

the *Blastoff*

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A message from Pres. Mike

The Shrimporee is this coming Saturday, and it seems that it was only yesterday we were finalizing details for last year's Shrimporee. As you all know the Shrimporee is not only our major fund raising event, but also the opportunity to share Rotary and have fellowship with members of our community and other Rotarians. This is the opportunity for all the members of our club to work on a Rotary event and have fun and fellowship. No one should miss this opportunity! This year's Shrimporee is unique in that it will be, more than ever, dedicated to children. The theme of "Making the Dream of Healthy Kids Happen" says it all. The events through out the Shrimporee will be related to the theme, providing, not only fun time for children and adults alike, but also educational material related to children's health and safety. Each of us has also been given certain responsibilities in support of the Shrimporee. This is the time for each to make a mental inventory and assure we meet those responsibilities. Going down the list, we have been given meal tickets and asked to buy them and either sell them or give them away to friends and business associates; we are responsible, as members of a team, to provide baskets for the silent auction; we have been asked to buy at least one book of raffle tickets; we have been asked to acquire one donated item for the live auction; and we have been asked to place and distribute around the community flyers, posters and yard signs. This is the minimum contribution asked of all of us. If you have not done it yet, there is still time! Many of our members, I dare to say the majority, are also working in the planning and preparation for the event, and I hope all the members will participate in one way or another at the Shrimporee. Remember, the success of the Shrimporee depends on each of us, and it directly translates to the success of the club since it provides the monetary resources for all the service projects the club performs. Lets all join hands, have a successful Shrimporee and continue our Rotary commitment to "Make Dreams Happen" in our community and throughout the world.



As you may be aware, our meeting at Bay Oaks this Monday is at the Grill instead of the main dinning area. This means we will be a bit crowded in this smaller space. Every year we have several days we need to meet at the Grill due to pre planned golf tournaments. We will also meet at the Grill this year on Monday, November 17. Please also note that on Monday, December 8 we will not meet at Bay Oaks, but at the University of Houston Clear Lake as we did last year. So please arrive early on Monday so every one can be seated by the time we start the meeting and not disrupt the presentations being made. See you at the meeting,

Yours in Rotary
Mike Hernandez

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2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

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*Today. . . Oct 20 . . . David Minceberg, Candidate for
Harris County Judge*

*Oct 29. . . Dr. Brenda Hellyer Incoming Chancellor San Jacinto
College*

Bring a Guest!!

Meeting Dec 8th @ UHCL.

Say Happy Birthday to —

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



**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

Please read the following email and donate, to the group of Rotarian wives, proper items for sale at their Sweet Booth at the Shrimporee. As Joan Geissler indicated, all proceeds from the sale at this booth go to the Seabrook Hurricane Ike Fund. Thank you. Pres. Mike.

Rotarians & Spouses,

There is no longer a formal organization of Rotarian wives but fifteen of us still meet for lunch and we are organizing a Sweet Booth for the Shrimporee. We would appreciate any donation of bought or home baked goods such as brownies, cookies, cakes, cupcakes, pies, cobblers, sweet breads, and home made bread. One year we even had diabetic cookies.

Candy will also be accepted. However, no items that need refrigeration. All items should be marked and should be at the sweet booth by 11:00 A.M. All funds from the Sweetbooth are going to the Seabrook Hurricane Ike Fund. Thank you for reading this and we hope you will donate. Joan Geissler



Pictured l to r: Olive Murphy-Riker, Pres. Mike Hernandez, PE Jon McKinnie & CCISD Superintendent, Gregg Smith.

Meeting Notes October 6th—

- A check in the amount of \$1,000 was presented to Gregg Smith, Superintendent, for the CCISD Foundation.
- State Representative Rob Eissler, Chr. Public Education, presented the program regarding the work of The Texas Select Committee on Public School Accountability (TSCPSA). Several CCISD administrative heads and board Trustees were present. These are some highlights:
- There are 4.6 million students in public schools in Texas.
- Texas has teacher organizations, not unions, and they have motivations similar to parents. There is no collective bargaining.
- Schools are compared and rated based on their success in educating students.
- According to TSCPSA, there is a need for better data which is more accurate, consistent across school districts and made available timely so that schools can measure the success of their programs and make adjustments as necessary.
- The legislature and school districts need better tools to convert data into actionable information; to integrate academic and financial accountability; to rank results to identify relative performance; to identify areas requiring improvement and to monitor the progress of improvement strategies.

