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THE BLASTOFF



Rotary Club of Space Center Rotary District 5890 Monday's 11:45

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Today's Agenda

11:45 am Buffet luncheon begins

12:15 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 Dick Gregg, III

Program Tom Spath / Institute for Civility in Government

Upcoming Rotary Programs / Socials

Rotary Club of Space Center

June 11 Bill Farries / Excellence in Law Enforcement

June 18 David Baldwin / British Rotarians

Dennis Adams new administration swearing-in

June 25 Paul Frison / Houston economy

Rotary District 5890 for 2001

Jun. 15 DGN Dennis Adams Installation June 24 – 26 RI Convention – San Antonio

Aug. 20 DG Dennis Adams Visits our Club Aug. 29 Rotary Night at the Astros & Reds

Sep. 21 & 22 Texas Style BBQ Cook-Off (North Shore Pavilion)

Sep. 22 Shrimporee - Space Center





Annual Club Membership Fee

Just a reminder to let you know that your annual \$180.00 Space Center Rotary club membership fee should be submitted to the Treasurer on July 1, 2001 for the year 2001 - 2002.

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 'neath the Red, White and Blue, Where there's never a boast or brag. Should auld acquaintance be forgot, Keep your eye on the grand old flag.

Our thanks to the Gilruth Center for hosting the Rotary Club of Space Center today.



Angela Copeland Mark Giargrosso Xavier Sandoval Shawn Spohn

Mark Humphrey Dr. Betsy Giusto Dennis Dillon Dr. Betsy Giusto

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Today, we are enjoying the hospitality of the Gilruth Center. Remember, our Board of Directors meeting tomorrow morning at the Hilton will be



Results of our Membership Survey

Thanks to the 28 members who answered our membership survey. The purpose was to determine the direction of our club for the coming year.

Those programs listed as the most effective (in no particular order):

- Excellence in Education
- Shrimporee
- International Youth
- Excellence in Law Enforcement
- Group Study Exchang
- Vocational awards for business leaders
- Rotaract
- Interact
- Rotary Foundation
- Programs that teach us something new
- RNASA
- Scholarships
- Bicycles at Christmas
- Dr. Pustok
- Speakers
- Water well in Bolivia

When asked about changes the membership wanted, some of the suggestions were:

- Projects in the Clear Lake Area
- Let's roll up our sleeves, hands on projects
- Publish in the Bulletin the membership and which committees they serve on
- More socials
- Contact with international Rotarians
- Better attendance
- Adding and retaining current members

The response for manual labor was overwhelmingly positive. From mental health to carpentry to painting, roofing, landscaping, administration, office work, computer work, and eye care our membership wants to help! Our membership would like to have a blood drive and eye care programs and participate in programs in Africa, Mexico, Nicaragua, Bolivia and Canada. Your responses are inspiring.

Comments included what a great idea they survey was, and that we must follow up with a community needs survey. If you can help with that, let me know. We will report the results. We will keep these surveys in mind as we attend District Assembly, choose our committee chairs and task force chairs, and prepare our budget for the coming year. As always, our board minutes, financial reports and budget are available for review.

I look forward to working with you this coming year! Suzi Howe, President Elect.

Council on Legislation approves 98 proposals Meeting in late April in Chicago, Illinois, USA, the RI Council on Legislation approved 98 of a record 631 proposed enactments and resolutions, including decisions affecting every Rotary club.

The Council voted to reduce club membership to two categories — active and honorary — and decided that the same classification could be held by up to five members — or 10 percent of members, if the club has 50 or more. Another decision precludes clubs from limiting membership on the basis of gender.

The Council also voted to allow the RI Board to implement a pilot project chartering up to 200 Rotary clubs based on new models that may deviate from the standard club constitution for up to five years. Additionally, the delegates adopted a resolution asking the Board to consider the possibility of clubs convening in cyberspace.

In another key decision, the Council ended the concept of a club's "territorial limits," allowing clubs to be established in the same locality as existing clubs. Rotary clubs will no longer be required to agree to share or relinquish territory.

Among the resolutions that the Council approved for review by the RI Board, one endorsed the goal of 1.5 million Rotarians by 2005 and another, the goal of a US\$100 annual contribution to The Rotary Foundation from every Rotarian.

