

the *Blastoff*

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A message from Pres. Mike

These have been very tough and difficult couple of weeks. Starting with the uncertainty of the hurricane, followed by the evacuation of most of our area, the trauma, pain and suffering after the return home, and the arduous process of recovery. Some have lost nearly everything, some others have ventured fairly well. After other similar situations, we have seen here again that, the good in people comes out and the response is one helping another, whether friends or strangers. There is still a long way to go to get the area back to normality, but we know that the will of this area's residents is strong and we will see an even better place emerging out of the present destruction. There is an important place for Rotarians to play in the recovery and back to normality process, at the District as well as at the club level. Geoff Atwater has volunteered to be our club's point of contact for the coordination of our efforts. He has attended a District meeting where the efforts of the different clubs are being properly channeled. We are at the present time gathering information on the needs of our fellow Rotarians, and people in our community. There is also a process being put in place to request and receive support from Rotary clubs from around the nation. Geoff will keep the club informed of the steps being taken and on how best support these efforts. We ask every member of our club to step forward and be ready to help the club help the ones in need. The first thing is to provide Geoff with information on need you know in the community and help in the planning and implementation of assistance. With all of these critical and important activities going on, it would be easy to forget other things, such as the Shrimporee. We must not forget that the Shrimporee is our most important event and our major way to raise money for all of our projects. Money raised at the Shrimporee will also go in supporting the recovery efforts from the hurricane Ike. It is of great importance that now more than ever we all make an extra effort in support of the Shrimporee, selling tickets, advertising and working in the different committees. Let's make this Shrimporee the best ever!

Yours in Rotary, Mike.

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President 2008-2009



Dong Kurn Lee



Rotary District 5890
Governor 2008-2009
Rhonda Kennedy



Chris Schneider
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

Past District Governors
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze
1981-1982



Billy Weseman
1993-1994



Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-2009

Today *Nick Lampson, U. S. Congressman, Dist. 22*
Oct 6 . . . *Representative Rob Eissler, Chair of Public Education, Texas House of Representatives*
Oct 13 *Columbus Day — no meeting*
Oct 20 . . . *David Minceberg, Candidate for Harris County Judge*

Bring a Guest!!

Say Happy Birthday to —

John Wilson. September 8th
Scott Rainey. September 8th
Bill Lowes. September 13th
Stan Galanski. September 17th
Joan Skellenger. September 22nd



October is Vocational Service Month

Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International
www.RI.org
Rotary District 5890
[www.RotaryDistrict 5890.org](http://www.RotaryDistrict5890.org)
Space Center Rotary Club
www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

Meeting Notes September 22nd—

- *County Judge, Ed Emmett, commented on the impact of Hurricane Ike. Preparations, evacuations and repairs were specifically described, as well as lessons learned. Although some experience severe damage and other considerable inconvenience, he pointed out that a last minute jog in course allowed Harris County and the Galveston Bay coast to avoid the greatest impact.*
- *Ted Cummings informed the members of activities to form a Rotaract Club at UHCL. Rotaract is for adults ages 18—30 and, although sponsored by UHCL, members do not have to be students. At this point, 32 have signed up, including on former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar seeking to reconnect to Rotary. All efforts thus far are very promising.*

Shrimporee Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs

The Shrimporee Committee will meet every week on Tuesdays @ 5:30pm until we reach the event, October 25th. Please be prepared to report on your activities. We are in the final days leading up to the Shrimporee and we must now proactively move forward in our efforts. If you are having any issues or delays, please let us all know your obstacles and needs, so we can assist.

Jon R McKinnie

The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do—

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

**YOU MAY VIEW
& READ THE
CURRENT & SOME PRIOR
ISSUES OF *THE BLASTOFF*
ON THE CLUB
WEBSITE**

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

Sep 30th **Dos Mas**, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster
Oct 7th **Topwater Grill**, 815 Ave. O, San Leon
Oct 21st **Zio's**, 820 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster
Nov 4th **Tommy's Seafood**, 2555 Bay Area Blvd, Houston
Nov 18th . . **Tony's Barbeque**, 17052 Saturn Ln., Houston
Dec 2nd **Abe's Cajun Market**, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd,
Houston
Dec 16th **Bailey's**, 2320 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook

Ridonnelly@aol.com

The Rotary Motto:

Service Above Self

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

Pearland

Tuesday @ noon

Golfcrest Country Club 2501 Country Club Drive

LaPorte

Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.

