

the *Blastoff*

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



January is Rotary Awareness month, and how better than to continue our programs for this month with a presentation from Daryl Brown, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. We have heard before, how Ambassadorial Scholars leave their positive impact in the communities they visit and how they themselves are changed for life. Daryl will talk to us about his experience as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Brazil, the expectations, challenges, frustrations, joy and triumphs. This is another story of how Rotary leaves its in-prints in the world, and how your contribution and support to the Rotary International Foundation makes it all possible in the large scale.

Next Monday, January 19 is Martin Luther King's Day and we will not have a club meeting. The following Monday, the 26th is our Second Club Assembly meeting. As you know this Club Assembly is the meeting where your Board, Officers and Directors, present the accomplishments of the first half of the year. As you remember from my last week's write up in the Blastoff, we still have a lot to complete before the end of the year, but there has been a lot accomplished by all of you during these first six months.

This time around, we are trying to change the presentation format from the way in which it has previously been given. We hope to make it more informative and enjoyable. I hope, this coming meeting will be one worth inviting friends and business associates you feel would be good candidates to join Rotary. As I have said before, we have 31 committees and 2 foundations that have been very busy in a tremendous variety of activities. From assisting doctors taking care of patients at a remote country site clinic, to making sure you don't cut your fingers while slicing briskets at the Shrimporree, to guiding exchange students through their experiences in a foreign land, to catching on pictures and writing about what Rotarians do throughout the year, to having the satisfaction of knowing that the vaccine given will prevent that child from acquiring a deadly disease, to seen the pride in the face of a recognized teacher for excellence in Education, to recognize excellence in Public Service, and achievements in Space, to keeping up with the operations of the club, to attend to the members needs and increase the membership, to availing purified water to inhabitants of a remote town, to recognizing students achievements with scholarships, to, to, to... So many to's that the imagination is the limit. So much to be done in such a short time.

Yours in Rotary,
Mike

**Rotary International
President 2008-2009**



Dong Kurn Lee



**Rotary District 5890
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Rhonda Kennedy**



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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

**TODAYDaryl 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 —

- **Shelley Smith presented the Membership Moment and encouraged members to bring guests to the meetings and invite them to get involved in Rotary. See more on page 5.**
- **Public Relations Committee Chair, Maryalys Cherry described her activities in making and keeping the community informed and aware of SCRC activities and the programs presented at meetings.**
- **Roger Donnelly commented on the Christmas Fellowship remarking that the attendance was good, a good time was had by all and the music and dancing was enjoyable.**

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.

- Janis Joplin, Mimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison all died at age 27.
- The first patent for chewing gum was issued in 1869.
- Kindred is the fear that your relatives are coming.
- America's favorite pastime is reading.
- Every person has a tongue print as unique as his fingerprint.
- The fencing motto is In God We Thrust.
- The top-selling wine in the U. S. Is Chardonnay.
- The last cigarette commercial was aired on TV on January 1, 1971.
- Think twice about committing bigamy; the penalty is two mothers-in-law.
- Most pencils in America has erasers; most pencils in Europe do not. Query: Do Europeans not make mistakes or just refuse to correct them?

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

Jan 16th . . . Zio's Italian Restaurant, 820 West Bay Area Blvd.

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

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- Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law (Becky Reitz)
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- 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

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

We are sorry to report that the Rotary Foundation Dinner scheduled for Feb 12 has been cancelled. RI President DK Lee will not be able to attend on that date. A smaller Foundation event will be scheduled later this spring. Sorry for the inconvenience.

PDG Suzi Howe, Chair
District 5890

DGE Beth Thomas, D9300,

will be in our district for two days before traveling to San Diego for the DGE Rotary International Training. She will be here to express her thanks for our efforts on the book project. We would like to invite you to join us at a Meet and Greet at the Chart Room of [Lakewood Yacht Club](#) in Sea-brook [Map](#) from 6-8 pm on January 15th

For more info, contact.
Charlie Clemmons
District Committee Chair
c.clemmons@worldnet.att.net

BLOOD DRIVE

The Rotary Club of Hermann Park is hosting a blood drive on Wednesday, January 14th 2009 at the Hermann Park Golf Course. We invite you to join us in Rotary Fellowship during our blood drive which will be from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Unfortunately many of those who gave blood last year traveled to India in October 2008, myself included, and will not be eligible to give blood until October 2009. So I am asking a special request to support those who traveled to India by donating blood in their names. Those of you who traveled to India, please ask someone to come in your place! A full breakfast is available for \$10.00. Refreshments will be available at no charge. Rotary Fellowship will be the program for the day. Come out, meet other Rotarians, give blood, offer support, and share ideas.