A book of all adopted legislation will be sent to every club within two months of the close of the Council. Barring opposition from 10 percent of the votes entitled to be cast by clubs, Council actions take effect on 1 July. A new Manual of Procedure incorporating the changes will be published later this year.

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New Email Address? Please give Laura Hale your email address if you have not done so already.

Have you sponsored someone and not seen them in a while.....? how are they doing?"....

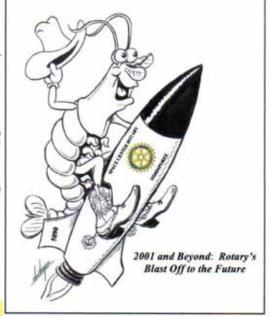
Same goes for members whose sponsors aren't aroundHave you missed seeing someone on Monday.....give them a call and check on them.

Future RI Conventions			
Year	Country	City	Date
2001	USA	San Antonio	24 - 27 June
2002	Spain	Barcelona	TBA
2003	Australia	Brisbane	TBA
2004	Japan	Osaku	23 - 26 May (Tentative)
2005	USA	Chicago	19 - 22 June

Thank You Charles Milby and Don Boyer!!

Our special thanks to Charles Milby who contacted Don Boyer (once again) and got us our new Shrimp on a rocket logo! 2001 and Beyond: Rotary's Blast Off to the Future. Thanks Don and Charles! And of course, yours truly had to add the Rotary info to the rocket. Hope you like it.

Thank you to Jerrold Dewease and Jim Sweeney (MinuteMan Press) for the preparation and printing of the Sponsorship Brochure!





International Service B By: Dick Kidder

International Service B has three very active committees and are organized as follows:

Group Study Exchange (GSE) Activities - Chair Bill Geissler

This committee provides support to individuals selected for the GSE teams. This may involve interviewing prospective outbound GSE team members or hosting incoming team members through a career day, overnight in club members home or at a club meeting.

The GSE recently hosted several people from the United Kingdom and with the help of Bill Geissler and others the visit was well received. GSE takes visitors from around the world and aligns them with there business interests to better understand our ways and to learn from the experience.

Youth Exchange - Chair Art Wood

Our club will continue to provide strong support for this program. We have hosted a foreign long term student every year since 1989. We are very active with the short term exchange and we provide major support for various District International Youth Exchange functions.

This is a very active committee and is always hosting youth from around the world. Art and his committee of Alan Wylie, Stan Galanski, Earl Baum, Birda Gaskin and Gary Johnson are very active in setting up host families and coordinating the visits to Houston area. At the present time we have two in this area.

World Health - Chair Bob Struzinski

This committee brings children to the medical center from all over the world. The committee matches children in need with the local health community (Dr. Fustok), provides housing and transportation, and makes accommodations for family members. Dr. Fustok has treated children from Mexico for plastic surgery. World health through the Texas Medical Center in Galveston have treated children from the West Bank and Gaza for hip replacement and bone reconstruction surgery.

This committee has been inactive due to Charles Hartman being sick and then passing away. We now have a new chair in Bob Struzinski who has already set up a visit for Dr. Fustok from one of his clients in Mexico (Blanca). This committee has done a lot of work in helping burn victims in Mexico and with the great help of Dr. Fustok we have greatly assisted many people. This committee is working again thanks to Bob, Vie Maria, and Carlos Villagomez.

History of Our Flag

The flag of the United States of America today has 13 stripes - 7 red and 6 white - and 50 white stars on a blue field - five rows



of 6 and four rows of 5. The stripes remind us of the 13 original colonies that gained us our liberty. The stars represent the states that are bound together into one country.

The flag of today grew out of many earlier flags raised in days gone by over American soil.

From the time that America was discovered, different flags flew over different parts of the country; the flags of Spain, France, Holland, Sweden, and England.

An English flag, known as the Red Ensign, waved over the 13 colonies from 1707 to the Revolution. The Red Ensign was the merchant flag of England. It was red with a union in the upper corner combining the cross of St. George (red on white), patron of England, with the diagonal cross (white on blue) of St. Andrew, patron of Scotland.