St John Episcopal Church Broadway @ Ave. G

Pasadena South

Wednesday @ noon

Baywood Country Club 5500 Genoa Red Bluff

Friendswood

Wednesday @ noon

Village on the Park Retirement Center 400 E. Park-
wood

Seabrook

Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.

Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway

League City

Thursday @ noon

Estaban's Fiesta Shack 131 League Street

Pasadena

Friday @ noon

First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy

Make up @ an E-club

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdf/s/eclub_list.pdf

SPONSORS OF SHRIMPOREE 2008

[**\$1,000 unless otherwise noted**]

- Amoco Federal Credit Union
- Art Oswald — AOVCO
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- Merrill Lynch (Jerry & Bill Smith)
- MRI Technologies (Tim Kropp)
- Prosperity Bank (Mark Humphrey)
- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)
- State Farm Insurance— Johnny R. White, Agent
- Texas Citizens Bank (Mike Cornett)
- Texas Roadhouse (Tony & Sharon Bloomfield \$2,500)
- Texas Wealth Management (Mike Hesse)
- The Citizen (Mary Alys Cherry)
- Gene & Donna Tromblee (\$2,500)
- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys (Marc Schneider)

EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Board of Directors3rdTue @ 7 a.m.
RNASA Committee 3rd Thur @
Endowment Foundation Bd. . . 2nd Tue @ 7 a.m.
Rotary Foundation Comm . . . last Wed @ 7 a.m.
Membership Committee . . .2nd Mon @ 1:15 p.m.
Shrimporee 2008 October 25 All Day
District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles, LA
Apr 30 — May 2, 2009
Rotary Space Award DinnerMay 8, 2009
100th RI Convention
Birmingham, England June 21 — 24, 2009

Officers & Directors 2008-2009

President	Mike Hernandez
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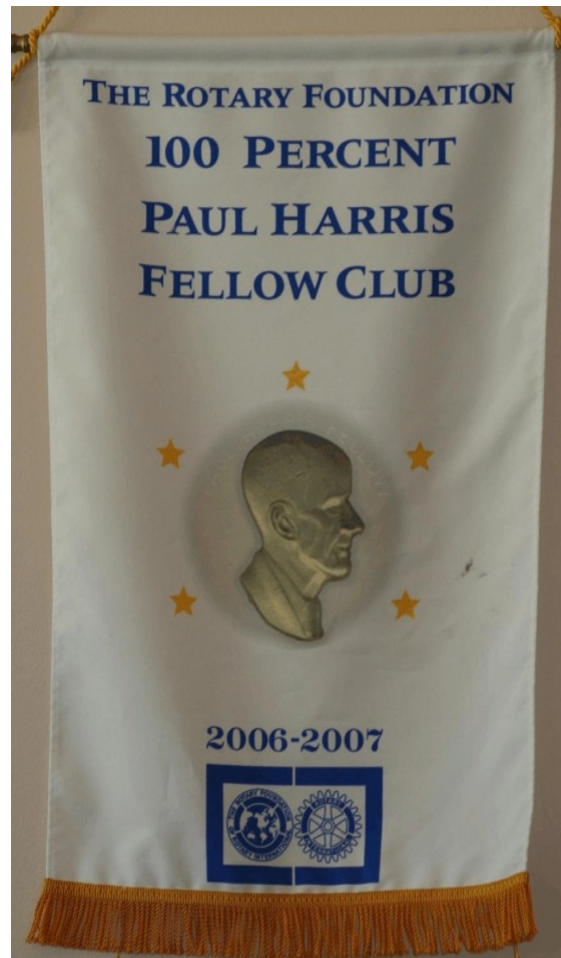
Committees & Chairs

