

the *Blastoff*

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A message from Pres. Mike



November is Rotary Foundation Month! We want every Paul Harris Fellow to proudly wear your medallion at all of the Monday Club meetings during this month! We are planning a lot of activities related to The Rotary Foundation during our meetings, including dedicating the meeting on November 10 exclusively to Rotary Foundation. As you know our club is a 100% Paul Harris Fellow. You may not have noticed the banner behind and to the side of the podium at our meetings. This is something that was not easily accomplished and many dedicated members work very hard to make it happen. Now it is very important that all of us continue our efforts to maintain the 100% status. Many of our members may not understand what it means or the importance of being a Paul Harris Fellow. I hope that after this month all of us will be a lot more familiar with the Foundation, it services benefiting the world and our individual communities, and the many ways in which you can contribute and benefit at the same time. To a Rotarian to be a Paul Harris Fellow means that you truly believe in the objects of Rotary and are committed to the Rotary principle of Service Above Self. As a club we have the policy of subsidizing members in the financial requirement of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. The club will provide half of the required \$1000.00 (\$500.00) when the member contributes \$500.00 and applies for the Fellowship. There are many ways in which a member can contribute the \$500.00. Can make a one time payment for the amount, or can make deposits in your RI account until the needed amount is reached, or can buy yearly District raffle tickets where you not only have the chance to win a price but the face value of the ticket goes as a credit into your RI account towards accumulating for the fellowship amount. We are fortunate in our club that not only we have many of our members participating in key District functions but that our Past District Governor, Suzi Howe is the District Chair of the Rotary Foundation. I am sure she will be talking to us at one of the meetings this month about the Foundation. Also I know she will be very happy to answer any questions that any of the members may have about the Foundation. See you at the meeting, and don't forget **to wear your medallion!** Yours in Rotary, Mike Hernandez

**Rotary International
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. . . ????????????????

Bring a Guest!!

Meeting Dec 8th @ UHCL.

Say Happy Birthday to —

- Charles MilbyNovember 1st
- James Saxe.....November 2nd
- Mary Alys Cherry.....November 20th
- Vince Lipovsky.....November 28th
- Dave Sincox.....November 29th



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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

- November is Rotary Foundation Month. The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. It sounds so simple, yet it means so much. [See the magazine for the rest of RI Pres. Dong Kurn Lee's message.]
- Tree-hugger, Boria Villegas, Rotaract Club of Cochabamba, Bolivia: *For Boria Villegas, saving the world is about small steps. "We can't fix everything." she says. "But I want to at least conserve what we still have."* [See page 11 of the magazine for the rest of the story.]
- "Poverty must not be a bar to learning, and learning must offer an escape from poverty."
Lyndon B. Johnson
- At the District 7670 conference in April, six-year-old John Ari asked his dad about Rotary. Hilmi Ari told him that Rotary makes a difference. After thinking about that, John replied, "I want to make a difference." As a result of that conversation, 94 kids in Thailand have new shoes. . . . [See page 19.]
- Sir Winston Churchill, former British Prime Minister, was an honorary member of the Rotary Clubs of London and Wanstead Woodford.
- Malaria is the fourth highest killer of children under the age of five. Malaria Facts: The word *malaria* comes from the Italian language, literally meaning "bad air"; It was once thought that people caught malaria by breathing swamp air. Malaria kills more than one million people per year; 90% of them are African children. Malaria is caused by parasites spread from person to person through the bites of infected mosquitoes.
- There are 1,228,810 Rotary members in 33,049 clubs.

2008 Shrimporee Facts

1,586 meals served
\$16,800 received from food tickets
\$2,021 received from \$1 tickets (drinks, etc.)
\$1,634 in miscellaneous receipts
\$10,465 receipts from the live auction
\$4,656 receipts from the silent auction
\$2,800 receipts from raffle tickets
Approximately \$60,000 received from sponsors
The Women of Rotary received \$760 from sweets
which they will give to the Seabrook Intermediate School.
All in all, a very successful event!!

There will be a wrap-up meeting of the Shrimporee Committee
On November 11th; 5:30 p.m. at JSC Federal Credit Union

Meeting Notes October 20th—

- Flagship Properties CEO, David Minceberg, candidate for Harris County Judge, spoke about volunteerism using a story about his parents' survival of the Holocaust in Poland. Both are Jews and his father survived with the help of a non-Jew.
- When asked about what he thinks the biggest challenge for Harris County is, he responded that transportation, roads, clean air, flood control and financial stress because of losses in property values will all be challenges in the near future, but the greatest challenge will be to find the money to meet these challenges.
- The position of Harris County Judge is not a judicial one, but is the presiding officer (CEO) of Harris County.
- The County Judge presides over the Commissioners' Court.
- The annual budget is \$1.5 billion.

- Jon Committee and team gave final remarks regarding preparation for Shrim-poree 2008.

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

Vote
**It is your
right
&
your duty.**

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.