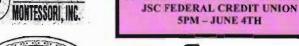
The flag that became known as the Grand Union flag was raised over George Washington's headquarters outside Boston on January 1, 1776. The Revolutionary War had started the year before and the colonies needed a flag of their own. The Grand Union flag retained the union of the English flag. Six white stripes broke the red field into seven red stripes - a total of 13 stripes.

The first official flag of the new nation was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress meeting in Philadelphia. The resolution was passed on June 14, 1777. That is the date we celebrate each year as Flag Day. The resolution specified "that the flag be 13 stripes alternate red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Since the resolution did not state how the stars were to be arranged, flag makers arranged them in different ways, among them; rows, in a half circle, and in a full circle. The one adopted was made by Betsy Ross and had the stars in a full circle.

The flag that waved over Fort McHenry when it was bombarded, September 13-14, 1814, was a 15 star and 15 stripe flag. Two stripes and stars had been added to the original 13 on May 1, 1795. It became famous as the Star Spangled Banner. It was the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write our national anthem

The Flag of 1818 had the stripes reduced to 13. Five more stars had been added, for a total of 20. When still more states joined the United States, it became evident that the flag would get to be an awkward shape if more and still more stripes were added. Therefore, on April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law that restored the design back to the original 13 stripes. It also provided that a star be added to the blue field for each new state.









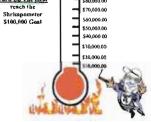


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Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 17, 20001

Father's Day, 3rd Sunday in June. The idea for creating a day for children to honor their fathers began in Spokane,

Washington. A woman by the name of Sonora Smart Dodd thought of the idea for Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909. Having been raised by her father, Henry Jackson Smart, after her mother died, Sonora wanted her father to know how special he was to her. It was her father that made all the parental sacrifices and was, in the eyes of his daughter, a courageous, selfless, and loving man. Sonora's father was born in June, so she chose to hold the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane, Washington on the 19th of June, 1910.

In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Roses are the Father's Day flowers: red to be worn for a living father and white if the father has died.

Just as the saying goes that behind every great man there is a great woman, the inspiration behind the celebration of a Father's Day is owed at least partly to its slightly earlier counterpart, Mother's Day. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States in 1909, when Sonora Louise Smart Dodd, of Spokane, Washington, heard a sermon on the merits of setting aside a day to honor one's mother. It gave her the idea to petition for a day to bonor fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart, who had raised her and her five sibilings by himself, after her mother died in childbirth.

With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and on June 19, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower, and some suggest that people wear a white rose to honor a fither who is deceased, and a red one for a father who is living. In 1972, Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Today, Father's Day is another day for greeting card companies to rejoice, and sales of the most popular gifts for Dad (shirts, ties, and electric razors) increase considerably. Perhaps most telling of Dad's perpetual role in the eyes of their children, though, is the fact that more collect calls are recorded on Father's Day then on any other day of the year!

Fatherhood - Quotes

- That is the thankless position of the father in the family-the provider for all, and the enemy of all.
 - J. August Strindberg, Swedish writer
- It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was.
 - Anne Sexton, U.S. poet.
- One father is more than a hundred schoolmasters.
- English proverb (17th century)
- I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection.
- Sigmoid Freud
- If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right.





Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."





The meaning of the pledge of allegiance.

When you pledge allegiance to your flag you promise loyalty and devotion to your nation. Each word has a deep meaning.

I pledge allegiance.... to the flag....

of the United States of America....

and to the Republic ...

for which it stands.... one Nation under God...

indivisible...

with liberty and justice.... for all.... I promise to be true to the sign of our country a country made up of 50 states, each with certain rights.

a country where the people elect others to make laws for them the flag means the country a single country whose people be lieve in a supreme being the country cannot be split into parts

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- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all Concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Make - Up Locations

Monday - noon A-D Gen. Hosp. Prof. Angleton

University Club

Tuesday - noon

San Luis Hotel Galveston Island Hamisburg. Brady's Landing LaPorte St. John's Episcopal

Galleria Area

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 - none Homestead Inn Gulfway/Hobby Houston

Hobby Hilton Jr. League of Houston 1811 Briar Oaks Lane

Ramada Inn Esteban's Fiesta Shack LaMarque League City Scabrook (7:00am) Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday - noon

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