

the Blastoff

Official Newsletter of
The Rotary Club of Space Center
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A message from Pres. Mike

I hope everyone had good Christmas and I wish you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous Year 2009. Year 2009!! Wasn't it just yesterday that we celebrated the new year 2000? It sure looks like it! Time sure goes by quicker now a days. This reminds me that we still have many projects and goals to complete before the end of the Rotary year on June 30th. Six month go by In no time! What we have planned for this 6 months,

you may ask? Well, here are a few of them.

- Organize and have a successful Springoree
- Start the Rotaract and Interact Clubs
- Inscribe missing names on the SCR Memorial and have a Club meeting at the site
- Visit of Nursing homes on February 14
- Select and Award Students Scholarships
- Donation of recreational and training equipment to the MD Anderson Children Cancer Center
- Conduct a children immunization drive
- Construct the second segment of the wheel chair rated trail at Armand Bayou Nature Center
- Participate in the District Conference
- Conduct a blood donation drive
- Select and award the Teacher of the Year
- Select and award the Excellence in Public Service
- Support the efforts to get the 2015 RI Convention in Houston
- Organize and have a successful RNASA Gala
- Provide donations in support of the Bay Shore Boy Scouts, Water Project in Carbonara, Mexico, Communities in Schools, and Project Graduation
- Increase membership by 15 members
- Select and award winners of the Drug Awareness Essay contest
- Update the SCR By-laws
- Enjoy time with Rotarian friends at the pancake breakfast, the golf outings, the club meetings, and the family fellowship evenings

So as you can see, there are plenty of things still to do before the end of the year and I am sure I am missing quite a few from my list. We definitely need every one's participation. As you can also see the variety is immense and there are opportunities no matter what your interests may be. Please, if you are not presently involved, **YOU ARE NEEDED**. Contact anyone in the Board, or any committee chairperson or just ask the person sitting next to you at the next meeting, how you can join any of these activities. You can find the Committee chairs and the members of the Board listed in any of the Blastoffs. So, let's go ahead and start this New Year by getting more involved and make our small contribution to the efforts of "Making Dreams Real"

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*Dr. Chris Eugster, Chief Officer for
Sustainability for the City of Houston*

*Jan 12th Daryl Brown, Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholar to speak about Brazil*

Jan 19th Holiday — no meeting

Jan 26th Club Assembly Mid-Term

Feb 16th Holiday — no meeting

May 25th Holiday — no meeting

Bring a Guest!!

Say Happy Birthday to —

- Jack Lister January 4th
- Vissett Sun January 4th
- Lamar Bowles January 5th
- Mark Keesler January 7th
- Travis Moebes January 7th
- Becky Reitz January 10th
- Micki Czarnick January 17th
- Jean Walker January 18th
- Billy Smith January 18th
- Mike Brown January 21st
- Bob Mitchell January 24th



Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International

www.RI.org

Rotary District 5890

www.RotaryDistrict5890.org

Space Center Rotary Club

www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

Meeting Notes December 15th —

- **Correction: The choral program on the 8th was presented by the Clear Creek High School Chamber Choir, not Clear Lake as published.**
- **The Clear Lake High School Sound-waves presented a choral program on the 15th. Both were outstanding**
- **Santa and helpers made an appearance**
- **David Coney talked about the District 5890 annual raffle. Tickets will be available in books of 10 for \$100. The price will be credited toward your PHF Sustaining Membership.**
- **Greg Smith received his permanent badge, having completed all the Red Badge requirements.**

FOUR WAYS & MORE

1. **Be Generous.** Do more than your share and volunteer in your community.
2. **Be expressive.** Smile at other, and show your appreciation for them.
3. **Be responsive.** Promptly answer messages, and send thank-you notes.
4. **Be inclusive.** Invite that newcomer to lunch, and draw in the shy person.
5. **Be considerate.** Arrive on time, and let people talk without interrupting them.

