

the *Blastoff*

Official Newsletter of
The Rotary Club of Space Center
P O Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058
Meetings Monday 11:45 at Bay Oaks Country Club
Clear Lake City Ph. 281.488.7888
Chartered 1964
December 15, 2008

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A message from Pres. Mike

My personal thanks to all the members that agreed to un for a position on the Board. Whether you were e elected or not you represent the spirit of volunteerism characteristic of good Rotarians. The good operation of the club depends on everyone's participation and the commitment to accomplish the functions of the positions accepted. To the ones that were elected, my congratulations. Now you have a few months to familiarize yourselves with the positions you each will occupy and coordinate with the upcoming President the projects and activities that will characterize the year. We should be proud of our club, its accomplishments and its members. I am sure next year will be characterized by great accomplishments and surpass all expectations. It is all in our hands!

The result of the election is:

President Elect-----John Wilson
Secretary-----Marilyn Musial
Treasurer-----Mike Dennard
Sergeant at Arms-----Sheryl Berg
Director-----Pat Doughty
Director-----Bill Lowes
Director-----Earl Maudlin

Today is our last club meeting for 2008. I hope everyone attending enjoys the activities planned. Our next meeting will be on January 5th at Bay Oaks.

Yours in Rotary,
Mike

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 Caraway, Chair 2008-2009

TODAY?????

Bring a Guest!!

***There will be no meetings on
December 22nd and 29th.***

Say Happy Birthday to —

- Debby McBride December 4th
- Rafael F. Lugo December 4th
- Mike Cornett December 12th
- John Nugent December 15th
- Dick Gregg Jr. December 19th
- Keith Huff December 23rd
- Art Oswald December 25th
- Richard Hergert December 30th



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

Meeting Notes December 8th —

- **Officers for 2009—2010 were elected along with three Directors for 3-year terms beginning July 1, 2009.**
- **The Clear Lake High School Chamber Choir performed traditional Christmas music to the delight & enjoyment of all in attendance. UH-CL was a marvelous host & the food was superb. Thanks to Ted Cummings, Dean of the School of Business & Public Administration.**

HELP WANTED

Jennifer Keller has resigned her membership in SCRC to join the League City Rotary Club. Thus, a vacancy has been created in the Chair of the Health & Safety Committee. This committee plays a very important role in the service projects of SCRC and a replacement Chair is needed pronto to carry those projects forward. Please examine your commitments and let Pres. Mike know if you are interested. If there is a vacancy in your life, step up and step in; you are needed. Don't hesitate. This is not a solo job, but one of leadership. You will have help.

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

MARGINALLY USEFUL INFORMATION

Taken from *The Bathroom Trivia Digest* by Russ Edwards & Jack Kriesmer, ©Red-Letter Press, Inc.

- The first modern cell phone to have the public lined up around the block was the Motorola Dyna TAC 8000X, otherwise known as “The Brick”. It came out in 1984, weighed two pounds, only got a half hour of talk out of a charge and cost nearly \$4,000.
- What do you say to God when God sneezes?
- Whales not only communicate, they speak in dialects.
- Nepal is the only nation without a rectangular flag.
- Studies show that the stall closest to the door in a public restroom is usually the cleanest and least used.
- If the no. 2 pencil is the most popular, why isn't it no. 1?
- If you go on a wine tasting tour in Utah, it is against the law to swallow the wine.
- A toupee is top secret.

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 BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
4. **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

**December 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 Amistad Dam Project in Bolivia



Pics from the 12/08/08 Meeting: Left: The Choir entertains. Right: The two Bills in the chow line.



