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*Thank you for the world so sweet  
Thank you for the food we eat  
Thank you for the birds that sing  
Thank you God  
for everything*



Food for thought...

"There is no defeat, except in no longer trying."

...Elbert Hubbard.

"Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes, but by the opposition he encountered, and the courage he maintained in his struggle against it."

...Charles Lindbergh.

Drive and determination, not talent, lead to success. Great works are performed not by strength, but by persistence!

## Agenda

- Luncheon Begins.....11:45
- Call to Order.....12:00
- Song.....
- Invocation.....Laura Hale
- Pledge.....Lamar Bowles
- Four-Way-Test.....Bill Lowes
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Walt Huff
- Announcements.....12:05
- Discussion of Board Meeting Results.....12:20
- Program.....12:30  
Hilmar R. Zeissig -  
Thailand Experiences
- Adjourn.....1:00

## TODAYS PROGRAM:

Hilmar R. Zeissig

Hilmar Zeissig was born and raised in Germany. He attended universities in Germany, Switzerland and Chile and received his Masters Degree and Ph.D. in international law from the University of Cologne. He came to Houston in 1978 as President of an oil and gas exploration and production company after living several years in Egypt and Peru where he managed oil exploration operations onshore in the jungle and offshore in the Red Sea. Since 1982, Hilmar has been President of Houston International Business Corp., serving as energy and environmental policy consultant in developing countries around the world for foreign governments and international organizations, such as the United Nations, the World Bank and the Interamerican Development Bank.

Since 1974 he has been a member of the Rotary Club of San Isidro in Lima, Peru, of the Rotary Club of Cairo, Egypt, of the Rotary Club of Houston and of the Sugar Land Club. He joined our Club when he moved to Friendswood in 2003. Hilmar has served in many leadership positions for Rotary District 5890. Among others, he was the leader of a Group Study Exchange team to Mexico in 1986, served as Chairman of the Group Study Exchange District Committee 1987-1996, and has been the International Chairman of the District for the past ten years.

He also was the Chairman of the Board of the German American Chamber of Commerce in Houston 1993-1997, and is a founding member of the International Board of Texas A&M University since 1994. Hilmar is married to Rose and has four children and one grandchild.



A chair and committee is being sought for handling communications to the club. For details, please contact J.B. Fox @ jfox6@houston.rr.com. This is an important and essential job.

In order to keep the membership informed, the minutes of all of the SCR Board meeting minutes, since July 2005, have been added to the Web Page. They can be found by going to the menu choice "Our Club" and clicking on "Board Meeting Minutes."

### Excerpt from J.B. Fox's Quarterly Report.....

† We furnished the materials for a ramp to be built for the Bernard family in League City. The cost of the materials was approximately \$450.00. The labor to build the ramp was done by volunteers.

† We purchased six (6) necklace alert systems for \$2400.00. These systems will be given to those persons who live alone and are in danger of falling. A unit will be installed for one person in about two weeks. For privacy reasons, the name is being withheld.

The Shrimporee was lots of fun and a huge success! Get ready for next year. The dates are October 27th and 28th!

### Rotary - Did you know?

- In 1947, Paul Harris died, and the first 18 Rotary Foundation scholarships were granted.
- In 1990, the Rotary Club of Moscow chartered its first club in the Soviet Union.
- In 1994, the Western Hemisphere was declared polio-free.
- In 2003, Rotarians raised more than \$118 million dollars to support the final stages of polio eradication.

### APPRECIATION CORNER

Thanks again to all our *Shrimporee Sponsors* this year. Let's make sure they know how much they are appreciated! Great job!

### PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

GENE PIPES  
SNAKE BITE VICTIM

COME HEAR THIS GREAT SPEAKER  
AND BRING A FRIEND!



### Who's Who?

Can you name these two people?  
Hint: they

were previous Rotarians in our club.

Answers on page 4.



### SERVICE Above Self

#### AREA MEETINGS & OTHER LOCATIONS

- Tuesdays @ Noon PEARLAND  
Golfcrest Country Club  
2501 Country Club Drive
- Tuesdays @ 12:10 LA PORTE  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Broadway @ Ave G
- Tuesdays @ 9:00 pm CASTRO  
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- Tuesdays @ noon Jamestown  
The Lantern Room  
Jamestown, North Dakota
- Wednesdays @ 12:05 PASADENA S.  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa-Red Bluff
- Thursdays @ 7:00 am SEABROOK  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
2425 Nasa Road One
- Fridays @ noon PASADENA  
First United Methodist Church  
1062 Fairmont Parkway



### Ditty of the week:

#### Oh Susanna

I come from Alabama  
With my banjo on my knee.  
I'm going to Louisiana,  
My true love for to see.

It rained all night  
The day I left.  
The weather it was dry.  
The sun so hot,  
I froze to death.  
Susanna, don't you cry.

Oh, Susanna,  
Oh don't you cry for me.  
For I come from Alabama  
With my banjo on my knee.



Make  
gratitude  
your attitude!  
Happy  
Thanksgiving!

The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four persons is suffering from some sort of mental illness. Think of your three best friends -- if they're okay, then it's you.



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Andrew Bahlmann, our student in Brazil.

*Joseph Hang*

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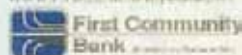
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