**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.

- Play-Doh was originally used as wallpaper cleaner.
- An irrational fear of wine is called oenophobia.
- The city of New York's mayor is pleading for federal funds to pay for infrastructure. Why doesn't he just collect the approximately \$500,000,000 in outstanding parking fines.
- One-fifth of all the fresh water in the world is in the Great Lakes.
- Mt. Everest is getting taller by about half an inch to one inch every year.
- Wars don't decide who's right, only who's left.
- That's fortunate because every day Americans use over five billion gallons to flush.
- The first traffic light was installed in Cleveland, Ohio in 1914.
- Why isn't *phonetics* spelled the way it sounds?
- If you are diagnosed with graphospasms and scrivener's palsy, you have writer's cramp.
- The state of Minnesota forbids crossing state lines with a duck on your head.
- Life is wonderful. Without it you'd be dead.

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 SOCIALS

Contact Roger Donnelly.

Ridonnely@aol.com

SPACE CENTER ROTARY SUMMARY OF CLUB'S OPERATING FINANCIALS

November 30, 2008

Administration

Dues payments: (106 out of 111 members have paid their dues plus 4 new members..... \$23,782

Meetings and meals:

Payments received	\$14,925
Club paid guests	<u>\$ 1,998</u>
Payments to Bay Oaks	(\$16,938)

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
Payment for club guests	<u>1,998</u>
Total	\$11,423

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
RI Foundation	<u>2,500</u>
Total Expenditures	\$15,965

Approved expenditures for December:

Rwanda Water Purification	\$ 1,000
Guerrero, Mex. Orphanage	2,000
Group Study Exchange	<u>300</u>
Total	\$ 3,300

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.
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

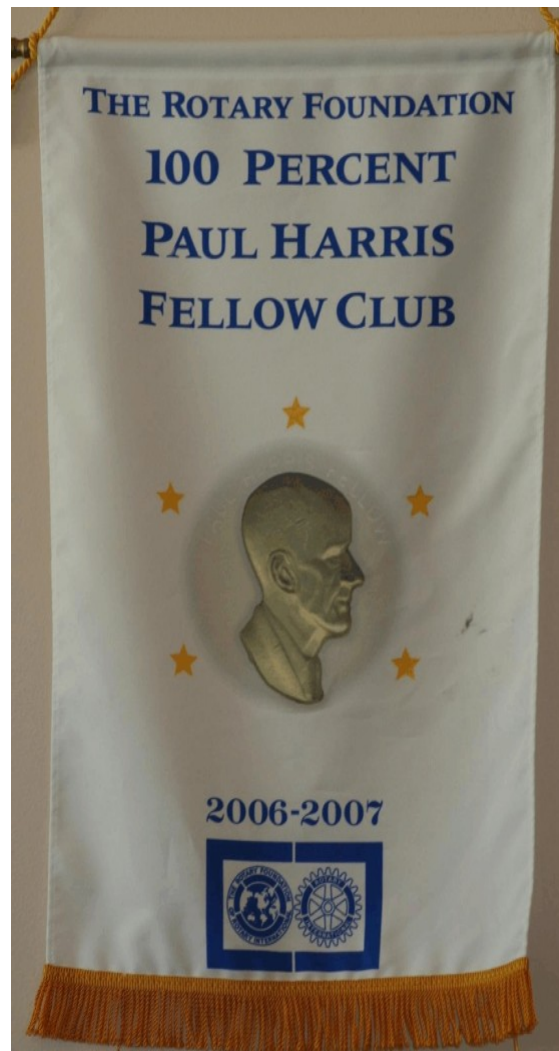
Directors

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 JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS



WalMart Super Center
Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.

**AMOCO FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION**

**AOVOCO
Art Oswald**

**BASTION
TECHNOLOGIES
Mike Hernandez**

**BELINDA K.
SKLOSS
LLC**

Sunshine —



- A whole new year, a clean slate, a new beginning, many opportunities to serve others.

