponsor a seminar for new parents on child development; organize a father/daughter or mother/son dinner; promote a family literacy project which emphasizes parents reading to their children; raise awareness of child abuse prevention programs in your community; chaperone a safe and fun weekend activity for the community's teenagers; volunteer at a shelter for homeless families; assist the elderly in nursing homes with simple crafts that they can give as gifts to their families; create a park or recreational area where parents can spend time with their children; provide materials and support to a daycare facility or orphanage; create an after-school activities program for older children which will give them a safe place to go while their parents are at work.

Upon request, PDG Pat will furnish you details on literacy projects to include Reach Out and Read Texas where books are given by medical personnel to their patients and parents are encouraged to read aloud to their young children; the Vernon literacy project where ; or a project to donate children's dictionaries to schools.

Include items in your club bulletins to motivate members to develop projects to reinforce the stability of the family structure. Remind members that successful families encourage communication, share time together, foster respect and discipline.

The Family Task Force has published a list of 100 ways we can help children. Please contact your Task Force Coordinator for more information or to request a speaker regarding Family Week in February.



Ted Cummings with one of our Ambassadorial Scholars



Rotary Benches For Sale! Earl Maudlin and Alan Wylie trying the bench out.

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) 2002 By: Chad Greer

The weekend of February 22 - 24, 2002 marks the sixth Camp RYLA for District 5890. It has been an official program of Rotary International since 1971.

- RYLA Scholars are selected and sponsored by individual Rotary Clubs. Each club recognizes the selected scholar(s).
- All expenses for the student are paid by the sponsoring Rotary Club. (\$150 per student)
- RYLA Scholars are recognized by the Club upon completion of the program in some sort of ceremony and receive certificates from the sponsoring Rotary Club.

The students selected for this weekend are among the brightest and best in the District. The process is competitive. We hope to add students from across the District to this distinguished list of leaders. Their participation will indicate that they are individuals with great potential for present and future success.

Our commitment to sponsoring Rotary Clubs is to meet the following objectives:

- To further demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth.
- To encourage and assist selected youth leaders and potential leaders in methods of responsible and effective voluntary youth leadership by providing them with a training experience.
- To encourage continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. (To that end, we are including the leadership of our District Interact Clubs.)
- To encourage youth to become role models for their friends facing decisions and important social issues.
- To publicly recognize the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service to their communities as youth leaders.

Applications were sent to each Club President in September. We have high expectations for this event. We are confident that each Rotarian can help us meet these expectations. For more information contact Chad G. Greer at (713) 756-3375



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#### Having Input In District 5890 Decisions Do You Have Any Interest In Helping Allocate District Designated Fund (DDF) Money? By: George M. Yeiter, DGN

It is time to determine how District Designated Fund (DDF) money will be spent in 2003-04. Questions are "What Money?", "What For", and "How Much?". The following is the short answer to these 3 questions:

What Money? District Designated Fund (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.

A little better explanation regarding "What Money?", would help if you are not familiar with the DDF money. Each year the district conducts a fundraiser with the money going to the Rotary International Foundation. The money is invested and then spent on International Charitable projects 3 years from when it was donated to the RI Foundation. This year we are selling raffle tickets.

Of the money to be spent on International Charitable Activities, the trustees of the RI Foundation determine how 40% of it is to be spent. For example, this is where the money comes from for matching grants and for the GSE teams. How the remaining 60% is spent on International Charitable Projects is determined by the Districts that donated the money. District 5890 has to allocate this 60% (or \$182,523 for year 2003-04) and submit it to RI. We plan to complete this by January 30, 2002.

Keep in mind that there are currently 4 active service lanes (soon to be 5 lanes) and Rotarians support each lane: Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, and International Service. We raise money for all 4 lanes but this DDF money was raised for and donated to the RI Foundation specifically to support our International Lane of Service.

That does not mean though that benefit does not come back to our local communities form this commitment to the International Lane of Service. For example: \$10,000 is allocated to Community Assistance Program for the Governor to spend in the local community independent from international activity. The Blane Community Immunization Grants can be spent in the local community for improving immunization levels of people in the local communities of District 5890. These two programs are hard dollars coming back to the local community.

There are other programs that spend the dollars for people or activities that also help our community. The program we have spent the most money on has been the Ambassadorial Scholarships Program. In the last several years District 5890 has spent \$100,000/ yr. for 4, one- years study abroad Ambassadorial Scholarships. These local students chosen by the local clubs of District 5890 with the final selection made by a district committee made up of local club members. You may be interested in what a recent article in the Chicago Tribune said about this program: "Rotary will spend nearly \$25 million this year on its Ambassadorial international scholarships for college and high school youth---the largest privately funded program for such grants in the world. Sara Anson Vaux, director of the fellowship office for Northwestern University, calls the organization "a major player" in scholarship foundations, ranking alongside prestigious names such as Fulbright, Carnegie, Luce, Marshall, and Gates. Scholarships are as likely to go to foreign students to come to the U.S. to study as they are to Americans wishing to study abroad. Sadako Ogata, UN high commissioner for refugees, is a past recipient."

