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Food for thought...

Your mind is a thought factory that produces thousands of thoughts each day. Your factory is controlled by one of two foremen - Mr. Positive and Mr. Negative. Mr. Positive specializes in producing reasons why you can handle whatever comes your way, why you're more than able to conquer and win. Mr. Negative, on the other hand, is an expert in producing reasons why you can't succeed and why you should give up. Both foremen are instantly obedient; they snap to attention whenever you give the signal. That is why you need to send the right educational and informational signals. As soon as Mr. Positive receives them, he turns on the switch and sends one encouraging thought after another. But turn Mr. Negative loose, and he'll convince you why you can't. won't and shouldn't. Deposit the right thoughts into your memory bankl

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- Luncheon Begins......11:45
- Call to Order......12:00
- Song......Debby McBride
 Matt Tittle
- Invocation......Matt Tittle
- Pledge,......Greg Layton
- Four-Way-Test.....Bob Taggart
- Introductions of Guests & Visiting Rotarians......TBD
- Sunshine and Showers.....12:05
- Announcements......12:10
- Program......12:30
 Rick Barrett- Airport Compliance
- Adjourn......1:00

ITODAY'S PROGRAM

Rick Barrett

Airport Noise Compliance Operations Services
Richard Barrett, Senior Project Manager of the
Houston Airport System Noise Compliance Office is
responsible for airport noise related issues at Bush
Intercontinental Airport, William P. Hobby Airport, and
Ellington Field. Among his other responsibilities,
Richard often conducts airport noise mitigation
briefings for local communities, and Governmental
Representatives.

Prior to coming to the Houston Airport System, Richard was a Cargo Mission Manager for Airlift Technologies International (ATI), at the National Aeronautics and Space Administrations (NASA), Johnson Space Center

and Ellington Field. At ATI Richard flew as a loadmaster on the Super Guppy aircraft, and served as a logistics planner for NASA airlift cargo missions. He has planned and transported some of the nations most unique cargo items, such as Astronaut Buzz

Aldrins' suit worn on the first lunar landing, components of the International Space Station, military aircraft, and the Life Sciences launch and recovery shipments for the Space Shuttle STS 107 Columbia mission. Prior to working for ATI, Richard served 20 years active duty in the United States Air Force (USAF) as an Instructor Loadmaster on the C-141 Starlifter and C-17 Globemaster; logging over 4800 aircrew flight hours.

Growing up in Jacksonville Florida, Richard joined the USAF and served as a fighter weapons mechanic, special operations loadmaster, and aircrew training program manager. He has a private pilot rating,

Bachelor of Science degree in Professional
Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
(ERAU), an Associate of Science degree in Aircrew
Operations from the Community College of the Air
Force, and is currently finishing a Master of Science
degree in Technical Management from ERAU.



Boots and Black Ties VIP Event

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



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The Rotary Club of Harrisburg is having its Annual ATV Raffle and

Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. Drawing will be held May 5th.

Last
week,
members
of the
Clear
Lake High
School
Interact
Club
presented
a check
for



\$400.00 for the Nicaragua project.

Happy Birthday to you.....

Dick Gregg III 4-Apr Ken Gurry 15-Apr Dennis Dillon 26-Apr Dick Meyer 30-Apr

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

JAMES CAMPBELL

HOUSTON CHRONICLE EDITORIAL STREE

At this meeting (April 3rd) we will vote on the By-Laws change to become effective in the year 2006-2007.

The By-laws as revised, have been posted for last week and the week of March 27 meeting.

It is important that everyone be at the April 3 meeting as this effects the Club.

The District Conference is only a month away.

April 27th - 30th

There is still space for you to sign up for a

"Ride of a Life Time"!

Don't miss this special event.



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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
- 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

Saturday, April 8 - Stock Car Racing Battleground Speedway in Highlands, Texas 10625 FM 2100, Highlands, TX Gates open at 5:00 PM - Races start at 7:00 PM Cost per ticket \$10 (\$8 comes back to Rotary) \$5 for ages 6-12, under 5 FREE



THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE ROTARY SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE AT 11:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, APRIL 10. 2006 AT THE BRENTWOOD INN.

Don Kirchoff has now bought a table for the Boots and Black Ties event! Thanks to Don, Jerrold DeWease, Tony Bloomfield and Earl Maudlin who are Shrimporee sponsors that have updated to full tables for the ball. We now have five tables of 10 purchased! How about two more?

Vocational Service

An excellent expanded version of the "Four-Way-Test" from the Rotary International Website. ---Art Wood

Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions

The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions was adopted by the Rotary International Council on Legislation in 1989 to provide more specific guidelines for the high ethical standards called for in the Object of Rotary:

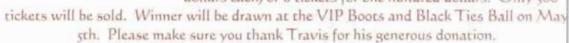
As a Rotarian engaged in a business or profession, I am expected to:

- Consider my vocation to be another opportunity to serve;
- Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to the moral standards of my community;
- Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation
- Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public, and all those with whom have a business or professional relationship;
- Recognize the honor and respect due to all occupations which are useful to society:
- Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community;
- Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representations to the public concerning my business or profession:
- Neither seek from nor grant to a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.





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





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.

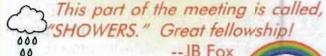
DEBBY'S DITTY OF THE WEEK: GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with the light from above From the mountains To the prairies, To the ocean white with foam God bless America, My home sweet home

Join in on the fun at every Monday meeting.

Tell the members about your good fortune. We call this part of the meeting, "SUNSHINE."

If your best friend took your soul mate, or your kitten kicked the bucket, or you locked your keys in the car while the car was running; tell us your problems so we can feel bad too!



-- JB Fox



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