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. Parkwood

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
- Bastion Technologies (Mike Hernandez (\$2,500))
- Belinda K. Skloss, LLC
- Ben Bridge Jewelers (Travis Vermeer)
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- Delia Stephens, Attorney at Law
- DRDA (Olive Murphy-Riker, CPA)
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- Gurry Mechanical, LP (Ken Gurry)
- Hopping Eye Associates (Vissett Sun)
- Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey) (\$2,500)
- JSC Federal Credit Union (Mike Brown) (\$2,500)
- J. Pamela Photography (Pam Culpepper)
- Kirchoff Peterson Co. (Don Kirchoff) (\$2,500)
- L. D. Bowles Associates (Lamar Bowles) (\$2,500)
- Las Colinas Custom Interiors (Rae De Castro)
- Lexus of Clear Lake — Joey Dupuis (\$2,500)
- Earl & Terrilee Maudlin (\$10,000)
- Maui Wowi (Shelley Smith)
- 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)
- WalMart Super Center, Baytown

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

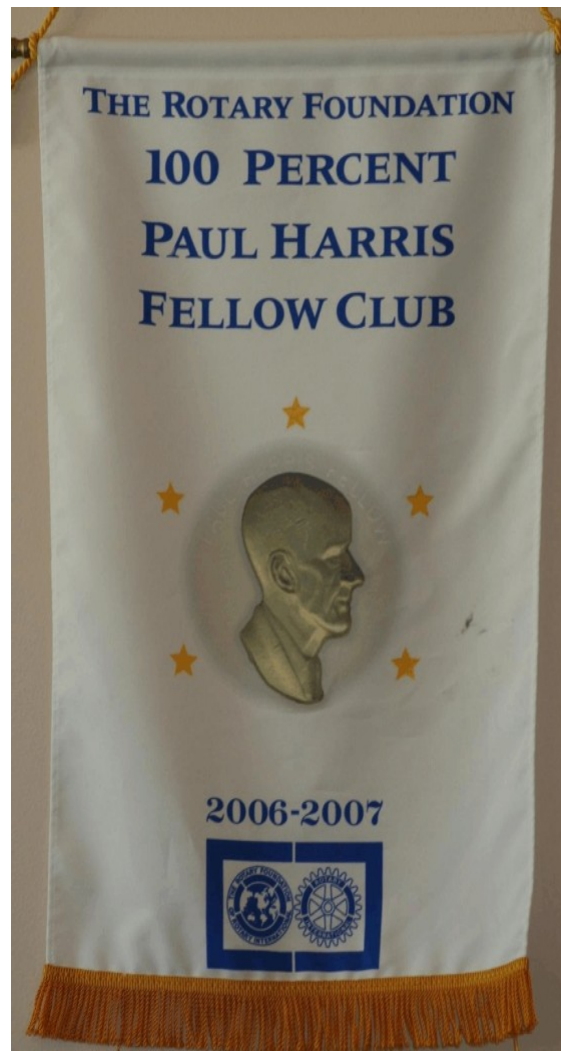
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Youth Activities.	Marc Schneider
Senior Citizens	Steve Waldner
Health & Safety.	Jennifer Keller
Scholarships.	Belinda Skloss
Rotary Foundation.	David Coney
SCRC Endowment Foundation	Bob Wren
Ambassadorial Scholars	???
GSE Activities	Bill Geissler
International 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.



WalMart Super Center
Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.

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Mike Hernandez

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Showers —



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Notes from the October 27th meeting —

Dr. Brenda Hallyer, incoming Chancellor of San Jacinto College (May '09) was the speaker and the following are highlights from her PowerPoint presentation:

- *San Jacinto College is 47 years old.*
- *It serves 6 independent school districts.*
- *It is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.*
- *There are 24,810 students enrolled for the Fall '08 semester.*
- *San Jac offers 44 academic programs & 140 technical programs.*
- *Its Clear Horizons College High School program allows high school students to take courses and receive dual credit toward their high school diploma and a college degree.*
- *42% of San Jac's adjunct instructors are employed in industry, thereby bringing today's skills and experiences to the classroom.*
- *In May '08 the district passed \$295 million in bonds to update facilities.*
- *The average age of a student at San Jac is 28.*

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P.C.
Attorneys at Law

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Ken Gurry

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ASSOCIATES
Vissett Sun

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a news
Vacancy.***

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Scott Rainey

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INTEIORS
Rae DeCastro**

**LEXUS OF
CLEAR LAKE
Joey Dupuis**

**EARL
&
TERRILEE
MAUDLIN**

**MAUI WOWI
Shelley Smith**

Disaster Relief Committee of District 5890

The committee needs your help in identifying potential Hurricane Ike projects. The type of projects should have the following characteristics:

- **Provide benefit to families or local communities**
- **Aid in restoring quality of life**
- **Serve a humanitarian purpose**

We are looking for projects small, medium and large. Resources around the country are poised to aid good Rotary projects. We need help in identifying good projects.

Contact Geoff Atwater with your suggestions.

Geoff.P.Atwater@usa-spaceops.com

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**

**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 WEALTH MANAGEMENT Mike Hesse	GENE & DONNA TROMBLEE
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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

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE CAMPUS	WALDRON & SCHNEIDER Attorneys at Law	THE CITIZEN Mary Alys Cherry	TEXAS ROADHOUSE Tony & Sharon Bloomfield
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