

the Blastoff

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Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

A message from Pres. Mike



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

In my write up in last week's Blastoff I discussed the upcoming Club elections for Officers and three Director positions. I indicated we follow a ladder progression process for selection of the officers, from Sergeant at Arms to President. Although that is true, I apparently left the impression that it is the way written in our bylaws.

The ladder process is not in our bylaws. It is followed as a matter of tradition. Also it is important to understand that every year we conduct elections for all of those positions and that any member can present candidates for any of those positions open for election They are, for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms and three or more Directors.

On November 24th, the Board will present to the members the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee, and invite members to present any nominations they may have. There will be two weeks during which the members may send their nominations to Billy Smith, our Club Parliamentarian. He will then put together a ballot with all of the names received and conduct the elections during our meeting on December 8th. The ballot will include open spaces to write in any nomination made from the floor during the day of the elections. Results of the elections will be presented before the end of the meeting.

I hope that this further clarification will relieve any anxiety that my previous comments created about the ladder process.

Yours in Rotary, Mike Hernandez

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 and all of November, Rotary Foundation Topics. Plus, Geoff Atwater & Stan Galanski will present an update on the Bolivia water project.

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



Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International

www.RI.org

Rotary District 5890

www.RotaryDistrict5890.org

Space Center Rotary Club

www.SpaceCenterRotary.org



The Sombrero Galaxy;
28 million light years
from Earth. Picture
taken by the Hubble
telescope.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- Those who live by the sword live get shot by those who don't.
- Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.
- The 50-50 Rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there is a 90% probability you'll get it wrong.
- It is said that if you line up all the cars in the world end-to-end, someone would be stupid enough to try to pass them.
- If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.
- The things that come to those that wait may be the things left by those who got there first.
- Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man to fish and he will sit in a boat all day drinking beer.
- Flashlight: A case for holding dead batteries.
- The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.
- When you go into court, you are putting yourself in the hands of twelve people who weren't smart enough to get out of jury duty.

November is Rotary Foundation Month
Proudly wear your
Paul Harris Medallion
To the meeting.



Meeting Notes November 10th —

- Scott Rainey reported that Shrimporee sponsors donated approximately \$55,000.
- Clear Lake Lexus General Manager, Joey

Dupuis, presented a check in the amount of \$2,500 for their sponsorship.

- Steve Waldner (USMC Vet) called attention to it being the 233rd birthday of the United States Marine Corp.
- Sofia Berglund, exchanged student from Sweden (Varberg), presented a program of slides of her family and home. At age 17, she participates in various sports including golf, Swedish handball which is similar to soccer with a smaller ball and 6 person team.
- A video presentation of PDG D’Lisa Simmons, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar to Singapore, meeting and getting to know Evaline in Nicagragua; a gift of a Braille machine, and the joy of making a difference in the lives of others, one person at a time.
- David Coney talked about Rotary Foundation, pointing out that RF, started in 1917 with \$5 has assets of \$800 million and gave away \$1million in 2007.
- SCRC presented a donation to RF of \$2,500.

SCRC Endowment Foundation

Thirteen members of SCRC attended the regular monthly meeting of the board on Tuesday November 11th, including seven of the eleven board members. The treasurer reported the asset value at \$139,412 and that the result of moving to a more cash position before the crash saved over \$36,000. Jack Lister reported that, subject to availability of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church facilities, the next Pancake Breakfast will be on Valentines Day 2009. Art Oswald brought a prototype of a proposed Floyd Boze Fellowship medallion made of laser engraved glass and mounted in silver. A decision on purchasing the medallion was postponed.

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.

