



the Blastoff



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

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

Say Happy Birthday to —

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..... TBD
 Mar 24..... TBD
 Mar 31..... TBD
 Apr 07..... TBD
 Apr 14..... TBD
 Apr 21..... TBD
 Apr 28..... TBD
 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. 16th
- 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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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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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 —



Family Background: 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.

Education: 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.

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

Career: 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.

Memberships and Service: 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.

Hobbies: 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 7th 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 90th birthday celebration. Flapjack Jack talks pancakes. Rae DeCastro is honored with a Floyd Boze Fellowship. Floyd's 90th 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

