

# *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

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## A message from Pres. Mike



Only four month left in this Rotary year. There are still a number of objectives to accomplish and projects to complete. As we work on the still remaining pending projects we should not lose sight to the fact that some of them are part of the requirements to obtain the "RI Presidential Citation" and others are part of the requirements to be eligible for the "District's Club of the Year Award". In order to qualify for these awards we most complete the requirements within the first half of April, since the awards are presented during the District Conference in Lake Charles on April 30th to May 3rd. Some of these projects are the Children Immunization, the Armand Bayou trail work, the Blood Donation Drive and the start of the Interact and Rotaract clubs. We know we are all hard at work getting them done and I am sure we will.

While we work on the projects and issues facing us this year, we also need to prepare our club leaders for next year and the future. This brings us to the District Assembly, which is scheduled for the morning of April 18. This is the single most important training session for anyone that is interested in understanding the workings of the Rotary clubs and how it relates to the District and Rotary International. It is a most for Directors, and Officers. New members are specifically encouraged to attend. Attendance to the half a day long set of meetings cost \$10.00, but the club considers it so important that it will pay for any of our members' attendance. This is also another opportunity to meet Rotarians from other clubs. Please plan to attend and give your name to Jon McKinnie to include you in the attendance list.

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 . . Amand Smith, Nutritionist for Clear Lake Regional Medical Hospital**

*Mar 16th . . . . Sylvia Garcia, Harris County Commissioner*

*Mar 23rd . . . . Dr. William Staples, Pres. UH—CL*

*Mar 30th . . . . All Club Meeting @ Geo. R. Brown*

*Convention Center*

*Apr 6th . . . . Julie Robinson, Program Scientist for the Interna  
tional Space Station*

*Apr 13th . . . . SCRC Endowment Foundation*

*Apr 20th . . . . TBD*

*Apr 27th . . . . TBD*

*May 4th . . . . TBD*

*May 25th . . . . Holiday — no meeting*

*June 1st . . . . TBD*

*June 8th . . . . TBD*

*June 15th . . . . TBD*

*June 22nd . . . . TBD*

*June 29th . . . . TBD*

**Bring a Guest!!**

## **Say Happy Birthday to —**

Nanci Rutledge. . . . . March 1st

Travis Vermeer. . . . . March 4th

Wayne Young. . . . . March 5th

J B Fox. . . . . March 9th

Pam Culpepper. . . . . March 14th

Tim Kropp. . . . . March 17th

Jerry Smith . . . . . March 18th

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.  
WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.**

## **SCRC SOCIALS**

Mar 17th . . . . . Gilhooleys, 229 9th St., San Leon

AN IRISH CELEBRATION!

Mar 31st . . . . . Italian Café, 4322 NASA Plwy.

**Contact Roger Donnelly.**

**Ridonnelly@aol.com**

## 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

### Notes From March 2nd

Suzi says: "Rotary has raised \$80 million for the current Polio Plus Gates Family Foundation challenge.

Just announced: Jerry Smith will MC the 2009 Springoree & Judge Louis Ditta will be the auctioneer.



*Pictured l to r: Art Wood, Steve Jones (our speaker), Tim Kropp & Marilyn Musial*

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Speaker, Steven Jones, CEO of Clear Lake Regional Hospital & a graduate of UH - CI.

- the healthcare industry is \$Trillion/yr
- this is expected to double in the near future
- pediatric care facilities are expected to increase due to U. S. Government assistance with the cost of care

*Pictured* : PE, Jon McKinnie with GSE Team Leader from the Seabrook Rotary Club and team member, to whom SCRC presented a check in support of their upcoming trip.



### A philosophical story submitted by Scott Rainey:

Mayonnaise Jar & Two Beers... When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and the 2 Beers.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.' The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.. 'Now,' said the professor as the laughter subsided, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things---your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions---and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else---the small stuff. 'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Spend time with your children. Spend time with your parents. Visit with grandparents. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first---the things that really matter. The rest is just sand. One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend.

**AMOCO FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION**

**AOVOCO  
Art Oswald**

**BASTION  
TECHNOLOGIES  
Mike Hernandez**

**BELINDA K.  
SKLOSS  
LLC**

### **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.

**Monday March 30th** will be the **ALL CLUB MEETING** and our surprise luncheon for the Site Selection Committee. Please remember that Space Center has cancelled its meeting that day, so everyone has the opportunity to participate. Tickets for the event are \$25 each, so I need you to signify that you plan to attend by return email and bring your money to the Feb 23 club meeting. (make checks payable to Space Center Rotary, we will send one club check to district for all tickets) We want at least 30% of our club to attend if not more. The more Rotarians, the more fun! The club president that has the highest percentage of attendance from his/her club will receive a special prize, so let's help Pres Mike win that prize!! The event will be held at the George R. Brown Convention center in the main ballroom, on Monday March 30th starting at 11:30 am. (To Committee Chairs, we have an opportunity to display some of our wonderful projects, so please consider and advise) We will receive a weekly update from DG Rhonda. Let's not be the last to sign up. The District is shooting for 1,000 in attendance. Let's show RI that District 5890 wants the 2015 Convention! Remember these chants...

Bring it to Houston ! Bring it to Houston ! Bring it to Houston !

