

the Blastoff

Official Newsletter of
The Rotary Club of Space Center
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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.

Today the Election Nominating Committee will present the membership with a list of candidates for election to serve on the Club's Board. The open positions are for President Elect (President for the term of 2010-2011), Secretary, Treasurer, and Sergeant at Arms for the term of 2009-2010 and 3 Directors for a three year term of 2009-2012. Elections will take place during our Club meeting on December 8th. Even though names are being provided, it is important that members understand they have the next two weeks to nominate additional candidates of their liking for any of the open positions. The only requirements for being nominated are to be an active member in good standing (having paid your dues) and agree to serve in the position if elected. Nominations should be provided to the club Parliamentarian, Billy Smith, who will then prepare the official ballot and conduct the elections. Do you know that our club meeting for December 8th will be at the University of Houston Clear Lake and not at Bay Oaks?! Well, that is the case. Our meeting on Monday, December 8th will be at the UHCL's Garden Room. Meeting time is as usual, with meals being served starting at 11:30 and meeting ending at 1p.m. Parking is in the reserved lot across from the Bayou Building. A sketch of the University grounds showing location of buildings and parking place will be distributed and publish in the Blastoff next week. An invitation is being extended to all Space Center Rotary Club members to attend the inauguration of the "Children Literacy Center" at the Freeman Library, Clear Lake Branch, on Monday, December 1st at 10 a.m. The "Children Literacy Center" is the latest donation to the library made by our Club. The event will include a ribbon cutting, presentation on what the center consists and the benefits the center will provide to children in our community. Please join your fellow Rotarians in celebrating the opening of this important center. The theme of the month of December is "FAMILY". Invite family members to attend the meetings. We are planning programs appealing to family members of all ages, including plenty of music to bring the spirit of Christmas to our club. Roger Donnelly is organizing this year's Christmas Party. The event will consist of a dinner at Bailey's American Grill on Wednesday, December 17th starting at 6:30 p.m. Participants in the event will be members of the Space Center, Harrisburg and Seabrook Rotary Clubs. Even though pre-payment will not be necessary, it is important that members interested in attending contact Roger as soon as possible this week so reservations can be made. During this week of Thanks Giving, let us give thanks for the blessings we have received, for the family and friends that surround us, for the strength to forge ahead in life, and for the opportunity to serve others through Rotary.

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

Dec 1 Dayne Steele

Dec 8 Club Election of Officers & Directors; Clear Creek Chamber Singers

Bring a Guest!!

Meeting Dec 8th @ UHCL.

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](http://www.RotaryDistrict5890.org)
- Space Center Rotary Club
www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

**IN MEMORIAM
RICHARD “Dick” E. WETTLING**

With great sadness, we report that former Space Center Rotary Club member of many years, RICHARD “Dick” E. WETTLING, passed away Sunday morning, November 16th at age 85, after a brief illness. He was comfortable at home surrounded by his family. Prior to his retirement activities in the Clear Lake area, Dick was a corporate leader in executive compensation. He always used his corporate platform as a way to involve himself in meaningful ways to the community, quietly giving of himself in so many public and private forums. Some recent recipients of his charity include The University of Houston– Clear Lake and Master Gardeners. Dick was honest and gentle and was a strong supporter of the Arts. He was an avid music fan and loved everything from jazz to the symphony. He always was very supportive, without reservation, of his wife, Shirley, in her community theater. Dick was preceded in death by his son Peter, survived by a family who loves him dearly: His wife of 62 years, Shirley Wetting; sons, Fred and Jack, their partners Susan and Mitch and grandchildren Sam and Sara. Memorial services were held Friday, November 21st at Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church. Truly, Dick lived the Rotary Motto of Service Above Self.

REPORT ON ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

At the Space Center Houston location, we collected an estimated 400,000 pounds of materials from 1,500 cars and filled 12 trucks with material. There were 4 other locations for drop off that day, and while we were the busiest and collected the most material, the other locations were incredibly successful too. All together, 35 trucks were filled with material that was successfully diverted from ending up in a landfill. It was a great day for Houstonians to feel proud of themselves and I am thrilled to have been a part of it.

Courtney Lindberg, Recycling and Sustainable Acquisition Specialist
Earth Resources Technology, Inc.
NASA/Johnson Space Center
2101 NASA Parkway

Meeting Notes November 17th —

- **Micki Czarnik** reported that **Women of Rotary** made \$700 at Shrimporee with the Sweet Booth. This money was given to Seabrook Elementary School to help with Hurricane Ike destruction. There is now a need for winter clothing. Bring what you have to donate to a Rotary meeting.
- **Jon McKinnie's Shrimporee update:**
 - \$33,105 from meal ticket sales
 - \$ 2,625 from raffle tickets
 - 1,100 lbs. of shrimp cooked
 - 1,400 lbs. of brisket cooked
 - 600 lbs. of sausage cooked
 - 1,400 corn cobs served
 - 1,600 meals served
 - \$ 4,656 from silent auction
 - \$10,465 from live auction
 - additional revenue was received from the sale of drinks, tee shirts, hot dogs, etc. Expense have not been tabulated.**Gross Revenue = \$99,889.00**
- **Art Oswald** reported on the ticket team results:
 - 58% of members bought/sold \$300 worth of tickets
 - 68% of members bought some tickets
 - Team #6, headed by Dick Kidder, was first in revenue at \$3,840
- **David Coney** made another Rotary Foundation presentation. He described activities in the Polio Plus and various other humanitarian projects. He described grants, GSE Teams, & Rotary World Peace Scholarships.

