

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
January 26, 2009

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A message from Pres. Mike



Editor: When Mike's message has been received, it will be sent to you as a separate email, but I want to get this published now. Billy

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 Jan 26th Club Assembly Mid-Term

- Feb 2nd*
- Feb 9th*
- Feb 16th Holiday — no meeting*
- Feb 23rd*
- Mar 2nd*
- Mar 9th*
- Mar 16th*
- Mar 23rd*
- Apr .6rh*
- Apr 13th*
- Apr 20th*
- Apr 27th*
- May 4th*
- May 25th Holiday — no meeting*

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



June 1st

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 January 12th —

- **Scott Rainey** described the Rotary member classification system and purpose. He pointed out several empty classifications in SCRC and urged finding new members to fill them.
- **Steve Waldner** highlighted the Senior Citizens Committee plans for their annual “Roses on Valentine Day” visitation to residents of several area nursing homes. He also described a project of the committee with Armand Bayou Nature Center to make paths and walkways safe for use by Seniors.
- ADG, **Chris Schneider**, called attention to various exciting activities of the Rotary District 5890, including District Conference.
- **Earl Maudlin** invited participation in the next Guerrero, Mexico Eye Clinic.

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.

- It is estimated that the world’s libraries store more than 100 million original volumes; 24 million of these are in the U. S. Library of Congress.
- How can there be self-help groups?
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- The first miniature golf course was built in 1927 in Tennessee.
- Attention ladies. Fewer than half of men in the U. S. who have not married by age 35 never will
- John Glenn was the oldest American to go into space and he went twice.
- PEZ is short for pfefferminz, which is German for peppermint.
- Only George Washington didn’t blame the previous administration.
- FORE! golfers — In the first 10 months of 2007, Jacqueline Gagne sand 10 holes-in-one. The odds of this happening re 1 out of 670,000,000,000,000,000,000.
- The longest surf ride lasted one hour and 17 minutes and went on for 7.6 miles.
- It’s not whether you win or lose — until you lose.
- It is a federal crime to disturb a dead whale.

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 27th**ZIO’S**, 820 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster
Feb 10th.....**Tommy’s Seafood**, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd.
Feb 24th ...**Abe’s Cajun Mkt**, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd.
Mar 17th **Gilhooleys**, 229 9th St., San Leon
AN IRISH CELEBRATION!
Mar 31st**Italian Café**, 4322 NASA Plwy.

Contact Roger Donnelly.

Ridonnely@aol.com

The Rotary Motto:

Service Above Self

SPRINGOREE MEETING

Tuesday Feb. 10th @ 5:30 p.m.

Texas Citizens Bank
17041 El Camino Real, Suite 104
Steve Owens, Chr.
SteveO@TexasCitizensBank.com
713.948.5714

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. Park-
wood

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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- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys (Marc Schneider)
- WalMart Super Center, Baytown

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth;
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace earth;
The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Father;
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother;
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me.
Let this be the moment now.
With every breath I take;
Let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment;
In peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth;
And let it begin with me.

SHRIMPOREE 2008

Income \$98,463.86
Expenses \$30,243.35
Net Profit **\$68,220.51**

Congratulations to All!!!

SCRC Endowment Foundation Update

Current Value of Assets\$139,472.46
Next Pancake BreakfastMarch 7th
Present at Board Meeting on January 13th:
Bob Wren, Chr.
Bob Taggart, Sec.
Bill Lowes, Treas.
Micki Czarnik, Trustee
Art Oswald, Trustee
David Coney, Trustee
Debbie McBride, Trustee
Al Ligrani, Advisor
ack Lister, Advisor
Vic Maria, Advisor
Billy Smith, Advisor

FUNNIES

My husband and I divorced over religious differences; he thought he was God and I didn't.

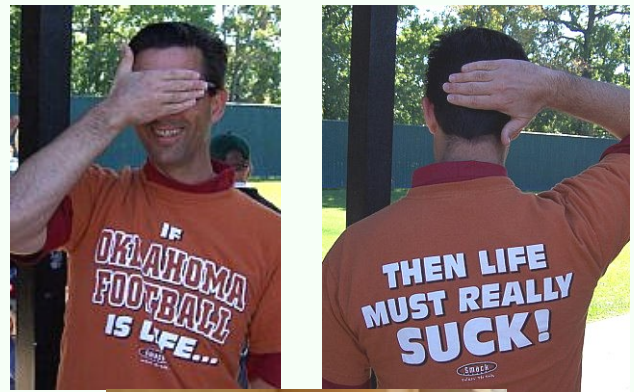
1st guy: "My wife is an angel."
2nd guy: "You're lucky. Mine is still alive."

