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A message from Pres. Mike

REMEMBER, NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH – WEAR YOUR PAUL HARRIS FELLOW MEDAL LION TO THE MEETINGS THIS MONTH.

Club elections for the year 2009-2010 Directors and Officers are coming up in December. The members will be electing three Directors, a Sergeant at Arms, a Treasurer, a Secretary and a President Elect. The Board has appointed a Nomination Committee that will be presenting a slate of candidates to the Club at our meeting on November 24th. Members will have 2 weeks to review the list of candidates and to present additional candidates for any of the seven open positions. The only requirement is that candidates presented are active members in good standing, have been contacted before being nominated and have agreed to the nomination. Candidates presented by the members will appear on the election ballot together with the ones nominated by the Board. Elections will take place during our meeting on December 8th and the results will be announced before the end of the meeting. Possibly many of you are not aware that we have a ladder succession process for the officers of our club, starting with the Sergeant at Arms to Treasurer, then Secretary and President Elect who then becomes the President the following year. Normally the candidates presented by the Board for club officers are the ones already on the ladder, with the exception of the Sergeant at Arms which is the ladder entry point. So it is likely that the nominations the Board will present are officers you already know. But even though we have the ladder, our members can provide nominations for any of the positions and there is a period of two weeks for that purpose. Besides the Officers, there are three Directors to be elected. We have 9 Directors in our Club; they are elected for a period of 3 years and are staggered such that 3 Directors are elected each year. The Directors completing their terms at the end of this year (June 30, 2009) are Mark Humphrey, Mike Cornett and Richard Kidder. So, if you are interested in running for one of the positions or know a member that is interested, please contact our club parliamentarian, Billy Smith or the chair of the nomination committee, Jon McKinnie

Yours in Rotary, Mike Hernandez





Rotary International President 2008-2009



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Dr. Floyd D. Boze 1981-1982





Billy Weseman 1993-1994



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Service Above Self

Programs —

Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-2009

Today. . . ????? No information available.

Bring a Guest!!

Meeting Dec 8th @ UHCL.

Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation Board of Directors Meeting Tues. Nov. 11th 7:00 a.m @ Bay Oaks Country Club

Say Happy Birthday to —

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





Important & Informative Websites

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

District Governor's Newsletter Now Available Online

As a result of the many requests from Rotarians across the district, the day has arrived. District Governor Rhonda Kennedy's Newsletter has gone electronic thanks to the hard efforts of Editor Marilyn Lidberg. Below you will find a link for the November issue. We have also posted an archive of back issues on the left side of the district website, in PDF format which should be automatically opened with Adobe Reader. Just click on the link below, pick the month of your choice, and enjoy the fruits of Rhonda and Marilyn's efforts.

http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/ programhome.aspx?did=5890&pageid=31723

To download and view the attachment, please click on the link below:

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Shrimporee Wrap-up Debriefing Meeting

There will be a wrap-up & debriefing meeting of the Shrimporee Committee on Monday, November 10th; 5:30 p.m. at JSC Federal Credit Union

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Proudly wear your Paul Harris Medallion To the meeting.



Meeting Notes October 20th— Dr. Jack Bacon, SCRC member, NASA employee and member of Engineers Without Borders talked about the Rwanda Water Project and others.

- Rainwater catchments & solar lighting
- Muramba College
- Mugonero Or**phanage**
- L'Esperance Children's Aid Orphanage
- Developing an agreicultural Vocational School & an Eco-Lodge
- Growing & selling dried fruit abroad
- Plantation Irrigation
- SCRC awarded EWOB \$1,000.
- To see another sponsor, go to <u>Equilter.com</u>

Other News:

- Art Oswald announced that as a tentative report \$24,820 has been turned in by SCRC members for Shrimporee tickets.
- Jon McKinnie talked about membership development and retention.
- David Coney explained the "purple pinky" project that highlights polio immunization.
- Steve Waldner announced a Veteran's Day program at UH-CL to honor Veterans.
 SCRC member, John Kennedy, will speak about "What it means to be a Veteran."

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

Thank you Veterans. We appreciate you for protecting our freedoms.