Programs	Kippy Caraway
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Club History	Jerrold DeWease
Constitution & Bylaws.	Billy Smith
Memorial	Laura Hale
Fellowships.	Roger Donnelly
Blastoff Editor	Billy Smith
Photographer	Bob Mitchell
Public Information.	Mary Alys Cherry
Golf	Dick Kidder
Attendance	Bill Geissler
Classification.	Scott Rainey
Member Recruitment/Retention.	Jon McKinnie
Grants	Stan Glanski
Shrimporee	Jon McKinnie
Springoree	Steve Owens
Sponsors	Scott Rainey
Interact	David Coney
Rotaract	Ted Cummings
Youth Activities.	Marc Schneider
Senior Citizens	Steve Waldner
Health & Safety.	Jennifer Keller
Scholarships.	Belinda Skloss
Rotary Foundation.	David Coney
SCRC Endowment Foundation	Bob Wren
Ambassadorial Scholars	???
GSE Activities	Bill Geissler
International Youth Exchange.	Dick Meyer
World Health Foundation.	Dick Kidder
Excellence in Education	David Coney
Safety/Law Enforcement.	Phil Sandlin
Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation	Bob Wren, Pres.
Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation	Rodolfo Gonzalez, Pres.

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION TOUR TO INDIA

An unexpected vacancy for one female has occurred in the National Immunization Tour to India. The tour will depart on October 15th and arrive back in Houston on October 25th. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$2,700 including air fare, 10 day land tour with a visit to Taj Mahal and miscellaneous expenses. This cost may vary a little with the availability of an air ticket at the group rate. You do not have to be a Rotarian to take this tour. Interested persons may obtain additional information by contacting the tour leader:

PDG, Jon Eiche
Ph. 832.595.1398 or Cell 713.702.2292
eichejl@comcast.net



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**International Youth Exchange Meeting
September 30th**

5:30 p.m.

**Chelsea's NASA Pkwy., El Lago
(next to Boondoggles)**

**FYI: International Exchange Student, Sofia Berglund is from Sweden
and her host mom is Marci Paden; host sister is Jennifer.**

**BEN BRIDGE
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the **Rotarian**

Have you read your October issue? Here are some highlights:

- In RI President, Dong Kurn Lee's letter he says "When I was a child, Korea experienced a terrible war. After it was over, my country received a great deal of help from other governments and humanitarian organizations, help that put Korea on a track of health, hope, and economic growth. In the decades since the war, both Korea's economy and its Rotary club membership have grown enormously. I feel there are two reasons for this. One is Koreans' desire to help others as we were helped ourselves; we all want to pay back some of what was given to us. The other is the natural affinity Koreans have for the values of Rotary: integrity, honor, hard work, and fairness. Many of Rotary's core values are also core values in Korean business. Koreans know very well the lesson taught by Herbert J. Taylor, author of The Four-Way Test: We do not succeed professionally despite our ethical behavior; we succeed because of it" *You can read the rest of his message on the first page of the magazine.*
- Water Facts:
 - 1.1 billion** people on the planet don't have access to safe water.
 - 4,000 children** die each day from water-related illnesses, most of them preventable.
 - Women in developing countries** walk an average of 4 miles a day to fetch water; many girls drop out of school to perform this task.
 - By 2025**, two billion people will be living in countries with a shortage of water.
 - The Recommended level** of water resources is 500 cubic meters per person per year.
 - In developing countries**, more than 90% of sewage and 70% of industrial wastewater is dumped untreated into surface water.
 - In the United States**, daily water consumption averages 380 liters per person; in Europe, the average is 200 liters. In sub-Saharan Africa, many must survive with 10 to 20 liters.
 - Over half** of the hospital beds in the developing world are occupied by people suffering from preventable diseases caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation.
- Polar explorer **Admiral Richard E. Byrd** was born October 25, 1888. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Winchester, VA.

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RECOVERY
Scott Rainey

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Joey Dupuis

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&
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MAUDLIN

MAUI WAUI
Shelley Smith

A Song in Our Hearts

The tradition of singing in Rotary stretches as far back as Rotary itself: Chicagoan Harry Ruggles initiated it at the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905. Many clubs have traditionally included a song or two on their meeting agendas. The first official Rotary songbook, published in 1920, featured patriotic songs, popular tunes, and Rotary songs penned by Rotarians. The 1935 edition advised clubs to schedule singing before lunch and to base their selection of a song leader on personality, rather than musical talent. For more on this and other Rotary history topics, contact Rotary History and Archives at

history@rotary.org

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MERRILL LYNCH
Jerry & Bill
Smith

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TECHNOLOGIES
Tim Kropp

PROSPERITY
BANK
Mark Humphrey

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Jerrold Dewease

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Johnny R. White
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CITIZENS BANK**
Mike Cornett

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Mike Hesse

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TROMBLEE**

RNASA Donations Stimulate Youth Interest in Science and Engineering

Thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors, the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA), a Foundation of the Space Center Rotary Club, recently made donations to two organizations for the purpose of inspiring youth to pursue science, technology and engineering. A donation of \$11,000 to the Universities Space Research Association supports the continuation of the Texas Aerospace Scholars, providing scholarship to high school student to participate in special programs hosted at Johnson Space Center. Robert Senter, Vice President of the USRA at their headquarters in Columbia MD, expressed their appreciation in a letter to the RNASA Foundation. "Your donation will be used to provide support to students who have shown a carrier interest in space research or space science education... Thank you for your generosity." An additional donation of \$9,000 was provided to the JSC Exchange to purchase the polo shirts for the participating students in the Texas Scholars Program. An RNASA donation of \$10,000 was made to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation to support the establishment of the National Flight Academy in Pensacola, Florida which will use the latest technology in computer and simulation to inspire youth to study science, technology, engineering and math, and to pursue aviation and space as a career. Former USN Captain and Apollo 17 Commander, Gene Cernan, the 2008 recipient of the RNASA National Space Trophy, and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Aviation Museum Foundation, expressed his gratitude for the donation in a letter to RNASA Foundation President Rodolfo Gonzalez. "I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the RNASA Foundation, and I thank you so much for this special consideration". Vice Admiral General L. Hoewing, USN (Ret.) President of the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, also expressed his gratitude for the donation, he wrote, "We thank you for your support of this world-class educational venue. Your generosity has been critical to our success." The RNASA Foundation is a non-profit organization. It recognizes excellence and achievements of individuals and groups in the Space program at a yearly awards banquet. Proceeds from the banquet have enabled RNASA to contribute more than \$200,000 to support educational programs over the past 10 years. The 2009 gala event will be held at the Houston Hyatt Regency on May 8, 2009. For more information on RNASA and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.rnasa.org.



Students Presenting Their Projects

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HOUSTON
CLEAR LAKE
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SCHNEIDER
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THE CITIZEN
Mary Alys Cherry

**TEXAS
ROADHOUSE**
Tony & Sharon
Bloomfield

Rotary Resources: *click your way into the Rotary World*

<i>The Rotarian</i>	The official magazine of Rotary International.	www.rotary.org/rotarian
<i>Regional Magazines</i>	There are more than 30 regional Rotary magazines, which are published in 20 languages, including Thai, Bulgarian and even British English.	www.rotary.org/regionalmagazines
<i>Weekly Update</i>	Subscribe to receive a weekly news roundup from RI.	www.rotary.org/getupdate
<i>The Rotarian Video Magazine</i>	This DVD series showcases extraordinary projects and people from around the world.	www.rotary.org/rvm
<i>Rotary Images</i>	This is a photo library of projects, programs and Rotarians.	www.rotary.org/rotaryimages
<i>RI Youtube Channel</i>	Within minutes, you can embed an RI video on your website.	www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational
<i>Interactive</i>	Experience Rotary in a new way through this online newsletter.	www.rotary.org/interactive
<i>Reconnections</i>	Read about Rotary Foundation programs alumni.	www.rotary.org/reconnections
<i>Newsletters</i>	View a listing of all the newsletters available from RI.	www.rotary.org/newsletters
<i>Humanity in Motion</i>	TV, radio, print, Internet and billboard public service announcements focus on Rotary volunteer efforts that address critical humanitarian issues.	www.rotary.org/humanityinmotion
<i>RI Visual Identity Guide</i>	Learn the best practices for using Rotary's emblem & marks.	www.rotary.org/visualidentityguide

October: Rotary New Vocational Service Month

Rotary at a Glance:

Members: 1,226,067 (as of April 30th)

Clubs: 7,165

CLEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL
2305 E. MAIN
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS 77573
PHONE 281-284-1700 FAX 281-284-1705

To whom it may Concern,

August 7, 2008

The Clear Creek High Girls Golf Team and the Boys Golf team are hosting a fundraising golf tournament. The tournament will be held October 5, 2008 at South Shore Harbour Country Club. The funds raised from the tournament will be used to pay for the team members entry fees, transportation fees, and equipment purchases.

The girls golf team is seeking a hole sponsor donation from your company or you individually. Each sponsor will have a sign printed with the name you request and with the level of donation information. The signs will be displayed on an individual tee box. A Gold level sponsorship is \$400.00, a Silver level is \$250.00 and a Bronze level is \$100.00. All donations are tax deductible; please make your checks out to the Clear Creek High School Girls Golf.

Last season the girls represented Clear Creek High School at the State Championship tying for 7th place. This was a first for Clear Creek. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors our girl's team has been able to participate in more tournaments giving them exposure to a more competitive level of play. The girls are hoping to have started a new tradition of going to state and we are hoping that you too will keep us a tradition with your donation.

Thank you so much for considering donating in support of our organization. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Coach Kayla Williamson at 281-284-1700 or 281-284-2300. Our team greatly appreciates your consideration. Please make your checks payable to the CCHS Girls Golf.

Thank you again.

Clear Creek High
Girls Golf Team

4TH ANNUAL CCHS FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT
TEAM REGISTRATION

TOURNAMENT DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2008

TOURNAMENT LOCATION: *SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB*

CHECK IN/ LUNCH/ LATE REGISTRATION: 12:00PM

SHOTGUN START: 1:00PM

ENTRY FEE: \$100.00 PER PERSON

ENTRY FEE INCLUDES: DRIVING RANGE, GREEN FEES, CARTS
LUNCH, AND TROPHIES

SEND REGISTRATION TO:

CCHS GIRLS GOLF
C/O KAYLA WILLIAMSON
2305 EAST MAIN STREET
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS
77573

OR

CCHS BOYS GOLF
C/O GLEN MCWHORTER
2305 EAST MAIN STREET
LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS
77573

CONTACT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

TEAM MEMBERS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

HOLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

\$400.00-GOLD \$250.00-SILVER \$100.00-BRONZE

QUESTIONS CONTACT COACH KAYLA WILLIAMSON OR COACH GLEN
MCWHORTER AT 281-284-1700 OR 281-284-2300

THE CCHS GOLF TEAMS WOULD LIKE TO THANK SOUTH SHORE HARBOUR
COUNTRY CLUB AND LA BRISA MEXICAN BAR AND GRILL

The Clear Creek Girls and Boys Golf Team
Announce the 4th annual fundraising tournament

Sunday October 5, 2008
South Shore Harbour Golf Course

*We are seeking a tax deductible hole sponsorship
from you or your company.*

*Your company name and donation level will be
printed on a sign and displayed on a hole's tee
box.*

Sponsor Levels

\$400.00 - Gold

\$250.00 - Silver

\$100.00 - Bronze

Sponsor Deadline

September 25, 2008

Name Displayed on Sign_____

Address_____

City_____

State and Zip_____

Donations to benefit girls team please make checks to

CCHS Girls Golf - mail to 2305 East Main Street League City 77573

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