A friend of mine just got a divorce and they split the house. He got the outside.

I want to get married early in the morning. That way, if it doesn't work out, I haven't wasted the whole day.

I'd like to divorce my husband, but I just hate to see him happy.

A guy asked his wife what she wants for her birthday, a diamond, a cruise, a new car . . . She says, "a divorce". He replies, "I hadn't planned to spend that much".



Bad year, Scott? Boomer Sooners!

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 Dinner May 8, 2009
Springore May 14th
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

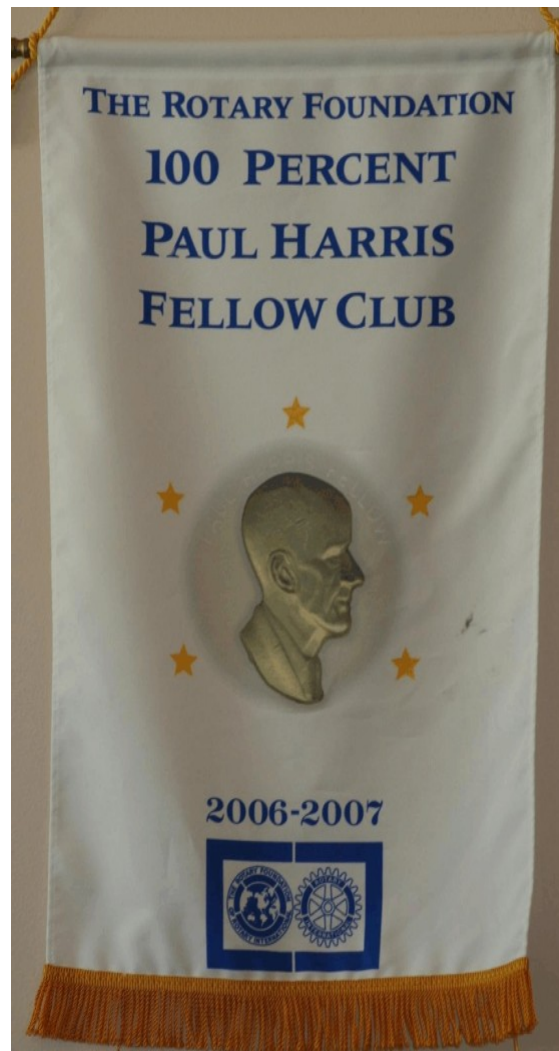
Directors

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
Springore	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 new president was inaugurated.
- Congress is back at it. HOLD ON TO YOUR POCKET BOOK!
- The Texas Legislature is again in session. LOOK OUT!

Showers —



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ATTENTION SCRC MEMBERS

The following membership classifications are empty & it is important to the vitality of strength of the club that they be filled ASAP. You know someone who will make a good Rotarian.

- **Physician**
- **Beautician**
- **Retail Sales**
- **Home Improvement Center**
- **Long Term Care**
- **Mortician/Funeral Director**
- **Hospital Administration**
- **Residential Construction**
- **Commercial Construction**
- **..... & many others.**

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

PROGRAM JANUARY 12TH, 2009

Pictured below (center) with Pres. Mike (right) & Dick Meyer (left), Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Daryl Brown, was the featured speaker on January 12th. The location of his studies was Bahia (Salvador), Brazil. Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships is Rotary's oldest program and the largest of its kind in the world. Over 70 countries are involved. The stated purpose of this program is to — foster and encourage goodwill & international understanding and to promote friendly relations among people of various countries & geographical areas. Beginning on page 11, you will find information about his post-scholarship program.



Caution! You may consider this politically incorrect.

Bail-Out Explained —

Young Chuck in Montana bought a horse from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the horse the next day. The next day he drove up and said, Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the horse died. Chuck replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back. The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already. Chuck said, 'Ok, then, just bring me the horse. The farmer asked, 'What ya gonna do with him? Chuck said, 'I'm going to raffle him off. The farmer said, 'You can't raffle off a dead horse! Chuck said, 'Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell any body he's dead. A month later, the farmer met up with Chuck and asked, 'What happened with that horse? Chuck said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$998. The farmer said 'Didn't anyone complain?' Chuck said, 'Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two dollars back. Chuck grew up and now works for the government. He was the one who figured out how to "bail us out".

HYDROCARBON
RESOURCE
RECOVERY
Scott Rainey

JSC FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION
Mike Brown

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PETERSON CO.
Don Kirchoff

**LAS COLINAS
CUSTOM
INTEIORS
Rae DeCastro**

**LEXUS OF
CLEAR LAKE
Joey Dupuis**

**EARL
&
TERRILEE
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 in the world and a Rotarian gets \$100 credit with RI for a Paul Harris Sustaining Membership. See DAVID CONEY for more details.

**ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION
ST. PATRICK'S
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

When?.....March 7th

**Where?Nassau Bay
Baptist Church**

Time?7:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

**Menu: Pancakes, scrambled
eggs, sausage, biscuits, cream
gravy, fruit, coffee, juice &
FUN.**

**Price?\$7.50
Children under age 7, eat free.**

**Get your tickets from Flapjack
Jack and join the Fellowship.**

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
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<i>RI Youtube Channel</i>	Within minutes, you can embed an RI video on your website.	www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational
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<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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Eco-Stoves in the Brazilian Northeast

Project Summary

The Efficient Stoves, or Eco-stove, Project is an initiative to improve health, reduce deforestation, and lighten the work of rural communities with the replacement of rudimentary wood-burning stoves with more efficient models. This initiative also has the potential to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and create a financial means to spread the project to other areas through the carbon market.

Over 3 billion people in the world, including 51% of the northeastern Brazilian population, depend on solid fuels (including wood, dung, agricultural residues) and coal, for their energy needs. The use of these fuels on open fires or traditional cooking stoves creates large amounts of indoor air pollution, or IAP, emitting carbon monoxide and particulate pollution that may be 20 times higher than accepted guideline values. Inhalation of these emissions causes various medical conditions including acute respiratory infection, bronchitis, pneumonia, tuberculosis, and low birth weight. According to the World Health Organization, IAP is now considered the second most serious health problem in rural communities in the world, second only to poor hygiene.

Efficient stoves eliminate the problem of indoor air pollution by creating a flux of air through the device that carries virtually all pollution out the chimney, freeing the area of smoke. They typically require half the firewood of traditional stoves or open fires and therefore generate less smoke and require less time of the user in search of ever-dwindling forest resources. The beneficiary of a stove could then have more time for activities that generate income. Also, local stone masons will be contracted to build the stoves, providing jobs during the implementation of the project and marketable skills for them thereafter.

For local residents to understand the problems associated with rudimentary stoves and the benefits of an eco-stove, as well as to guarantee the successful implementation of the project, it will be accompanied by a participatory teaching program for residents to adequately understand the health risks associated with rudimentary stoves and open fires and the benefits of the efficient stoves.

Also, the decrease in wood consumption prevents further deforestation of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and decreases green house gas emissions by 50%, which has a real value on the carbon markets. We will be able to derive carbon credits for the emissions mitigated by the efficient stoves, creating a cycle of funding to continue the project in other regions. Prior work has shown that each stove reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 12 tons of CO₂, valued at \$20 a ton on the carbon markets, generating \$240 per stove, more than double their original cost.

This Project has already been undertaken by Rotary in various locations around the world, including Guatemala, Honduras, Uganda and Turkey. But, with the derivation of carbon credits, it will be the first project of its kind in Brazil.

The eco-stove project is a self-sustaining project implementing a relatively simple technology. The ample dissemination of eco-stoves in the region will have a significant impact on the health of the beneficiaries and reduce of the use of forest resources in one of the world s most endangered forests.



Eco-Stove Pictures (*this page, top to bottom*):

A rural resident in her home, stained by indoor air pollution



A typical open fire used for cooking



A typical rudimentary indoor cooking stove

Next page:

Brazilian girls at their home in Jequié, Brazil. The most common victims of indoor air pollution are children under 5 years of age (WHO).

An efficient cooking stove

Installed in Guatemala by the Rotary Club of Alexandria, Minnesota



A FIELD GUIDE TO INTERNATIONAL MANNERS [Taken from *the ROTARIAN*, January 2009]

- **Show your hands.** *Hands should always be above the table, never under. Wrists, not elbows, should be placed on the table. Use the Continental style of handling utensils (keeping the fork in the left hand at all times) and master chopsticks. Hands should never be in pockets or behind your back, except in a British environment, when you're giving space.*
- **Thumbs up.** *It's offensive in Australia and Scandinavia, while in Japan and Italy, it denotes the number one when counting on the hand.*
- **Peace/Victory sign.** *The forefinger-index finger V is generally acceptable as long as the palm is facing out. Otherwise, it is the equivalent of "go to hell" in the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scandinavia, Australia, and New Zealand.*
- **Ground your feet.** *Never show the soles of your shoes, because feet are the dirtiest part of your body. Crossing your legs can create a feeling of disrespect in Asian cultures, especially if your feet are pointing toward another person.*
- **OK sign.** *In Australia, Finland, Italy, and Brazil, the thumb-forefinger circle has the same meaning as the middle finger does in North America.*
- **Mind the gap.** *Northern European people tend not to be touchy-feely, while greater physical contact is likely in places like Italy and Latin America. Adjust accordingly.*

Editorial Comment: This is just part of a two-page article beginning on page 44 of the magazine and titled "How to avoid offense." Is there a chance for world peace? I doubt it if this idea of "political correctness" has spread to the world. It's almost impossible in the U. S. to avoid offending someone; now we discover this nonsense. Come on! Get a life! Seriously, are people world-wide this sensitive? Maybe it's time to publish a world book of manners and require all peoples to adhere to it. Perhaps there are matters more important than this pettiness, or am I just too insensitive?