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 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 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

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- Texas Roadhouse (Tony & Sharon Bloomfield \$2,500
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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)
- WalMart Super Center, Baytown

Do you know the meaning of "Love"?

The question, "What does love mean?" was posed to a group of 4 to 8 year olds. These are some of their answers:

Bobby, 5 — "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."

Charlie, 5 — Love is that first feeling you feel before all the bad stuff gets in the way."

Rebecca, 8 — "When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."

Billy, 4 — "When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth."

Chrissy, 6 — "Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.

Terri, 4 — "Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."

Emily, 8 — "Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."

Nikka, 6 — "If you want to learn to love better you should start with a friend who you hate."

Matthew, 7 — "When you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because not only do they still love you, they love you even more."

Jenny, 4 — "There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both kinds of them."

Tommy, 6 — Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."

Jessica, 8 — "You really shouldn't say I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."

A four year-old child had a next door neighbor who was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing. I just helped him cry."

These were taken from a contribution by Susan Capps to the Senior News.

Editor's note: If you think this has no place in the Rotary newsletter, ask yourself, "What is the meaning of the Rotary Motto — Service Above Self"? Is not serving the needs of others to the sacrifice on oneself the greatest form of love? Stop a moment in solitude and think about how you would answer the question, "What is the meaning of love?" Is it more than an emotion? Can you distinguish love from passion? Think of the persons in your life you have loved, do love. How does your love for each differ? What is there about them that causes you to love them? How does the love for a pet differ from the love of a person? Does it? Is there anything in life greater than love? Is there anything that hurts more that to lose it? Do you feel loved? If you would like to share your thoughts and comments to be published in this newsletter, please send them to me. If you want them to be kept anonymous, so state and I will respect your wishes. I am particularly curious about those of you who have participated in Rotary International projects, such as Rwanda, Bolivia, Guerrero & Nicaragua. What emotions did you experience? Love, compassion, sadness, empathy, anger, pride? What can you say to encourage others to participate?



EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Board of Directors3rdTue @ 7 a.m.
RNASA Committee3rd 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

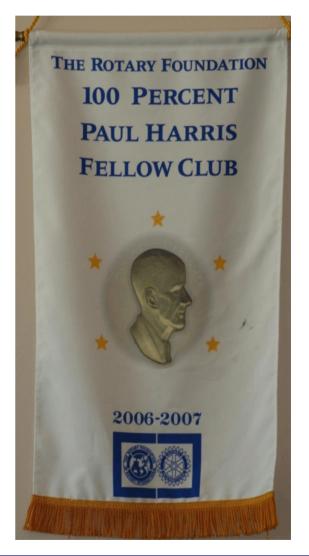
Apr 30 — May 2, 2009
Rotary Space Award Dinner May 8, 2009
100th RI Convention
Birmingham, England June 21 — 24, 2009

Officers & Directors 2008-2009

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International Service A		
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No submissions.



SOME PRESIDENTIAL FACTS:

- The majority of the U. S. presidents were between the ages of 50 and 59 when they were elected.
- The youngest elected president was John F. Kennedy at age 43.
- The oldest elected president was Ronald Reagan at age 69.
- Episcopalian and Presbyterian have been the most common religions among the presidents. In fact about 1/2 of the presidents were of one of these two religions. There have been two Quakers and one Roman Catholic president.
- Since Abraham Lincoln's election in 1860, 18 out of 28 presidents have been Republican.
- Only 12 presidents have been elected for two terms. One, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was elected for four.
- Four presidents were elected without winning the popular vote.
- Four presidents have been assassinated while in office.
- Six presidents survived assassination attempts.
- The oldest president was Ronald Reagan who was 77 when he finished his second term.
- Eight presidents died while serving in office.

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A HISTORY MYSTERY

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846. John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860. John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday. Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Lincoln's secretary was named Kennedy. Kennedy's secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners. Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808. Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

> Both assassins were known by their three names. Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Lincoln was shot at the theater named "Ford". Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln" made by "Ford".

Lincoln was shot in a theater and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theater.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials. A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland. A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

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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.

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News From France

Note: See picture on the next page.