Editor's Comments: The Editor has experienced difficulty in keeping the volume and issue numbers straight in the mast head of the newsletter. Some have pointed this out. Since the Editor does deem this to be important information, only the issue date will be included beginning with this issue. If the volume and issue numbers are important to you, you may keep up with that on your own. Further, complaints have been received that not all information presented at meetings is being reported. In recognition that the Editor is not the reporter, henceforth, only information supplied to the editor via writing or email will be included, unless the Editor is disposed to do so on his own. If the program is important, the Program Chr. will furnish an excerpt for publication, and so on with each other person. This will relieve the Editor and allow each member to see that their information is included.

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.

Dec 2nd **Abe's Cajun Market**, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd,
Houston
Dec 17th **Bailey's**, 2320 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook
Christmas Fellowship jointly with the Seabrook & Harrisburg Rotary Clubs. Reservations required. Contact Roger Donnelly.

Ridonnely@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 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 Dinner May 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

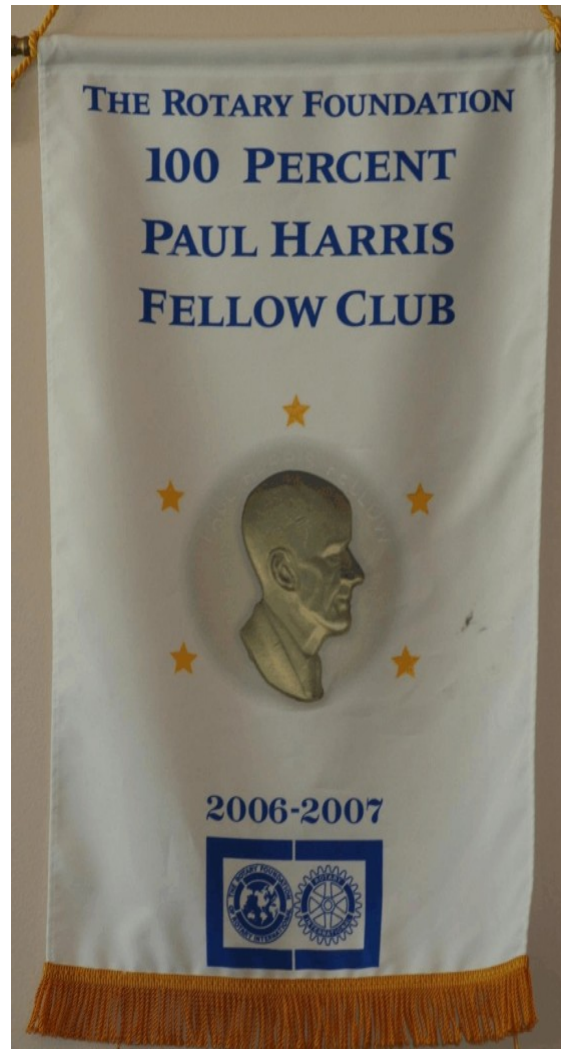
Committees & Chairs

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.

POSTING OF NEW MEMBER PROPOSALS

James Scaffidi, Executive Director of E. A. Smith YMCA and resident of Pearland, has been proposed by Marilyn Musial, Travis Vermeer and Nanci Rutledge. He is a former member of the Elyria, OH, Grandville, MI and Pearland Rotary Clubs.

William Artzberger, owner of Planet Beach in League City and resident of Pasadena, has been proposed by Shelley Smith.



WalMart Super Center
Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.

AMOCO FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION

AOVOCO
Art Oswald

BASTION
TECHNOLOGIES
Mike Hernandez

BELINDA K.
SKLOSS
LLC

Sunshine —

- The election is over!



Showers —

- Death of Dick Wettling
(see page 3)
- Death of Bill Taylor's mother



REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following nominations for officers and directors for 2009-2010 have been presented to the Board and approved:

President Elect	John Wilson
Secretary	Marilyn Musial
Treasurer	Mike Dennard
Sgt at Arms	Sheryl Berg
	Kippy Carraway

Directors: (3-year term—elect 3)

Pat Doughty
Don Kirchoff
Bill Lowes
Earl Maudlin
Bob Taggart

The election will be conducted at the club meeting on December 8th. At or before that time, additional nominations may be presented. If before, email your nomination to Billy Smith. billys@sbcglobal.net As a prerequisite, you must have the approval of the nominee. Jon McKinnie, Chair

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

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB
SUMMARY OF OPERATING FINANCIALS

October 31, 2008

Administration

Dues Received:

106 out of 111 members have paid their dues plus 4 new members \$23,782

Meetings and meals:

Receipts \$11,365

Payments to Bay Oaks - \$12,085

Balance - \$ 730

Expenditures:

District Dues \$ 2,775

2015 RI Convention Support 1,665

General Administrative 147

First Half of RI Dues 3,889

Projection Screen 232

Bank Charges 37

Membership Recruitment 222

Membership Retention 26

Programs 432

Total Expenditures \$ 9,425

Service

Budgeted Amount \$75,000

Project Expenditures:

Clinic in Guerrero, Mexico \$ 1,000

Children Literacy Center 7,000

CCISD Hurricane Ike 1,000

Youth Exchange 4,407

Total Expenditures \$13,405

Expenditures and Approved expenditures for November:

Rwanda Water Purification \$ 1,000

Guerrero, Mex. Orphanage 2,000

RI Foundation 2,500

Group Study Exchange 300

Total \$ 5,800

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**

Quotable Quotes

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

-- Winston Churchill

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about."

-- Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure."

-- Clarence Darrow

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

-- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"

-- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

"Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it."

-- Moses Hadas

"He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know."

-- Abraham Lincoln

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."

-- Groucho Marx

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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