**2015...5890**

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Jon R McKinnie

### **SPRINGOREE AUCTION**

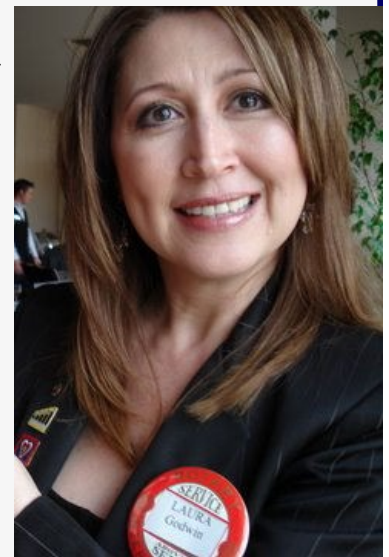
Items are needed for the live auction to be conducted at the Springoree. Trips, weekend stays, fishing trips, etc. are always good. Please see what you can do to help with very important event.

*Nanci Rutledge*  
*Direct: 713-854-0153*



Silent Auction Items are needed for Springoree. Donations of any size or value are accepted, no donated item is too small. Please bring all items or Gift Certificates to Laura Godwin or call me to arrange pick up. All items must be in by May 3, 2009.

*Laura Godwin*  
*832-221-3616*



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Ken Gurry

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**ASSOCIATES**  
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## ***IN MEMORIAM***

### **Jack Eggleston**

*As some of you may remember, **Jack Eggleston** was my former father in law and an active member of our club when he lived for years in Houston. He actually brought me into Space Center Rotary. I know that some of our club members are always asking about Jack, so I wanted you to be aware of his passing. Below you will find his obituary: Alan Wylie*

John Marshall Eggleston, Jr. passed away on Monday, February 23 in Norfolk, Virginia. Jack was born in San Francisco, CA. June 26, 1926. His father was a career Navy officer from Norfolk, where Jack was raised and graduated from Oceana High School. Jack served in WWII in the USMC participating in the SuUSMC campaign at Okinawa in 1945.

Jack received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering VPI, 1949, MS degree in Aeronautical Engineering from University of Virginia in 1954, and MS degree in Engineering from Princeton University in 1958. In 1949 he joined the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and was assigned to High Speed Flight Research center in Muroc, California from 1949-1951. In 1951 he returned to the Langley Research Center as a research scientist in stability and control of aircraft and missiles. In 1958 when NACA became NASA, he became Assistant Chief of the Flight Mechanics Branch at Langley. In 1962 he transferred to the Space Task Group and moved to Houston where he helped to develop the Lunar Module concept for the Apollo program. In 1963 he became Assistant Chief of the Space Environment Division. In 1965 he was sent to MIT as a Sloan Fellow in Industrial Management. Returning to Houston in 1966 he was Deputy Chief, Lunar and Earth Sciences Division until 1971. In 1968 Jack was assigned as Staff Assistant to Director of the Manned Spacecraft Center serving as technical advisor to the Director, Deputy Director, and Associate Director of the Manned Space Craft. He completed his career at Johnson Space Center serving as assistant to the Director of Engineering and Development. In 1980 Jack retired as a Civil Servant with 30 years of service in NACA and NASA having substantially contributed to the success of the United States Space Program.

Jack spent the next 10 years working as a consultant with several NASA contractors, most notably Eagle Engineering. In 1988, he retired to his beloved Farm in Hanover County, Virginia where he had a very happy life riding around on his tractor, until moving to Harbors Edge Retirement Community in 2006.

In his free time, Jack was very active in the Boy Scouts of America, Sam Houston Area Council. He served as both a Troop Leader and Adult Leader Trainer, spending numerous weekends and holidays assisting at Camp Strake. He was also very active in the Space Center Rotary Club.

Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis Holland Eggleston, also of Norfolk, VA. He was preceded in death by his son Dr. John Marshall Eggleston, III. He leaves behind 3 children Mary Allen Wylie Stang of Seabrook, TX and husband David C. Stang; Rebecca Holland Eggleston of Wake, VA and husband David A. Turner; and Robert Allen Eggleston of Norfolk, VA and wife Jana Goloff Eggleston; and son-in-law Alan D. Wylie of Seabrook, TX. He also leaves 6 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A private family service will be held on March 8, 2009, Fork Church, Ashland, Virginia.

Jack will be buried with his beloved son John in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory should be directed to Boy Scouts of America. Sam Houston Area Council. Online donations may be made at <https://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Donations/> or mailed to Sam Houston BSA, P.O. Box 924528, Houston, TX 77282-4528

**HYDROCARBON**  
**RESOURCE**  
**RECOVERY**  
Scott Rainey

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CLEAR LAKE**  
Joey Dupuis

**EARL  
&  
TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN**

**MAUI WOWI**  
Shelley Smith

*Some great Shuttle pics submitted by John Lee:*



**MERRILL LYNCH**  
Jerry & Bill  
Smith

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TECHNOLOGIES**  
Tim Kropp

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BANK**  
Mark Humphrey

**SPACE CENTER  
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Jerrold Dewease



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## ***IN MEMORIAM***

Past District Governor, Edgar P. "Ed" Martin Jr.



EDGAR "Ed" P. MARTIN,,JR., 80, departed this life on February 28, 2009. Born on April 7, 1928, Ed spent most of his life in Houston. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ann Huff. He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, JoAn, sons Pat and Mike, grandchildren, Philip, Casey, Craig, Cody and Kelly, and numerous nieces and nephews. He attended University of Texas, was a member of Alpha Nu Chapter of Sigma Chi and a devoted Longhorn fan. After college, he enlisted in the Navy. Ed was the proud owner of Ed Martin & Associates for 40 years. He was a dedicated Rotarian serving as President of the Heights Rotary Club and founder of the Ed Martin Scholarship Fund. He also served as District Governor for 5890 in 1996/1997. A memorial service was held at Forest Park The Woodlands Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his loving memory to the Rotary Club of Houston Heights Charitable Foundation. Check payable to: First Bank, c/o Ed Martin Scholarship Fund, 777 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 150, Houston, TX 77056.



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