- 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)
- Billy R. Smith, Attorney at Law
- Clear Lake Lexus (Joey Dupuis, Gen. Mgr.)
- Delia Stephens, Attorney at Law
- DRDA (Olive Murphy-Riker, CPA)
- Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law (Becky Reitz)
- Gregg & Gregg, P. C., Attorneys at Law (\$2,500)
- 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 (Jerold 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

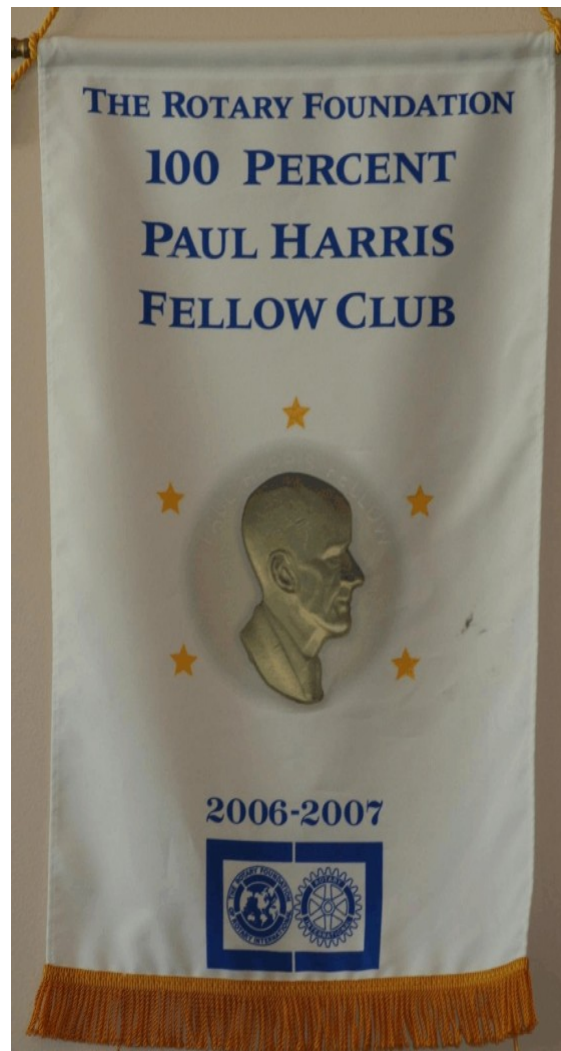
President	Mike Hernandez
President Elect	Jon McKinnie
Secretary	John Wilson
Treasurer	Marilyn Musial
Sargent at Arms	Mike Dennard
Immediate Past President.	Dick Gregg, III

Directors

Club Administration	Mark Humphrey
Public Relations	John Nugent
Membership	Bill Geissler
Fundraising	David Coney
Community Service A	Belinda Skloss
Community Service B	Dick Hergert
International Service A	Mike Cornett
International Service B.	Dick Kidder
Vocational Service	Rae DeCastro

Committees & Chairs

Programs	Kippy Caraway
Directory & Website	Jon McKinnie
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.



WalMart Super Center
Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.

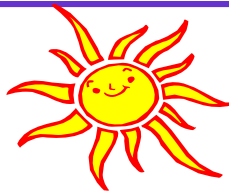
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CREDIT UNION

AOVOCO
Art Oswald

BASTION
TECHNOLOGIES
Mike Hernandez

BELINDA K.
SKLOSS
LLC

Sunshine —



- Debbie Mc Bride received her insurance check to fix her roof.

Showers —



- Debbie McBrides dog, who has been with her 15 years died.
- Floyd Boze has been hospitalized for repair of his pacemaker.

Some pictures from the Nov. 3rd and October 27th meetings: *(from upper left: Kippy Carraway, Dr. Brenda Helyer, incoming Chancellor of San Jacinto College; Becky Reitz with Travis Vermeer talking about the success of the raffle of jewelry donated by Ben Bridge Jewelers; Jon McKinnie is all smiles and giving a thumbs-up for a very successful Shrimporee; Mike Hernandez, Eveling & Suzi Howe; Mike thanking Dr. Jack Bacon for his presentation.)*



