

# the **Blastoff**

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center P. O. Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058 Meetings Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Clear Lake City Phone: 281.488.7888 \* Chartered 1964 Volume 46 : Number 26 \* February 11, 2008



January is Rotary Awareness Month. *Read The Rotarian*. <u>Rotary Sites:</u> <u>www.Rotary5890.org</u> <u>www.SpaceCenterRotary.com</u>

Valentine Pancake Breakfast Sat. Feb. 16th Nassau Bay Baptist Church

## Say Happy Birthday to —

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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

## **Programs**:

Today Drug Awareness Essays	
Feb 18 President's Day, No Meeting	
Feb 25 Pam Culpepper; "Family in Focus"	
Mar 03 Presentation of Scholarships	
Mar 10 TBD	
Mar 17	
Mar 24	
Mar 31 TBD	
Apr 07 TBD	
Apr 14 TBD	
Apr 21	
Apr 28	
May 05 TBD	
May 12 TBD	
May 19 TBD	
May 26 Memorial Day, No Meeting	
June 02 PE, Gary Johnson Shrimporee 2008	
June 09 Jay Wall / Crime in Houston and what to do about it.	
Jun e16 TBD	
Jun e23 TBD	
June 30 Pres. Dick– Remarks & Awards	

#### District 5890 Conference Galveston April 24-27, 2008 Be There!

#### **Events** Calendar

•	Club Board of Directors 3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
•	Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
	2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
•	Rotary Foundation Comm last Wed @ 7 a.m.
•	District Leadership Institute Jan. 19th
•	Valentine Pancake Breakfast Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>
•	RNASA Awards Banquet
Houston Hyatt April 25	
•	District Conference Galveston. April 24-27 '08
•	Springoree TBD
•	RI Convention, Los Angeles June 15-18 '08

#### SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

Feb 12. Tommy's Seafood Steakhouse 2555 Bay Area Blvd.	
Feb 26 Abe's Cajun Market 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd.	
Mar 11 Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.	
Mar 25 Topwater Grill 815 Ave O, San Leon	
Apr 8 Clifton by Sea Clifton, Tx,	
Apr 22 Colosseum Restaurant 16608 El Camino Real	
May 6 Frenchie's Restaurant 1041 Nasa Parkway	
June 10 Bay Oaks Country Club Pool Party,	
Bring Grandchildren	



## The Citizen



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Pam Culpepper, CPP President

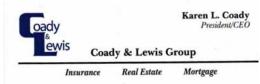
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Frank W. "Bill" Taylor was surprised on January 28th when his fellow Rotarians saluted him with the presentation of a Floyd Boze Fellowship. Bill has been a dedicated Rotarian for many years. This man does not know how to say "no". He is truly a "yes man" always willing to step up when a job or challenge is presented.

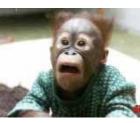
Congratulations Bill — you deserve this great honor!

#### The following is your brief biographical sketch. Do you want me to write it for you or will you email it to me?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family background: \_\_\_\_\_ Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Family: spouse, children,

grandchildren, etc. Military experience: \_\_\_\_\_ Business or professional

career:



Hobbies, interests: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rotary History: clubs, offices held, committees chaired, family members who are/were Rotarians. I joined Rotary because \_\_\_\_\_



New SCRC member, Glenn Langford, received a degree in finance from Texas A & M University; was a Yell Leader & a F-102 Fighter Pilot in the USAF. Now a Realtor with Keller Williams, Len is a PHF.



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### Minuteman Press

## FLAMING FLAMINGO FASHION SHOW Lunch and Silent Auction

## Women of Rotary Bay Area Cordially invites you and your guests to our annual fund raiser which supports the Bay Area.

**Come Spread Your Wings** 

Thursday, March 20, 2008 Bay Oaks Country Club 11:30 am \$30.00 per person

## Get a leg up and RSVP before March 14 to sself333@aol.com

#### THE SENIOR CITIZEN COMMITTEE OF THE SPACE CENTER ROTARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTING **RED ROSES** TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THREE LOCAL SENIOR FACILITIES ON **ST. VALENTINE'S DAY**. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP DISTRIBUTE THE RED ROSES WE COULD USE YOUR HELP. BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2008.