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

Shrimporee Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs

The **LAST MEETING** of the Shrimporee Committee **Tuesday October 21st @ 5:30pm**. Please be prepared to report on your activities. We are in the final days leading up to the Shrimporee on Saturday October 25th 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?**

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

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

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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

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

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- DRDA (Olive Murphy-Riker, CPA)
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- Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey) (\$2,500)
- JSC Federal Credit Union (Mike Brown) (\$2,500)
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- MRI Technologies (Tim Kropp)
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- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)
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- 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 @ 5:30 p.m.
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
President Elect	Jon McKinnie
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Club Administration	Mark Humphrey
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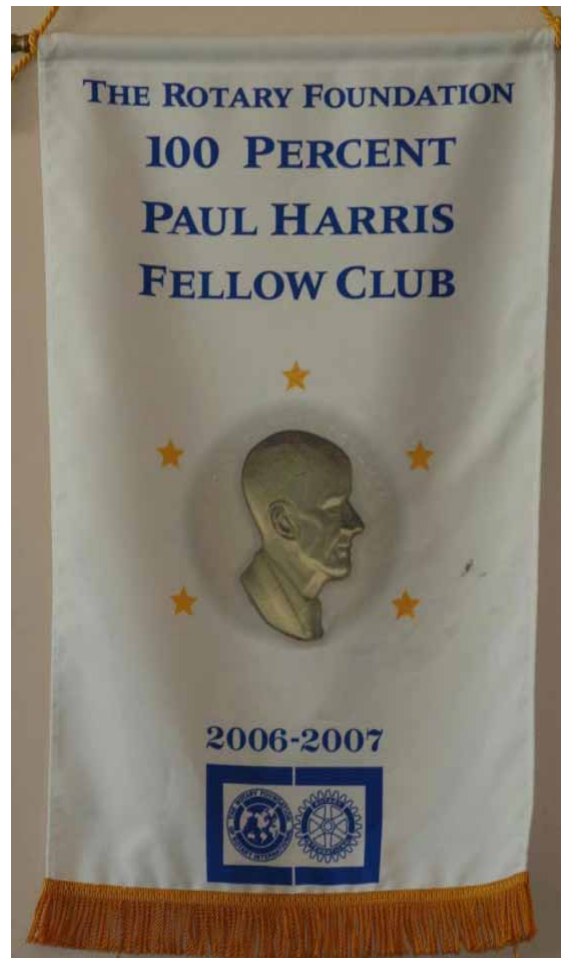
Committees & Chairs

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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
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Space Center Rotary's
35th Annual Festival and Auction

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EVERYONE
WELCOME
AND INVITED!

FREE
ADMISSION!

Making the Dream of Healthy Kids Happen

Saturday,
October 25, 2008
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Clear Lake Park
Landolt Pavilion
5001 NASA Parkway

Major Beneficiaries:

Early Literacy Center for the Clear Lake Library
Wheelchair rated trails for Armand Bayou Nature Center
Recreational Equipment for the MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital

Lots of great fun for your family and friends
Kids educational & interactive activities
Live and silent auctions begin at 11:00 p.m.

Shrimp/Brisket Meal Plate - \$15
Meal plate tickets are available
from Club Members & Sponsors
Or, tickets may be purchased at the park
on the day of the event.



For Information contact:

Shrimporee Chairman, Jon McKinnie at 281-316-5986
Ticket Chairman, Art Oswald at 281-461-3330

Please see the back of this page for a listing of our event sponsors (as of 8-27-08)

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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 Com-
mittee

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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Endowment Foundation Update
Value of Assets: \$147,672.37
Next Pancake Breakfast: Valentine's Day February 14, 2009

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Mary Alys Cherry

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<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
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<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