From: Lisa Nicholson <1.nicholson53@yahoo.fr>

Subject: November report

Date: Sunday, November 2, 2008, 2:23 PM

Hello,

Well, my exchange is still going along smoothly with no problems. Right now, my family has taken me to the North of France to see their relatives. I had no idea how different the North was from the South. The Architecture, the accent, and the set up of towns are different. To begin with, architecture-the houses are kinda boxy and consist of brick rather than stone. The accent is much more sharp, and it's a little harder to understand after having a month with the southerners. I can't put my finger on how the towns are different. I can just tell...The North is really cold, too. I've been wearing about 4 layers of clothes on top. Tomorrow, we leave for Paris which is really exciting. They want to show me all the touristy places and maybe some museums, I can't wait! I've always wanted to see the Tour Eiffel and finally that dream is coming true!! Other than this holiday update, things were going quite well at home in Clairyaux as well. I had gotten into the routine of waking up early to catch the bus, staying at school until about 4:30 and then arriving at home at 7. What can I say about school? The classes are taught like college classes and I have to take notes for hours, but its okay because I'm learning the language and acting like any regular French student. The teachers are totally understanding of my handicap and really nice to me. We have to have gym class on Wednesday for 2 hours each week and for some unknown reason, it's always Wed. When it decides to rain, go figure. Since the gymnasium is under construction, we end up running in the rain on the track. At first, I would run at a nice pace (meaning not very fast), but apparently to get a good grade you are supposed to go fast. So, my last day in gym class I kicked it into gear and my gym teacher was quite surprised. He thought I was doing so poorly because I wasn't able to go any faster, but...no, I just didn't really want to. Now, I know you're not supposed to go at a nice pace, so that's all settled. Oh, my favorite class would have to be my cinema audiovisual class. We watch movies and then analyze them. Sometimes we'll watch a cassette so there are no subtitles which makes it quite hard. Other times, the teacher wants to watch a movie in its original form so we watch in English with French subtitles. How convenient for me. The last few movies were horror flicks and I ended up crawling all over my friend since I get scared. Oh yeah, we watched the Sixth Sense in French and I just didn't get the same feeling when he said "Je vois des gens qui sont morts" rather than "I see dead people." French literature class is quite difficult; an example is that we are going to be reading the original Voltaire's Candide in French. Yeah...that should go well. Update with friends. Yes, I have them. lol. We can't really hang out much in school because they are too busy taking notes, but during lunch and after school I get to hang out with friends. I actually just discovered that a lot of girls from my class go to this certain café after school for hours so I might go join them. On the weekends, if my host family hasn't planned anything, I hang out with friends. Even when I'm not with friends and just sitting at home, it's nice because I can listen to music, read, write in my journal, and blah blah. Who knew there were so many things to do? I also enjoy taking walks in my little town. There's a trail next to this stream and it's completely beautiful plus I can just be alone and think. Obviously I hang out with my family. When I get home, Louise (little host sister) is happy to see me and wants to play. She is going through her princess stage so she likes to put on princess dresses and anything pink. She's a real hoot. She loves attention, and sometimes gets a little jealous when the parents spend time with me rather than her. It's all good. At the same time, being alone as the only child (she has siblings but not in the house); she has learned to play by herself. With my host dad, he is really great and taught me how to play checkers. He's beaten me twice now, but I'm making sure next time will be me! He's really into soccer and coaches a team, so he spends a lot of time with that. Of course, I see him a lot though. My host mom works in an antique shop. Louise goes to school every day; at 3 and a half years old, mind you. They start school early here, I think. I think she learns a little English, too. Whenever she speaks "English" with me she makes gibberish noises and tells me how good she can speak English. I'm like, oh yeah, good job! What a cutie. Well, I'm going to be changing host families after this vacation. When I come back, I will go to centre-ville Rodez. I'm pretty excited about the change even though I'm really comfortable in this family. It will be nice to have a host brother close to my age and an 8 year-old brother. I think it might be a challenge to have to adapt to another host family, but I'm sure all will go well. I'll be able to wake up later in the morning because I can walk to school. That's a definite plus! Oh yeah, in case you're wondering, French people don't really do much for Halloween. Some people get a kick out of a little decorating, but all in all, it's an American holiday. I saw some people on the metro dressed up in Scream costumes and of course, in the Disney store but that's pretty much it. Except for the candy, I didn't really miss the holiday. France never ceases to amaze me and I'm so happy to be here!!!!!! L Lisa Nicholson



