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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  
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Pam Culpepper (J. Pamela Photography, CPP) presented the program on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. In the picture at left she gives a lesson on posing a male using Dr. David Taylor as the subject.



Dr. Jean Walker recognized members with perfect attendance. Here, Bob Wren receives his pen for 27 years.

Others recognized were:

Billy Smith.....	26 yrs
David Taylor.....	17 yrs
Suzie Howe.....	15 yrs
Belinda Skloss.....	10 yrs
Debby McBride.....	5 yrs
Roger Donnelly.....	5 yrs
Jean Walker.....	4 yrs
Jerrold Dewease.....	3 yrs
Scott Rainey.....	3 yrs
Art Oswald.....	2 yrs
Mary Alys Cherry.....	2 yrs
Bill Taylor.....	1 yr



a Floyd Boze Fellowship for her devoted service to the ideals of Rotary. Bill Lowes made the presentation. Congratulations Pat.

Photos by Bob Mitchell (the backlighting makes it difficult)

### 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.
- RNASAF Awards Banquet  
 Houston Hyatt . . . . April 25
- District Conference Galveston. April 24-27 '08
- Springoree. . . . . TBD
- Texas Roadhouse Golf Tournament  
 . . . . Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Bay Oaks CC
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. . . June 15-18 '08

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

- Mar 4. . . . **Abe's Cajun Market** 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd.
- Mar 11. . . . . **Zio's** 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.
- Mar 18. . . . . **Topwater Grill** 815 Ave O, San Leon
- Mar 25. . . . . **Clifton by Sea** Clifton, Tx,
- Apr 1. . . . .
- Apr 8. . . . .
- Apr 15. . . . .
- Apr 24. . . . . **Rudy & Paco's** Galveston
- May 6. . . . . **Frenchie's Restaurant** 1041 Nasa Parkway

### **ATTENTION**

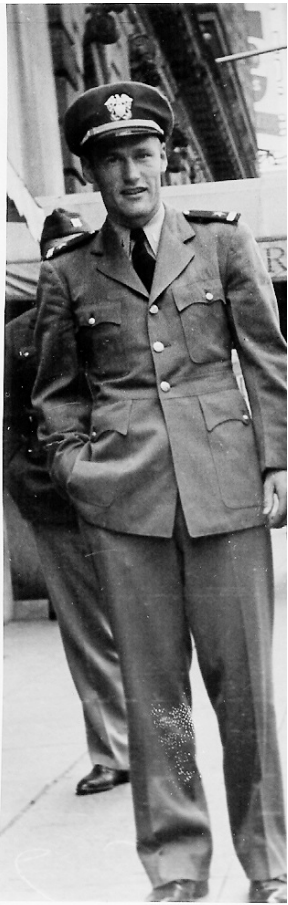
**Tony Bloomfield & Texas Roadhouse will again sponsor a golf tournament that will benefit SCRC. Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Bay Oaks CC after the club meeting. Shrimporee sponsors will get a free ride.**

**February is World Understanding Month. Read The Rotarian.**

**Rotary Sites:**  
[www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org)  
[www.Rotary5890.org](http://www.Rotary5890.org)  
[www.SpaceCenterRotary.com](http://www.SpaceCenterRotary.com)

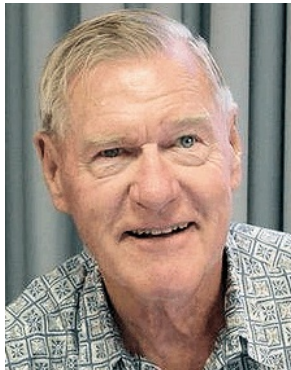
### **Rotary Motto**

*Service Above Self*



**Dennis Neil Dillon** was born in Wheatland, Wyoming in 1926 , the youngest of six children, grew to age ten on a small farm, then moved with his family to Corvallis, Oregon. Upon graduation from high school where he played football and competed in track, he joined the U. S. Navy in 1944. The Navy first sent him to Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, and then to the University of Washington, Seattle. Dennis was commissioned as Ensign in June 1946 and later received a degree in Naval Science. While at the University, he and Shirley Crial met at a dance and married in 1948. His first sea duty was aboard the destroyer, Charles P. Cecil, an escort of the carrier, Boxer. In late 1946, he was transferred to a patrol craft escort in Adak, Alaska. Discharged from the Navy in May 1947, the G. I. Bill took him to Oregon State College to seek a degree in Civil Engineering. Following graduation in 1949, he was employed by Peter Kewit Sons' Co., a privately owned construction company. The Dillon's only child, son, Robert was born in 1959 while they were living in Billings, Montana. Dennis spent his

career in the construction business which took the family from Oregon to Washington to Montana to Kansas to Nebraska and finally to Houston, Texas. For a period of time, he worked as an arbitrator of construction controversies. His last case was in 2002. He and Shirley have traveled the world. He has had a pilot's license, used to ride motorcycles, enjoyed his sailboat and played many rounds of golf, even at St. Andrews, Scotland. Longtime Baptists, Dennis and Shirley recently joined Nassau Bay Baptist Church after a 20-year membership in the Second Baptist Church, Houston. First becoming a Rotarian in Nebraska 1975, Dennis has been a member of the Wichita Kansas Downtown Rotary Club and Space Center Rotary Club where he was inducted in 1987. He has been a member of Gideons International since 1969 and has held every camp office and committee at least once.



## 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 14th to [sself333@aol.com](mailto:sself333@aol.com)

## Programs:

- Today..... Presentation of Scholarships**
- Mar 10. .... Hope Village
  - Mar 17. .... Carlos Gonzales, Consul General, Mexico
  - Mar 24. .... Michael Levitin, Houston Association of Realtors
  - Mar 31. .... a presentation by the JSC Chapter  
of Engineers without Borders
  - 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!**

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- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys at Law



Space Center Rotary  
40th Anniversary  
1964 - 2004

If you are interested, this group photo of the members of SCRC on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is available from

**J Pamela Photography Inc.**  
**17000 El Camino Real Suite 303**  
**Houston, TX 77058**

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**Say Happy Birthday to —**

Steve Owens..... February 22nd  
Christopher Gregg..... February 25th