9:30 A.m. - Regency Village, 409 West Green, Webster, Texas 77598

10:30 A.m. - Baywind Village, 411 Alabama, League City, Texas 77573

11:30 A.m. - Rosemont of Clearlake, 14101 Bay Pointe Court, Houston, Texas 77062

If You Are Interested in Volunteering Please Call Me to Confirm (282-282-6079). Hope to See You There.

Regards, Steve Waldner, Chair, Senior Citizen Committee, Space Center Rotary

#### **Delia Stephens** –



<u>Family Background</u>: Fourth generation Texan, born near Temple to Richard and Mattie Lucky. Third of four children. Parents owned a grocery store across the street from the Bell County Courthouse in Belton. Lived ten years of childhood on a farm which is now part of Ft Hood. In 1954, the government expansion of Ft Hood bought the family farm, and the family bought another grocery store, this time in Childress, in the Texas Panhandle.

<u>Education</u>: Graduate, Childress High School. B.A., University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Belton 1961. Graduate Study, Texas A & I University, Kingsville. Doctor of Jurisprudence, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston 1981. Certifications as Mediator of civil and family lawsuits, University of Houston-Clear Lake. Licensed to practice law in Texas courts, Federal Courts, and U.S. Tax Court.

<u>Family</u>: Married to Billy C. Stephens, associate minister at Taylor Lake Christian Church. Two grown sons: Bill, a cultural anthropologist, lives in rural Brooklyn, Iowa, and James, a classical guitarist, lives in Kansas City, Mo. Two c in Iowa. Another grandchild is due in May in Kansas City.

grandchildren, Ella and Jack, in Iowa. Another grandchild is due in May in Kansas City.

<u>Career</u>: Private practice of law, mostly civil, with offices in Clear Lake area since 1981. Listed in Who's Who in American Law. Member of State Bar of Texas, Bay Area Bar Association, Houston Bar Association. Early career as English teacher and drama and debate coach. Wrote for a chain

of newspapers owned by Fig Leaf Publishing Co.

<u>Memberships and Service</u>: Legal Advocacy chair, Southeast Harris County Branch, American Association of University Women; Alumni Board, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor; Trustee, Taylor Lake Christian Church; Local board, American Red Cross; Board member, Funeral Consumer Alliance of Houston.

Space Center Rotary: Program chair. Paul Harris Fellow. Benefactor. Joined Space Center Rotary in early 1980's, and served on various committees over the years.

<u>Hobbies</u>: Writes *Little Stories from Texas* so her pre-K Midwestern grandchildren will know their Texas roots. One story, *Harry Makes a Deal* (about a Central Texas jackrabbit that gets captured, and being Texas bred, doesn't give up trying to get his freedom back) will be released by Dorance Publishing Company this spring. Dresses a stuffed animal, Texas style, to illustrate each story and mails it with the story to the grandchildren.

Billy: Only a short additions to Jon McKinnie's interesting contribution in the last Blastoff. After 34 years as a Rotarian in several countries, I could write a long essay about eligibility criteria for Rotary membership. Here only two examples of the other extreme: In Germany, and I think in some other European countries, all members of a club have to cast a secret, anonymous vote for the acceptance of a new member. One negative vote (example: one attorney member does not want his competitor to join) makes the proposed candidate ineligible ... with no further reasons being given. That's why most clubs are so "old" and small, many are arrogant, and they do not actively pursue membership extension. Women are not eligible anyway! In Mexico, at least a few years ago, you had to be married to become a Rotarian and had to leave if you got a divorce! Greetings from Amman, Jordan, on my way to Kabul, Afghanistan! Hilmar Zeissig

Pictures from the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: clockwise from left — our speakers spoke on funeral/burial planning & introduced the subject of "green" funerals. A good time was had by all! What a great topic for a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Flapjack Jack talks pancakes. Rae DeCastro is honored with a Floyd Boze Fellowship. Floyd's 90the birthday is celebrated with a cake. Floyd shows his pleasure. Floyd scores again! Watch out ladies – you could be next after Laura. Floyd at St. Andrews Scotland where he won the first of two Rotary International Golf Fellowship Tournaments. Dist Gov, Jeff & PDG's Andy, Suzie & George helped fellow PDG Floyd celebrate... Photos by Bob Mitchell