From: D'Lisa Simmons [mailto:simmons5890@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, November 03, 2008 12:08 AM

Subject: Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar: Eveling Urbina Zapata

Dear Rotary Friends,

Attached is the photo from Mile 12 of the 13.1 mile half-marathon Eveling completed last weekend! Her thank you note and summary thoughts about her marathon training are on the HoustonFit web page at

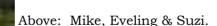
http://www.houstonfit.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=2875

Almost 300 people have viewed this website, and very few, if any, are Rotarians. This week, Eveling will complete her term as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and her English is now very fluid --- she is able to converse fully and exchange complex thoughts and ideas. More importantly, her development into a young lady has been nothing short of extraordinary! Beyond the classroom, Eveling has learned many things, including how to run, proper nutrition, importance of proper diet, importance of exercise, taking care of herself and her things, and how to be a contributing member of the family. Simple things, like helping in the kitchen, have been a struggle. The first sandwich made for school took 45 minutes.....7 minutes just to get it into the Ziploc bag. Now the whole process is about 10 minutes! Chopping an onion with the knife takes about 45 minutes. Finding the heat source in the kitchen has been a big challenge, yet she can now cook a pot of beans and a pot of rice! Orientation and navigation with her cane has been a constant struggle, and still is. Our home now has Braille labels on cabinets, drawers, and the microwave. We have orientation "dots" on the washing machine and dryer. Eveling can now wash, dry, and put away all of her own clothes and make her own bed. Have you ever tried to hang a pair of pants or shirt on a hanger in complete darkness or with your eyes closed? What about putting a fitted sheet on the bed, blind-folded? Try it, and you may understand some of the frustrations Eveling has faced. It took us 5 hours over the course of 3 evenings to learn how to get from the front door, down the sidewalk, down the driveway, across the street, and back up to the front door. Many tears of frustration were shed on those evenings. Eveling can now walk this route on her own in less than 3 minutes and knows where she is going. Why is this so important? In order to take the MetroLift bus to school and around town, Eveling had to know how to get to the street and back again. For the first time in her life, Eveling has had to be responsible for booking her bus trips in advance, be ready and on time, and have her bus pass paid and in her purse. Eveling has learned the importance of personal grooming and presentation in a visual world ---- things we take for granted and many times overlooked with the disabled. Most importantly, the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship has allowed Eveling to improve not only her language skills, but also assisted with providing her the adaptive equipment

and training she needs to succeed ---- talking computer, Braille display machine for classes, and an EvePal high speed scanner which translates the written text into talking words on her computer within 30 seconds! This opportunity has been made available to Eveling through the many generous contributions of Rotarians throughout the Houston-area district 5890. Thank you. Special thanks to PDG Jeff Tallas, who allowed for a large chunk of his DDF budget to be "gifted" to the Nicaragua District for this to happen. Special thanks also to the Rotary Clubs of Leon and Pasadena for being Eveling's sponsor and host clubs, respectively. And a very special thanks to Bill and Jackie Barmore, who are Eveling's host sponsors in Texas and have worked so very hard to pull together the paperwork and some additional financing to make all of this happen. Big thanks and kudos also to Mayra Cuellar, who is now Eveling's roommate and giving her a "taste" of what college girls in America are doing [well, maybe not everything....]! My husband, Michael and I have had Eveling live in our home for 5 months as part of our family. Words will never be able to adequately describe how rewarding this experience has been. The best analogy I can find is a flower....the next time you purchase a rosebud, watch it open into a beautiful blossom over the next several days.....this has been our similar experience in working with Eveling. Hopefully, she will never again have to sit in the darkness feeling invisible, but will remember the warmth of the sun on her face as it rises when we are outside running in the light of the dawn.

Eveling's Farewell Dinner: Saturday, November 8, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Star Pizza (upstairs solarium) 2111 Norfolk (near Shepherd & 59) D'Lisa's cell: 713.376.9373

Thanks, D'Lisa Simmons Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Singapore, 1987-88



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