Showers —



- The death of Gary Johnson's sister, Garnet Hickman



New members inducted: l to r clockwise:
Jamie _____ sponsored by Marilyn Musial
Bill Artzberger sponsored by Shelly Smith
Courtney Lindberg sponsored by Jon McKin-
nie

PDG, Suzi Howe performed the inductions.

**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 December 16, 2008 Board Meeting

The Board meeting of the Space Center Rotary Club was called to order at 7am on December 16, 2008 by President Mike Hernandez after confirming quorum. Minutes of the November Board meeting were approved with minor modifications. Membership report and attendance status were reviewed. As of the end of November we had 113 active members. The average Club meeting member attendance for November was 58.4%, down from October's 69.1%. The Treasurer's report showed 3 members still delinquent in their dues. One of them had presented a resignation due to job transfer and the other 2 were not attending club meetings, the Board approved their withdrawal from membership. Since the changes in the meal plan for the club meetings, the club has not experienced any more losses. Summary of income and expenditures as of the end of November is attached.

Status of Club Reserve Funds:

Reserve Service Money from Previous Shrimporees and Springorees as of end of November:

Checking Account.....\$ 18,700

Money Market Account.....\$ 30,048

Service and Admin Reserve money:

Janus Funds.....\$ 35,508

Open Items:

- We are assessing the viability of hiring a Bookkeeper to take care of the club financial entries.
- Shrimporee final results are still pending
- Amendments of the by-laws are still being reviewed

New Items:

- Expenditure of \$250 for Christmas bonuses was approved.
- Contributions to the High Schools Booster Clubs was approved for a total of \$400, \$200 for each school

Committees report:

- Directors were reminded to get monthly reports from their committees.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15am

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**

William “Bill” Artzberger by Shelley Smith:

When Bill and I first met, we didn't know each other from Adam or Eve. But, we found we had a lot of the same interests. Professionally, he has owned Planet Beach Contempo Spa in League City for a little over a year. Previously, Bill worked in investment management... Personally, Bill is a native Houstonian residing in Pasadena . He graduated from Second Baptist School in 1987. Bill has an MBA from Rice and undergraduate degrees from SMU. Bill will tell you he is dating and not married. I say he is single and not married. When he isn't working, Bill enjoys movies and dining out. I can tell right away Bill will fit into our socials. Bill also loves the outdoors, particularly hiking, cycling and snow skiing. Now the interests Bill didn't put in his bio, but that I noticed and hopefully you have too during his visits here as a guest: Bill is a positive, intelligent, open minded individual with great potential for rotary. This has been evidenced by his curiosity about rotary, attendance, smiles, hand shaking, conversation and meeting as many of you as he could. But, this is the least of everything I see. Bill always wants to know how he can help. What can he do to make things better? Bill wasn't a member, but he contributed to the Shrimporee greatly. Bill won't put this in his bio but I will. And if Bill and I share these same interests, how can I help or make things better, then I see Space Center Rotary growing stronger and bigger.

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**



Pics from the December 15th meeting.

**Space Center Rotary Club
Report of the Secretary for the Month
November 2008**

Attendance: 58.39% (-10.72% from previous month)

Membership Report:

Blue Badge	96	2007-08 Active Members	111
Red Badge	7	Lost Members	-2
Rule of 85 Members	5	New Members	+4
Leave of Absence	5		
Total Active Members	113	Current Active Members	113
Honorary Members	7		
Total Current Membership	120	Net change for Year*	+2

*Goal is a net change of +15 by June 2009

New Membership Status:

The current YTD new member pipeline, which reflects 8 proposals approved by the board, of which 3 inductions are pending, 4 new members inducted and 1 withdrawn from consideration

New Members : None

Withdrawn : None

Prospective Members for Board Consideration: None

Lost Members: 1

Leaves of Absence: Lisa Hamilton

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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