BEN BRIDGE
JEWELERS
Travis Vermeer

BILLY R. SMITH
Attorney at Law
Board Certified
Estate Planning

DELIA STEPHENS
Attorney at Law

DRDA
Olive Murphy-
Riker, CPA

GAY & REITZ
Attorneys at Law

GREGG & GREGG,
P.C.
Attorneys at Law

GURRY
MECHANICAL,
L.P.
Ken Gurry

HOPPING EYE
ASSOCIATES
Vissett Sun

Some pictures from the November 10th meeting: (clockwise from upper left: Debbie McBride & John Lee lead the singing of the Marine & Air Force hymns; Sofia Berglund brings her message; Scott Rainey, and Mike Hernandez receive a sponsorship check of \$2,500 from Joey Dupuis, Gen. Mgr. Lexus of Clear Lake & Mike presents a check of \$2,500 to David Coney for the Rotary Foundation)



HYDROCARBON
RESOURCE
RECOVERY
Scott Rainey

JSC FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION
Mike Brown

J. PAMELA
PHOTOGRAPHY
Pam Culpepper

KIRCHOFF
PETERSON CO.
Don Kirchoff

**LAS COLINAS
CUSTOM
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.

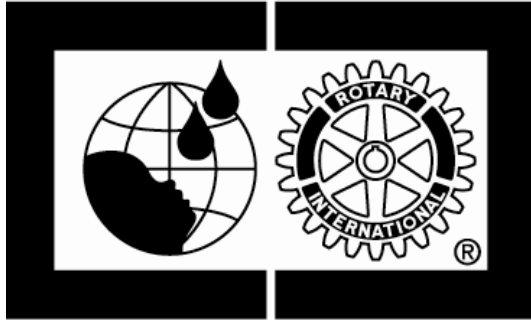
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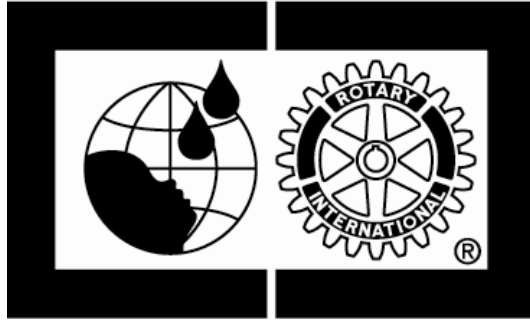
**PROSPERITY
BANK
Mark Humphrey**

**SPACE CENTER
AUTOMOTIVE
Jerrold Dewease**

PolioPlus



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Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 11/15/08

	Year-to-date 2008	Year-to-date 2007	Total in 2007
Total cases	1473	707	1315
Globally	1473	707	1315
- in endemic countries:	1376	622	1208
- in non-endemic countries:	97	85	107

New Polio cases reported this week: 9 in Nigeria, 4 in India, 5 in Pakistan, 3 in Ghana, 1 in Mali, 1 in Niger & 1 in Afghanistan

2008 Case Breakdown by Country

Endemic Countries – 753 Nigeria, 503 India, 96 Pakistan, 24 Afghanistan
+ Importation Countries – 26 Chad, 26 Angola, 14 Niger, 9 Sudan, 5 Nepal, 4 DRC,
 2 Ethiopia, 2 Benin , 2 CAR, 5 Ghana, 1 Mali & 1 Burkina Faso

Quiz Time – How effective is the Oral Polio Vaccine at protecting children and adults against Polio?

The Houston Heights Rotary Club PolioPlus Fundraiser will be held this Friday (11/14/08) from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Chick-Fil-A restaurant on the Southwest corner of Richmond at the Loop 610 in the Best Buy parking lot. Angie’s Iron Lung will be on hand. Lunch will be provided. Several NID-India Team Members will be in attendance to share their experiences as well as a Rotarian-Polio Survivor or two. All interested Rotarians are invited. Join us to raise money for and to inform the community about this worthy cause!

Terry Ziegler, work 713-748-170
2008-09 District 5890 PolioPlus Chair

Quiz Answer – The Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (which protects from all three types of Polio) is highly effective-providing 50% immunity after one dose and almost 100% after three doses in healthy children. The immunity is considered to be life long. The new Monovalent vaccines now in use (which protect from one Polio type per vaccine) are three to four times more effective than the trivalent.

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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