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

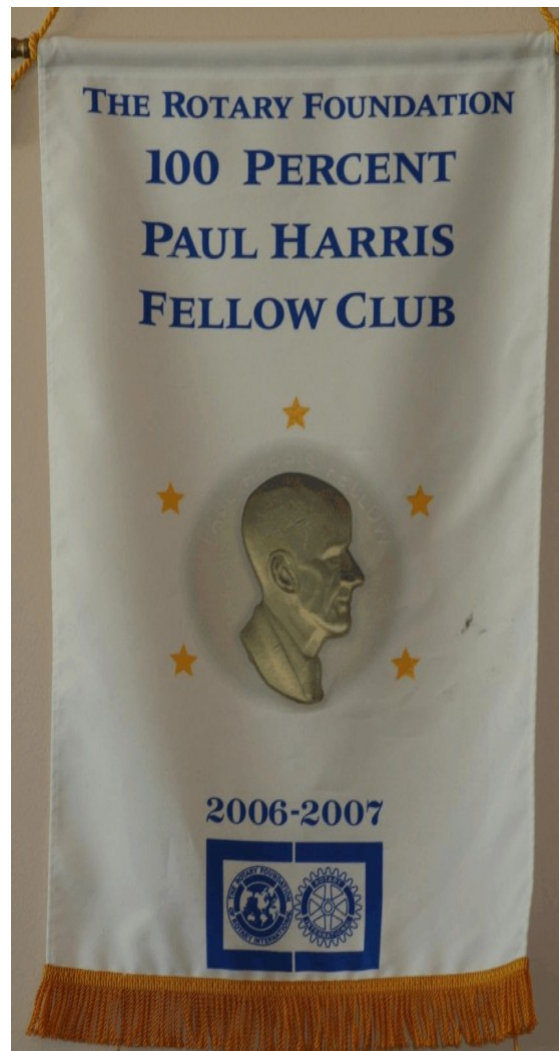
Club Administration	Mark Humphrey
Public Relations	John Nugent
Membership	Bill Geissler
Fundraising	David Coney
Community Service A	Belinda Skloss
Community Service B	Dick Hergert
International Service A	Mike Cornett
International Service B.	Dick Kidder
Vocational Service	Rae DeCastro

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.

THE THEME FOR DECEMBER IS

FAMILY



WalMart Super Center Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.

AMOCO FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION

AOVOCO
Art Oswald

BASTION
TECHNOLOGIES
Mike Hernandez

BELINDA K.
SKLOSS
LLC

Sunshine —



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Showers —



- Death of Mike
Dennard's son.



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

MEET THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS 2009-2010



Above, l to r: John Wilson, PE; Marilyn Musial, Sec; Mike Dennard, Treas; & Sheryl Berg, Sgt at Arms.

DIRECTORS: 2009—2013

Below, l to r: Earl Maudlin; Bill Lowes; & Pat Doughty.



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**

SCRC Endowment Foundation Update

- A quorum, not being present, no business was conducted.
- The Treasurer reported that the value of assets under supervision as of 12/08/08 is \$134,222.27.
- David Coney & Bob Taggart led the discussion of investment strategies in these troubling financial times.
- The next Pancake Breakfast is still scheduled for Valentine's Day, Feb. 12th, 2009.

District Disaster Response Committee

Starting in the next few days there will be a link on the District web site to a Disaster Response page. On that page we will be listing a number of projects that an individual, club or company can get involved with financially or with service. Please look for it. And if you have a project that you need help with, please send an email to me, Charlie Thorp at fatcat@cathorpstudio.com with information and photos of your project. Also as a directive from Governor Rhonda Kennedy, we want every club to appoint a Disaster Response Chair. A person who will be willing to take on the responsibility for the next three years, if possible. We also want to develop a data bank of everyones name and occupation and also what their talents are, i.e. build things, cut up things, haul things, etc. All of this is so we can create a network of those who want to do Service Above Self. As a early reminder, January 29-30, 2010 (yes, a year away) we will host the fourth International Disaster Workshop here in Houston. Six of us just got back from the 3rd Workshop in Nassau, Bahamas. Be looking for the web link. Thank you Charlie Thorp Disaster Response Committee Chair 2008-09.

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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