

the Blastoff

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A message from Pres. Mike

Today is FLOYD BOZE DAY - Wear your Floyd Boze Fellow pins!!!

Following our club's tradition we celebrate today Floyd Boze Day. Every year our club declares a meeting day close to Floyd's birthday (February 7th) to honor the first member of our club that was elected District Governor, that is a champion among Rotarians golfers, and who has maintained perfect attendance for more than 50 years. Dr. Floyd Boze was the Business Developer Officer for the First City Bank of Clear Lake for many years and a professor emeritus of the University of Houston at Clear Lake. Floyd, along with his twin brother Lloyd, was born on a farm in Fannin County, and grew up in Commerce Texas. He holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from East Texas State University and a Doctorate in Administration from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He received his commission in the U.S. Air Force at the Yale University during WW II, serving in both the CBI and European theaters. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean Conflict before retiring as a Colonel. He has held administrative positions at Panola College, Carthage, Texas; Angelo State University, at San Angelo; the University of Tennessee; and Texas Tech University. He has served both the Texas Association and the Southern Association of Collegiate Registrants and Admission Officers, as President. His beloved wife, Dr. Nancy Boze was a professor of Professional Education at the UH/CL. She was named Paul Harris Fellow in November 1981. The Space Center Rotary Club honored Floyd by naming him a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981, during Floyd's year as District Governor. Floyd has been a Rotarian for close to 60 years and has served in practically every capacity as a member of the Carthage, San Angelo, Lubbock, and Space Center (since 1973) Clubs. He and his wife have attended Rotary meetings in over 20 foreign countries. He was a member of the Rotary Golfing Fellowship and won the Carl Miller trophy at the Rotary International Golfing Fellowship tournaments at St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1974 and again at Crans, Switzerland, in 1980. In 1993 when the Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation was established, the club members desiring to follow the Rotary International Foundation model of providing a fellowship as means of raising funds, decided to further honor Floyd by establishing the Floyd Boze Fellowship. At this time there are 66 Floyd Boze Fellows. Their names are proudly displayed on a banner at every club meeting. We are proud to count Floyd as one of our members!

Happy Birthday, Floyd!

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

Happy Birthday Floyd.

Pres. Mike has proclaimed February 9th

Floyd Boze Day.



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...

Drug Awareness Essay Scholarship Awards presentation

Feb 16th Holiday — no meeting

Feb 23rd Academic Achievement Scholarships Awards presentation

Mar 2nd SCR Endowment Foundation

Mar 9th TBD

Mar 16th TBD

Mar 23rd TBD

Apr .6rh TBD

Apr 13th TBD

Apr 20th TBD

Apr 27th TBD

May 4th

May 25th Holiday — no meeting

June 1st

Bring a Guest!!

Say Happy Birthday to —

Owen Morris	February 2ne
Peter Wuenschel	February 3rd
Floyd Boze	February 7th
John W. Tenini	February 8th
Don Kirchoff	February 10th
Laura Hale	February 12th
Tony Bloomfield	February 12th
Bob Swint	February 15th
Bill Geissler	February 16th
David Taylor	February 16th
Steve Owens	February 22nd
Christopher Gregg	February 25th



SCRC SOCIALS

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.

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SPRINGOREE MEETING

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

**Texas Citizens Bank
17041 El Camino Real, Suite 104
Steve Owens, Chr.**

[SteveO@Texas CitizensBank.com](mailto:SteveO@TexasCitizensBank.com)

713.948.5714



Guerrero, Mexico Rotary Eye Clinic

EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.
RNASA Committee 3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.
Endowment Foundation Board. 2nd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.
Rotary Foundation Committee last Wednesday @ 7 a.m.
Membership Committee 2nd Monday @ 1:15 p.m.
District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles, LA Apr 30 — May 2, 2009
Rotary Space Award Dinner May 8, 2009
Springoree May 14th
100th RI Convention, Birmingham, England June 21 — 24, 2009

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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**

SPRINGOREE AUCTION

Items are needed for the live auction to be conducted at the Springoree. Trips, weekend stays, fishing trips, etc. are always good. Please see what you can do to help with very important event.

Nanci Rutledge

Direct: 713-854-0153

New Shorter Newsletter

I have listened, I have heard and now I am respecting your wishes. For many, the Blastoff file has been so big as to limit the receipt of other important email; for some the Blastoff is totally rejected with a note that the file is too large. However, the requests have been resisted because so many members have offered their pleasure of receiving a newsletter that is newsworthy and full of useful information, but sometimes exceeding a dozen pages. Another thing has influenced this decision to reduce the size including Jon McKinnie's great job of sending you current information and announcements when they are made available to him. Jon has also developed the club website into a very informative and useful tool. Therefore, you are receiving this issue without the repetitive content, e.g., 4-Way Test, Objects of Rotary, Sponsor list, etc. I will request that Jon add any of that information not already on the website, so that members and prospective members will have access to it. Additionally, to encourage members to regularly visit the website, emailing the newsletter to members will soon cease — only a notice will be sent advising that it has been posted to the website. Posting will not be new as Jon has been adding the newsletter when he receives it. Issues published for several weeks are kept available in the event you missed one or want to refer to a previous article. This also allows new members to catch up on recent news. These changes are intended to better and timely deliver Rotary news to you. Any comments are solicited. The club website may be accessed at

www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

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TEXAS CITY ISD SCHOOL SUPPLIES PROJECT

District 5890 has adopted the Texas City ISD as a disaster recovery project. The school district has taken students who were displaced from other school districts into their system and provided them with school supplies, backpacks and clothing. However, there is a need. A special drive for contributions has been established for the month of February during which supplies will be gathered and given to the TCISD Foundation. Geoff Atwater, Chair, will provide a collection box near the sign-in table for your donations. Additional project opportunities may be found on the District 5890 website under "Disaster Recovery Committee."

Sometimes hunters bag more than they can eat, e.g., this 1800 lb boar.



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Above, foreign exchange student, Sofia Berglund, from Sweden delivered a very interesting and informative PowerPoint presentation about her home country, family, pastimes and experience so far in her visit to the United States. Page 8 (clockwise from top left) Dick Meyer delivers a message of sadness about the shooting of several Rotary exchange students in Oregon; This is the real Travis Vermeer, notwithstanding the picture in the new Pictoral Roster; Carlos Villagomez delivers the invocation with a special request for the exchange students and families; Steve Waldner requests volunteers to help with the Seniors project at Armand Bayou Nature Center. Page 9 (top) Dan Weber receives his permanent badge from Jean Walker as PDG, Suzi Howe looks on; bottom (l to r) Brad Bailey receives his permanent badge from Pres. Mike as Jean Walker looks on; Brad makes some comments about what it means to him to be a member of SCRC. Page 10 (top) President Mike presents a check to Dick Kidder & Earl Maudlin payable to the Chrystal Foundation for use and development of the Orphanage in Guerrero, MX. The check included \$750 for a new washer & dryer. (bottom right) Earl & Terrilee had already provided these appliances so Earl gave a check for \$750 to Dick Meyer for the fund for the families of the injured and deceased exchange students. (bottom left) Dick Kidder presents a \$1,000 check to Builders Without Borders of Texas for the water project in Carbonera, MX.

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