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Food for thought...

If you are in the habit of driving to work, dreading the day - consider this. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale wrote a book entitled "Enthusiasm Makes the Difference" in which he detailed a formula that may help you put every day in a positive perspective. #1. Think a good day. Have a positive image of the day before it unfolds. #2. Thank a good day. Give thanks for a good day in advance, and that positive imagery will help make it so. #3. Plan a good day. Plan some positive things that you have control over into your day. #4. Put good in the day. Put good thoughts, attitudes and actions into a day. #5. Fill the day with enthusiasm! Our days are few, so make the best of them.

Agenda

- Luncheon Begins..... 11:45
- Call to Order..... 12:00
- Song..... Debby McBride
- Invocation..... Nanci Rutledge
- Pledge..... Vissett Sun
- Four-Way-Test..... Johnny White
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians..... Mike Moliere
- Announcements..... 12:10
- Program..... 12:30
Jim Manzolillo - Houston Maritime Museum
- Adjourn..... 1:00

TODAY'S PROGRAM

JIM MANZOLILLO HOUSTON MARITIME MUSEUM SHIP BUILDING - "MEXICAN STYLE"

From India, to the Belgium Congo, to Kuwait, ships designed by Jim Manzolillo, Naval Architect and Marine Engineer, may be found. Jim's ships were built in his Mexican shipyards.

Starting with a small shipyard in Mexico City, which is 7,400 feet above sea level, Jim began an exciting and unusual twenty-three year career. According to Jim, his some of his experiences have been unusual, some amusing, and all, challenging.

During those years, Jim ended up with two shipyards (one on each coast), over 200 employees, and 240 work vessels delivered to 30 different countries. His success, he believes, was due in large part to the benefits provided by Mexico itself.

Jim, who is the founder and curator of the Houston Maritime Museum, opened its doors in December, 2000, and is our guest speaker.

Questions from the group are encouraged.

Excerpt from JB Fox's Quarterly Report:

We had been invited to witness a demonstration of using computers for the blind. A young lady from Nicaragua, blind from birth, is being taught to use the computer in order that she train other blind students. The computer program is phenomenal in that it reads out in audio every thing that is being typed. It supports all of Microsoft's programs as well as other installed programs. D'Lisa's club is sponsoring the program. They still need around \$1,500.00 to get the program under way. This is the start of a project that will grow. It is intended that we support the project.

PEEK AT NEXT WEEK

GIDEON JONES

PROVIDED DIVING SERVICES FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE BAYTOWN TUNNEL

Please be aware that Space Center Rotary has purchased six (6) personal GE Simon Wireless Alarm Kits for anyone who has a need. The system will be installed at no charge. There will be no charge for first year monitoring. Contact Mike Moliere if you know of a need @ mjmoliere@houston.rr.com



Boots and Black Ties VIP Event

Mark your calendars! Our formal, spring fundraising event is scheduled for May 5th, at the Marker 1 Marina.

Individual tickets are \$100 and tables of 10 go for \$750. Price includes a Texas Roadhouse catered meal, beverages, participation in live and silent auctions, plus all the dancing you can stand. Tickets are limited, so contact Geoff Atwater to get your name on the list.

THE AFORE MENTIONED FEE OF \$5.00 FOR DESSERT FOR OUR MEETINGS HAS BEEN RESCINDED. THE \$5.00 FEE INCLUDES ONLY TEA OR COFFEE.



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- Fridays @ 7:00 am AUCKLAND
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- Fridays @ noon PASADENA
First United Methodist Church
1062 Fairmont Parkway

Happy Birthday to you.....

Nanci Rutledge	1-Mar
Owen Morris	3-Mar
Travis Vermeer	4-Mar
Wayne Young	5-Mar
JB Fox	9-Mar
Pam Culpepper	14-Mar
Tim Kropp	17-Mar
Roger Lyons	22-Mar

(If you haven't given your birthday to Tony or Sharon, please do so. Thanks!)

A pavilion is proposed to be built and donated to Nassau Bay, TX. who will maintain it throughout it's life.

Our Foundation has been seeking such a project for some years, and has decided unanimously to commit to it's construction.

The proposed site will overlook NASA-JSC, located next to the T-38s in the same area.

All of this however, is contingent upon mutual agreement between Nassau Bay, Space Center park and NASA-JSC.

The proposed site, being located as it is, would give Rotary the visibility we desire plus being a convenient service to the community.



This Omega "moon watch" is valued at \$3,200. Travis Vermeer of Ben Bridge Jewelers at Baybrook Mall has donated this watch to be raffled off. Raffle tickets are twenty dollars each, or 6 tickets for one hundred dollars. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Winner will be drawn at the VIP Boots and Black Ties Ball on May 5th. Please make sure you thank Travis for his generous donation.

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In April 1970, the OMEGA Speedmaster rescued the Apollo 13 mission from a potential disaster, earning OMEGA the "Snoopy Award", the highest distinction awarded by the NASA astronauts. In another historical event, the Speedmaster was worn on the wrists of both the American astronaut Tom Stafford and the Russian cosmonaut Alexei Leonov during the historic Apollo-Soyuz space rendezvous. This was the first time the cosmonauts also wore the OMEGA Speedmaster. Ever since, the Speedmaster has been the official chronograph of all Russian manned space missions.

The greatest moment in the Speedmaster's history was undoubtedly 20 July 1969 at 02:56 GMT, when it recorded man's first steps on the Moon's surface. The Apollo 11 mission was a milestone in history and the Speedmaster became the first watch (and the only watch since) to be worn on the Moon. With this unique accomplishment came a unique nickname: the Moon Watch.

DITTY OF THE WEEK: Edelweiss

Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Every morning you greet me.
Small and white, clean and bright,
You look happy to meet me.

Blossom of snow may you bloom and grow,
Bloom and grow forever.

Edelweiss, edelweiss,
Bless my homeland forever.

The club gave a gaggle of geese to a third world recipient in the name of the donor Roger Lyons.

Geese were also given to a third world family in the name of Lamar Bowles.

The club intends on giving such farm animals, from time to time, to the poor in third world countries. Each time, the donation will be made in a members name.

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