Contact Carmen Cuneo President,
Rotary Club of Hermann Park
cuneo@sbcglobal.net
(713) 522-8791

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
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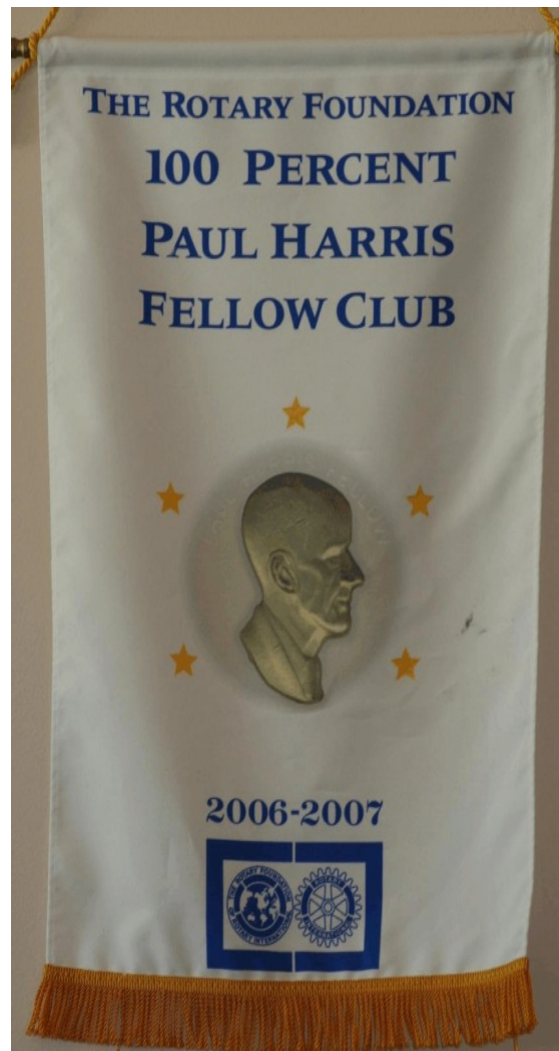
Directors

Club Administration	Mark Humphrey
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Membership	Bill Geissler
Fundraising	David Coney
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International Service B.	Dick Kidder
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Programs	Kippy Caraway
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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
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Mike Hernandez**

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Sunshine —



Showers —



The Membership Moment by Shelley Smith

Each member of Space Center Rotary Club has a responsibility to help the membership grow. There are many ways to accomplish this but I am here to share with you about “our guests are great resources for prospective members”. Don’t let them fall through the crack and allow another service or volunteer organization to utilize our resource. Be the professional, the leader, the friend and shake hands and introduce yourself. Let the guests know that you are glad they are interested in Space Center Rotary Club. This will open doors at future meetings to share opportunities that match their expectations. Besides service, you can share benefits beyond service like camaraderie and fellowship with like-minded people in the community. There is also business networking. The most important opportunity is to develop leadership skills within a well established, international service organization which is great for young people. There is a wealth of knowledge at their fingertips. Look around you. Our guest is encouraged by their sponsors to sit at different tables each time they come. Get to know your guest and share with them to help our membership grow.

THE PROGRAM ON JANUARY 5TH was presented by **Dr. Christopher Eugster**, Chief Officer for Sustainable Growth for the City of Houston. Appointed by Mayor Bill White on March 1, 2007, he works with key leaders both within city government and across the broader Houston community to drive energy efficiency, optimize our water disposal capacity and to address environmental challenges in an effort to save taxpayer dollars and foster continued growth for the city. A former engineer and management consultant, Mr. Eugster has counseled

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counseled many senior executives of Fortune 500 companies, investment firms and entrepreneurs on strategic, organizational and operational transformation. He earned a B. S. from Texas A & M University in electrical engineering and received his M. S. and Ph. D. in electrical engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Joining him in presenting the program was Issa Z. Dadoush, P. E. Director of the City of Houston Building Services Department. Mr. Dadoush is a professional engineer with a B. S. from the University of Houston in engineering technology, with an emphasis in structural analysis and design. He also earned an Executive Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston. The title to the program was "Houston's Path Toward Sustainable Growth. The framework outlined was —

- Buildings: reduce energy consumption
- Transportation: migrate to more fuel efficient vehicles
- Infrastructure: increase energy efficiency
- Energy Supplies: embracing renewable energy sources
- Environmental Stewardship: divert waste flow from landfills to recycling

Methods to accomplish these goals:

1. Comprehensive upgrade to building codes to make Houston a leader in energy efficiency
2. Accelerate transformation to green buildings
3. Energy Efficient LED traffic lights
4. Combined heat & power solutions at waste water treatment plants
5. Improved sewer systems
6. CFL campaigns (compact fluorescent lamps)
7. Embracing renewable energy resources (Note: Houston is #1 in the nation in renewable energy)
8. Purchases (EPA ranking)
9. Goal to plant more than a million trees
10. Diversion of waste from area landfills
11. Improve air quality
12. Ensure a quality water supply for the region

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Joey Dupuis**

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&
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MAUDLIN**

**MAUI WOWI
Shelley Smith**

DISTRICT 5890 RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are now on sale. The prize is an exciting \$5,000 voucher to travel anywhere and a Rotarian gets \$100 credit with RI for a Paul Harris Sustaining Membership. See David Coney for more details.

Picture from the January 5th meeting —
(l to r) Kippy Caraway, Program Chair,



Speakers Issa Z. Dadoush & Dr. Christopher C. Eugster, Pres. Mike Hernandez

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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Jerry & Bill
Smith**

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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
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<i>The Rotarian Video Magazine</i>	This DVD series showcases extraordinary projects and people from around the world.	www.rotary.org/rvm
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<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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