Pretty impressive isn't it.? We select our youth to go overseas and study and experience the culture of another people for one year. It is powerful. We educate our youth, spend it money in another country and they send they young people here to study and spend their money in our universities and community.

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) is another example. We usually spend part of our DDF to buy one or two extra teams over the one provided by the RI Foundation's World Fund. We send 4 young professionals (ages 25-40) along with a Rotarians (serving as the team leader) to another country for a 4 week cultural exchange trip. That country reciprocates by sending 5 of there young professionals to visit us. The visitors are housed by local Rotarians in their homes. Our clubs have enjoyed this interchange very much and they fight hard to be able and host an incoming team. With this program we touch many lives: the 10 people in the exchange, the 40 host families, the Rotarians they meet, and the people in the community that they come in contact with.

The objective of International Service which is to build goodwill and peace in the world thorough humanitarian service, educational programs, and cultural exchanges. This money has been raised for and will be used for these objectives in the lane of international service. If you want to have input on how District 5890's DDF funds are spent in 2003-04 then now is the time to speak up. Here are the primary choices to which we can allocate our DDF monies.

- Polio
- Matching Grants
- Disaster Relief
- Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Environment
- Food Production
- Health Care
- Literacy
- Group Study Exchanges
- Water

Contact DGN George Yeiter at gyeiter@ yeiter.com and let me how you would allocate this money if you were the decision maker.





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A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof.

University Club

San Luis Hotel

Brady's Landing

St. John's Episcopal

Golfcrest Country Club

Make – Up Locations

Monday - noon

Bldg.

Tuesday - noon

Church

# Space Center Women of Rotary (SCWR) By: Martha Owen

Next Meeting: January 17, 2002 Holiday Inn \$13.00 11:30 a.m. Social 12:00 Noon Lunch Invocation: Debbie Kropp

12:30 Program

SCWR members and guests are in for a treat this month as our own Norma Brady, along with other ladies and gentlemen from the Houston Symphony League Bay Area, will entertain us with a selection of popular music and show tunes. Their newly formed group will be known as the "Note-Ables." You won't want to miss hearing them!

Make your reservation when your SCWR telephone committee person calls you or call *Joan Geissler*, 281/488-1046. Raffle prize donated by *Joni Dusenbury*. Thank you, Joni!

## VALENTINE POTLUCK DINNER

Plan to attend our annual Valentine's Potluck dinner (and silent auction) on Sunday evening, February 10, at the Bay Area Museum at Clear Lake Park. Social at 5:30; dinner at 6:00

Sign up sheets will be at our January meeting.

Please bring a potluck dish and a nice, wrapped white-elephant type gift for our silent auction. Something that your great-aunt Isobel gave you and you can bear to part with!!

There will be food, fun and maybe a little entertainment. Call *Jackie Powers* (281-334-6080) for more information.

### Dates to Remember

- 01/17 Thursday: Regular Luncheon Meeting
- 01/19 Saturday: Space Center Rotary Pancake Breakfast, 7:30am 10:00am Nassau Bay Baptist Church, \$5.00
- 02/07 Thursday: Board meeting at Victoria's Class Chats Tea Room, 118 So. Walnut St., Webster. Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; lunch following.
- 02/10 Sunday: Valentine Pot Luck Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER - DATE CHANGED

We had planned to have our annual Progressive Dinner on May 19. At our last board meeting, *Nell Lyons*, Chairman, suggested that we move the date to April 28 because several of our board members will be absent in May. This was approved. Please change the date on your calendars.

We always have a wonderful time at this event and we make money for our charitable contributions.

This year, we are planning to have all the homes located in one central area, again, to facilitate driving time.

We hope you'll be looking forward to this fun event!

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#### Briar Club Nessler Center Wednesday - noon Goose Creek Country Club Court & Theater Center Methodist Church

Deer Park Dickinson Friendswood So. Pasadena

Angleton

Galleria Area

Harrisburg

La Porte

Pearland

River Oaks

Texas City

Baytown

Galveston Island

Club Court & Theater Center Methodist Church Village on the Park Baywood Country Club Thursday - noon

Alvin Gulfway/Hobby Houston La Marque

Seabrook (7:00am)

League City

Homestead Inn Hobby Hilton Jr. League of Houston 1811 Briar Oaks Lane Gulf Greybound Park Esteban's Fiesta Shack Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday - noonPasadenaFirst United Methodist<br/>ChurchHitchcock/Santa FeMaximBank Hwy 6W. Galveston Cty.Ramada Inn



Ken Gurry talks to us about the Rotary Foundation and the Floyd Boze Fellowship



Recognize some of your fellow Rotarians? John Kennedy, Jim Broughton, David Taylor, Alan Wylie, and John Schmidt







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