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Charle Milby was the winner of the Golf Cart raffled by the Seabrook Rotary Club at their recent Wine Fest fund raiser. Congratulations Charles.



Don't delay in purchasing your book of raffle tickets for the Rotary Clubs of District 5890. You could win a travel voucher worth \$5,000 to be used anytime through December 31, 2009. Tickets are \$20 each and purchase of a book of 5 tickets makes you a sustaining member of the Rotary Foundation and a contributor toward a Paul Harris Fellowship for yourself or some you designate. 100% of the funds raised will be donated to the Rotary Foundation.



Jon McKinnie introduced the club's new website at www.clubrunner.ca/spacecenter Visit the site and see the great start Jon has created. Update your data and picture. This solves, among other problems, the one will receiving a timely membership roster. The accuracy of the information is up to you. You may view the roster or print it. The choice is yours. Soon, this newsletter will be posted to the site instead of being emailed to you. When that starts, the editor will send a reminder email of the posting. You will be able to see current news as well as reference the old.



Steve Owen is chairing the 2008 SCRC Springoree to be held on May 8th. Planning meetings are being held. If you want to help, contact Steve. Shrimporee sponsors get two free tickets as a part of their package.

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. May 8
- Texas Roadhouse Golf Tournament
. . . . Monday, June 30 @ Bay Oaks CC
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. . . June 15-18 '08

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

- Mar 11. Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.
- Apr 08. Topwater Grill 815 Ave O, San Leon
- Apr 22. Clifton by Sea Clifton, Tx,
- May 06. Colosseum 16608 El Camino Real
- June 10. Boondoggles 4106 NASA Pkwy, El Lago
- Apr 15.
- Apr 24. Rudy & Paco's Galveston
- May 6. Frenchie's Restaurant 1041 Nasa Parkway
- June 17. Bay Oaks Country Club Pool Party,
Bring Grandchildren

ATTENTION

Tony Bloomfield & Texas Roadhouse will again sponsor a golf tournament that will benefit SCRC. Monday June 30th @ Bay Oaks CC after the club meeting. Shrimporee sponsors will get a free ride.

March is World Literacy Month.

Read The Rotarian.

Rotary Sites:

www.Rotary.org

www.Rotary5890.org

www.SpaceCenterRotary.com

Rotary Motto

Service Above Self



Art Oswald was honored by the club with a Floyd Boze Fellowship at the May 3rd meeting. The fellowship was awarded in recognition of Service Above Self contributions by Art to the Shrimporee and other club activities. Congratulations to Art for this well deserved recognition.

Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of Schools, CCISD, presented scholarship awards given by SCRC to students of the high schools. Recipients were David Bratt, Erica Brody, David Dowling, Marian Mayer, Devin Warren and Shannon Webb. Our photographer was not present and pictures taken by others have not been received. When they are, they will be published. The editor apologizes for any errors in the names and will publish corrections as received.

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

Regarding age, comedian, **George Carlin**, says —
Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions. "How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. "How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!! But then you turn 30. Oooooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50, and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90's, you start going backwards; "I Was JUST 92." Then the strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half. Age is a state of mind.

Programs:

Today.....	Hope Village
Mar 17.	Carlos Gonzalez, Counsul 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.
June16.	TBD
June23.	Year end directors' reports
June 30.	Pres. Dick- Remarks & Awards

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

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- Maudlin Products — Earl & Terrilee Maudlin
- Texas Roadhouse — Tony & Sharon Bloomfield

\$2,500 Sponsors

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- Lexus of Clear Lake
- Mike J. Moliere Security Services
- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)

\$1,000 Sponsors

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- Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law
- Gregg & Gregg, P. C., Attorneys at Law
- Joe Hang
- Hopping Eye Associates (Vissett Sun)
- Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey)
- J. Pamela Photography (Pam Culpepper)
- JSC Federal Credit Union (Mike Brown)
- Kirchoff Peterson Co. (Don Kirchoff)
- Las Colinas Interiors (Rae De Castro)
- L. D. Bowles Associates (Lamar Bowles)
- Lockheed Martin
- Minuteman Press
- MRI Technology (Tim Kropp)
- Norman Frede Chevrolet
- One Stop Party Shop (Mark & Karen Kessler)
- Prosperity Bank (Mark Humphrey)
- Shelly Sekula Gibbs, MD
- State Farm Insurance— Johnny R. White, Agent
- Texas Citizens Bank (Mike Cornett)
- Texas Wealth Management (Mike Hesse)
- Gene & Donna Tromblee
- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys at Law

On April 12-13, 2008, I'm joining 13,000 cyclists from the Houston area for the MS 150 ride/race from Houston to Austin. This two-day bike ride isn't really a race, but it does raise money in the race to find the cure for multiple sclerosis. Last year \$12.3 million was raised to help those living with MS, a degenerative disease of the central nervous system. Researchers are making progress, but the cause and cure are still over the horizon. And that's why I saddle up to ride. With this journey, I'm helping the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fund research to find the cause, cure and treatment of MS. My participation also helps support services for people affected by MS. My personal fund-raising goal is **\$1,200**. I am riding with my pedal partners, friends living with MS — USMC Sgt Heter Marin (pictured above) and Sherry Schlotthauer. Please help the National MS Society and me by making a tax-deductible donation to —



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Richard J. "Dick" Meyer

Dick grew up in Haddonfield NJ. Dick Received his BS in Civil Engineering from Ohio Northern University. Started work with American Bridge Division of US Steel. With American Bridge, he immigrated to Texas -- First in Orange then to Bay Town. While working in Bay Town, he lived at the Magnificent Balboa Apartments in Nassau Bay. This is where Dick met his wife-to-be, Joan. Dick

jumped around in various construction jobs ending up with AMF Tuboscope, an oil service company. During the eight years with Tuboscope, he traveled the US, Canada and Europe working on new facilities. In 1985, when the oil industry took a dive, Dick took a job with NASA JSC. Since then he has been at JSC working for Center Operations, New Initiatives, and the Space Life Science Directorate in Project and

Say Happy Birthday to —

Nanci Rutledge.....	March 1st
Owen Morris.	March 3rd
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

Program Management. Joan and Dick have been married for 30 years and have two boys. Andy just married Jennifer Schmidgall. They are living in Seattle where Jennifer is in grad school and Andy is working as an assistant manager at a Cheese Cake Factory restaurant. Wayne is work at Kroger in League City.

Hobbies and interests are Golf, Model Trains, Biking (MS150), and Special Olympics (Golf Coach).

Rotary History – My father was a long time member of the Haddonfield NJ Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow. Alan Wylie was Dick's sponsor into Space Center Rotary.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS!