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A message from Pres. Mike

As you know, last week I presented to the club an issue we, at the Board, have been checking now for several weeks. This is the fact that the Club has been loosing money from the meals at every meeting. Our Club, for many years, at the Hilton as well as at the Holiday Inn, has had in the meal contract the guarantee of a



minimum number of meals every meeting day, this has been 60 meals. We have never had any problems meeting that number. Granted, that our membership has usually been in the 120 level where now we are in the 100 level. We first noticed early this year that last year we had a loss of close to \$4,000 and checking our weekly numbers we saw that the ratio of full meals to just salad have changed considerably. We are showing an average forty plus persons eating the full meal and twenty plus eating the salad option. This means that we are not only having to pay for the charges of the salads but also pay, out of Club's money, for the difference to the 60 meals. There were many suggestions of how to remedy this problem including collecting for the cost of the meal together with the dues payments, increasing the price of salad to \$10 (which is not enough to solve the problem), hanging the menu to something more economical, etc. After discussing it at the last Board meeting, on Monday I presented to the club the option of changing the menu to a soup and salad buffet that included chicken or turkey cold cuts, or shrimp, etc and had a large variety of vegetable and fruits for the price of \$12; or to leave the menu as we have but cancel the \$5 option of salad or dessert and continue with the \$15 price. The members voted 31 to 19 to keep the menu as we have it and cancel the \$5 option. This means that anyone that wants to eat will have to pay the \$15, whether it is to eat everything on the menu or part of it, being only salad or only the hot portion or only dessert. The other thing that was mentioned during the meeting was to remind the members of the \$5fee for just attending the club meeting. This fee is something that was implemented at least a year ago, but I do not know when that was. One thing that I failed to mention during the meeting last week is that this change to the meal is a temporary one. Our contract with Bay Oaks ends at the end of December and a new contract will be discussed between now and December. The Board will be discussing this issue during the next several meetings. It is important that we get feed back from the membership as to your feelings towards the services received at Bay Oaks and any suggestions related to other locations or meal systems we should consider. Continued on page 6





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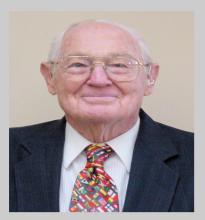
Rotary District 5890 Governor 2008-2009 **Rhonda Kennedy**



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. . . Representative Rob Eissler, Chair of Public Education, Texas House of Representatives

Bring a Guest!!

Say Happy Birthday to —

Earl Maudlin	October 1st
Mike Hernandez	October 19th
Marilyn Musial	October 23rd



College

Congratulations Al Ligrani for achieving 28 years of perfect attendance!



October is Vocational Service Month

Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International www.RI.org Rotary District 5890 www.RotaryDistrict 5890.org Space Center Rotary Club www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

Meeting Notes September 29th—

Bob Mitchell with Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership was a stand-in for Congressman Nick Lampson who was in Washington bailing out the economy. Some highlights of his presentation are:

- Ellington Field has been renamed Ellington Airport.
- Hurricane Ike recovery efforts.
- Difficulty for Port of Houston employers to find qualified maritime workers. Pasadena Independent School District has implemented a program leading to a Maritime Certificate and a salary of \$43k; San Jacinto College has a program leading to a Maritime License and a salary of \$65k; Texas A & M Galveston has a degree program leading to a salary of \$100k.
- By 2013, imports at the Port will double because of the Panama Canal project.
- By 2009, Ellington Airport will have 2,000 working there. It is now designated a Reserve Base for the military.
- A NASA budget with a \$2.4 billion increase has passed Congress and been has been sent to the Pres. who is expected to sign the bill. The budget will be \$20.2 billion which is only 6 10ths of 1% of the total budget.
- A group is working to keep the Shuttle Orbiter at JSC.

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

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 Mc Kinnie

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?

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

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 Retirment Center 400 E. Parkwood

Seabrook

Thursday @ &:7:00 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/p df s/eclub list.pdf

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- 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 Committee3rd 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 Dinner May 8, 2009 100th RI Convention

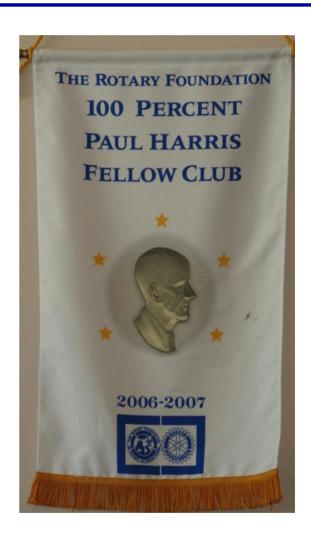
Birmingham, England June 21 - 24,2009

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Rotary Foundation.		
SCRC Endowment Foundation		
Ambassadorial Scholars		
GSE Activities		
International Youth Exchange		
World Health Foundation		

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 eichej1@comcast.net



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The CCHS Golf Team
Charity Golf Tournament has been postponed. The new
date has not been determined.
Dick Meyer

A MONTH FOR HOPE

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



BEN BRIDGE JEWELERS Travis Vermeer BILLY R. SMITH Attorney at Law Board Certified Estate Planning

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Oh, my God! What has happened to the Republic which I fought for eight years to establish?

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We may put together a survey with a list; meanwhile you can email me any comments.

On a different note- The **District Fellowship motorcycle and convertible ride** is the next week end, October 10 to 12. A group will get together in Sweeny on Friday evening and ride to Rosenberg on Saturday morning. There may be other groups gathering at other locations, I am in the process of finding out if there is a group around this area. Everyone will then ride, on Saturday morning to Brenham where they will spend the night and ride on Sunday morning. Then everyone will go beck home. I think that a Saturday only activity is also possible. Returning home on Sat early evening instead of staying in Brenham over night. Any one interested in riding in a motorcycle or in a convertible, please contact me and we will organize it. This is all for today

Yours in Rotary, Mike.

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MAUI WOWI Shelley Smith

NEW MEAL DEAL

Just a reminder, especially, for those who missed last Monday's meeting, the \$5.00 luncheon option for salad or dessert is no longer available. Our club guarantees Bay Oaks Country Club 60 full meals and we having been losing money since we have been averaging less than 50. Mike presented two options to those attending the Sept. 29th meeting and it was voted to maintain the full luncheon we have been receiving at \$15.00 with a \$5.00 room fee for those who don't wish to eat.

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Bill Geissler, Chairman, Attendance Committee

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.

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CITIZENS BANK
Mike Cornett

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MANAGEMENT
Mike Hesse

GENE & DONNA TROMBLEE



Katy Sunrise Rotary Club will host their 3rd annual fundraiser, Wine Fest on October 16th from 6pm to

10pm at Agave Road located in Katy, TX just west of FM 1463. Enjoy a wide selection of wines including several of the Lone State's own wineries, musical entertainment, a silent auction, and a menu of culinary dishes designed to perfectly complement the wines. Tickets are \$60 per person in advance and \$75 at the door. Each admission includes wine tastings, menu selections, and a souvenir glass. Information is available at

<u>www.katysunriserotary.com</u>. Tickets can be purchased at www.LocalWineEvents.comor by contacting any member of Katy Sunrise Rotary. Thanks for your help!!

Larry Daniels, President 281 528-1808

713 203-9419

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Rotary Resources: click your way into the Rotary

World

The Rotarian The official magazine of Rotary International. www.rotary.org/rotarian

Regional Magazines There are more than 30 regional Rotary magazines,

which are published in 20 languages, including Thai,

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Weekly Update Subscribe to receive a weekly news roundup from RI. www.rotarv.org/getupdate

The Rotarian Video

Magazine

Newsletters

This DVD series showcases extraordinary projects and

people from around the world.

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RI Youtube Channel Within minutes, you can embed an RI video on your

website.

Interactive Experience Rotary in a new way through this online

newsletter.

Reconnections Read about Rotary Foundation programs alumni.

View a listing of all the newsletters available from RI.

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announcements focus on Rotary volunteer efforts that

address critical humanitarian issues.

RI Visual Identity Guide Learn the best practices for using Rotary s emblem &

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www.rotary.org/regionalmagazines

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www.rotary.org/rotaryimages

www.youtube.com/rotaryinternatio

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www.rotary.org/reconnections

www.rotary.org/newsletters

www.rotarv.org/humanitvinmotion

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

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

2008-2009

MAKE DREAMS REAL

IMPORTANT DATES

10/02/08

OCTOBER 2008 VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH 6 Mon Program Texas Representative Rob Eissler, chair of Public Education; 7 Tue Family Fellowship, TOPWATER GRILL, 6:30 pm 10-12 District Motorcycle Ride	(Comm Excellence in Education)
13 Mon Columbus Day – No Club Meeting 18 Sat Rotary Foundation Seminar (Suzi Howe) (20 Mon) Program David Minceberg candidate for Harris County Judge; (Comm 21 Tue Board Meeting 21 Tue Family Fellowship at ZIO'S 6:30 pm 25 Sat Shrimporee 27 Mon Program TBD; (Comm Memorial)	Excellence in Public Service)
NOVEMBER 2008 ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH	
Wear your Paul Harris Fellow Medallion during this Month 3 Mon Club Meeting dedicated to Interact 4 Tue Family Fellowship at TOMMY'S SEAFOOD 6:30 pm 7-9 District Weekend Camping (10 Mon) Program: The Rotary Foundation; (Comm Rot. Int. Foundation) (17 Mon) Program TBD; (Comm Shrimporee)	
18 Tue Family Fellowship at TONY'S BARBECUE at 6:30 pm 18 Tue Board Meeting	
24 Mon Program TBD; (Comm)	
DECEMBER 2008 FAMILY MONTH 1 Mon Program TBD - Invite Families of Rotarians to the meeting 2 Tue Family Fellowship at ABE'S CAJUN MARKET at 6:30 pm 7 Sun Rotary at the Nutcracker Ballet (8 Mon) "CLUB MEETING AT UHCL" Program TBD - Hold Club elections during meeting 15 Mon Club Xmas meeting with School Carol- Invite Families 16 Tue Board Meeting 16 Tue Family Fellowship at BAILEY'S at 6:30 pm 22 Mon Program TBD 29 Mon Program TBD TBD Rotary Christmas Dinner JANUARY 2009 ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH	
5 Mon Program TBD; (Comm Public Information) 12 Mon Program TBD; (Comm Senior Citizens)	
15 Thu 19 Mon Martin Luther King's Day – No Club Meeting 20 Tue Board Meeting 26 Mon SCR Club Assembly Meeting	
FEBRUARY 2009 WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH 2 Mon Program TBD; (Comm In'atl Youth Exchange) 9 Mon Drug Essay Awards Presentation; (CommAmbassadorial Scholar) 12 Thu Foundation Dinner Suzi Howe) 14 Sat Valentine's Day SCR Rotarians visit to Nursing Homes 16 Mon Presidents Day – No Club Meeing 17 Tue Board Meeting 23 Mon Scholarships to High School Students; (Comm Bulleting & Com.)	
MARCH 2009 CLUB OPERATIONS West your Flord Person in during this Month	
Wear your Floyd Boze pin during this Month TBD District Camping Trip 2 Mon Program SCR Endowment Foundation; (Comm Directory & Web Page) 9 Mon Club Meeting dedicated to Rotaract 16 Mon Program TBD; (Comm Const. & Bylaws)	

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Board Meeting; (Comm.- Hist.& Memorial)
17 Tue
23 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Photography)
30 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Members Classification)
APRIL 2009
                                   MAGAZINE MONTH
6 Mon Excellence in Education; (Comm.- Springoree)
         Program TBD; (Comm.- Club History)
20 Mon
         Program TBD; (Comm.- Grants)
21 Tue
                  Board Meeting
27 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Sponsors)
30-May 2 District Conference in Lake Charles, LA
MAY 2009
                                   HEALTH AND SAFETY MONTH
4 Mon Program TBD.- (Comm.- World Health)
8 Fri
                  RNASA
TBD
                  Springoree
11 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Health and Safety)
                  District Motorcycle Ride
17 Sun
         Program TBD; (Comm.- Bulleting and Com)
18 Mon
19 Tue
                  Board Meeting
25 Mon Memorial Day - No Club Meeting
JUNE 2009
                                   ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH
TBD
                  Club Meeting on Law Enforcement (1st or 8th)
1 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Fellowship)
         Program TBD; (Comm.- Golf)
8 Mon
15 Mon
        Program TBD
16 Tue
                  Board Meeting
                  RI Convention in Birmingham, England
21-24
22 Mon
        Club Assembly – Year's Accomplishments
29 Mon Installation of SCR New Board
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Note: - Day in () are meetings NOT at the main dining area of Bay Oaks.

- Committee presentations do not start until August .
- Entries in red are the latest additions or corrections in the calendar
- Entries in green are scheduled meetings not yet confirmed

District Foundation Seminar on Oct 18

Be sure to mark your calendar for the District Foundation Seminar on Oct 18. Registration is still open, so it's not too late to register. All Rotarians of District 5890 are invited attend the Rotary Foundation Seminar on Oct 18 at Houston Community College Southwest. Registration starts at 8AM. Attendance at this important seminar will teach you how to take your club to the next level through the effective use of Foundation Grants. Attend the seminar and you will be amazed at what you and your Rotary Foundation contributions can do for the world community of Rotary. The registration form is attached. Click on the attachment below. For more information, contact:

Carmen Cuneo 713-522-8791

carmen.cuneo@rbc.com

To download and view the attachment, please click on the link below: Foundation Seminar Registration Form 2008-10-18 v2.doc

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