What's in your hand?



Come to me as little children



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Space Center Rotary Club Summary of January 20 Board Meeting

The Board meeting of the Space Center Rotary Club was called to order on January 20, 2009 by President Mike Hernandez after confirming quorum.

Minutes of the December Board meeting were approved with modifications. Membership report and attendance status were reviewed. During the month of December we had 3 new members inducted in the club, one member resigned and one was removed from membership due to lack of dues payment. As of the end of December we had 114 active members. The average Club meeting member attendance for December was 51.85%, down from last month's 58.39%.

The Treasurer report showed 2 members still delinquent in the dues. One of the member, the Board decided to remove from membership and the other one, who has been attending club meetings, will be contacted by phone before further action by the Board. Summary of income and expenditures as of the end of December is attached.

Status of Club **Reserve Funds**:

Reserve Service Money from Previous Fund Raisings as of end of December.-

Checking Account.....	\$ 3,931
Money Market Account.....	\$ 40,478

Service and Admin Reserve money.-

Janus Funds.....	\$ 25,831
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Open Items:

We are assessing the viability of hiring a Bookkeeper to take care of the club financial entries.

Shrimporee results show:

Total Collections	\$ 89,154
Expenditures.....	<u>\$ 23,389</u>
Net Collected.....	\$ 65,765

Amendments of the by-laws are still being reviewed.

The issue of having the club incorporated in Texas was discussed, and following the suggestions from Billy Smith and David Hamblin, the decision was made not to incorporate. Incorporating creates a number of legal responsibilities and do not provide any tangible benefits.

New Items:

District requested Club donations to subsidize activities at the District Conference. Suggestions were presented to contribute portions of our District Conference budget towards subsidy of activities and another portion to have a social at one of the evenings. Jon McKinnie will look into cost of the social and Mike Hernandez will look into amounts contributed during previous years by the club.

The Board approved donating \$150- to Bay Area Youth Singers, the organization where the Santa Claus that visited us in December belongs.

The World Health committee will reimburse Earl Maudlin for the cost of a washer and dryer for the orphanage in Guerrero, Mexico

A new proposed format for the award of Teacher of the Year was discussed. It would combine the efforts of several Rotary clubs and of the CCISD Foundation, it would also result in a formal dinner with several hundred guests. This new format is being suggested and supported by the School District and would make the event much more important and provide much more visibility to Rotary and the School District. The Board decided to approve it in principle and for David Coney to work with the planning group and report back by the end of the month with more details.

Committees report:

Directors were reminded to work with the committees and prepare the presentation to the members for next Monday's Assembly meeting.

SPACE CENTER ROTARY
SUMMARY OF CLUB'S OPERATING FINANCIALS
December 31, 2008

Administration:

Dues payments:

109 out of 111 members have paid their dues
 plus 7 new members\$26,242

Meetings and meals:

Payments received.....\$18,275
 Club paid meals.....\$ 1,516
 Payments to Bay Oaks.....\$19,791

Expenditures:

District Dues.....\$ 2,775
 2015 RI Convention Support..... 1,665
 General Administrative..... 244
 Insurance (D&O Liability)..... 450
 First Half of RI Dues..... 3,889
 President's Contingency..... 250
 Projection Screen..... 232
 Bank Charges..... 40
 Membership Recruitment..... 357
 Membership Retention..... 26
 Programs..... 832
 Club paid meals..... 1,516
 Total Expenditures..... \$12,276

Service:

Budgeted Amount:.....\$75,000

Project Expenditures:

Clinic in Guerrero, Mexico.....\$ 1,000
 Engineers Without Borders..... 1,000
 Children Literacy Center..... 7,000
 CCISD Hurricane Ike..... 1,000
 Youth Exchange..... 4,407
 RI Foundation..... 2,500
 Bank Charges..... 190
 Total Expenditures.....\$17,097

Approved expenditures for January

Guerrero, Mex. Orphanage..... 2,000
 Guerrero Washer/Dryer..... 750
 Group Study Exchange..... 300
 MD Anderson Children Cancer..... 7,000
 Total..... \$10,050