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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
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Meetings Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club  
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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 fundraising goal is \$1,200. I am riding with my pedal partners, friends living with MS — USMC Sgt Hetero Marin (pictured above) and Sherry Schlotthauer. Please help the National MS Society and me by making a tax-deductible donation to —



E-donation @  
<http://ms150.org/ms150/donate/donate.cfm?id=212472>  
or checks can be made payable to the National MS Society (Please send them to me). Any amount you feel comfortable giving is deeply appreciated.

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### 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.*

- 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 30<sup>th</sup> @ Bay Oaks CC after the club meeting. Shrimporee sponsors will get a free ride.**

### **March is Literacy 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*



**Debby McBride** — Debby was born in Bakersfield, California and lived in California many years before coming to Texas in 1969 with her parents. She graduated from Clear Creek H.S. then got her B.A. in Spanish from UCLA. While in Los Angeles she sang with the renowned Roger Wagner Chorale for two years. Following her university years, she learned the trade of a piano tuner, and also had a word processing business. She has always loved sports and was heavily into fencing while at UCLA.

After college she earned a 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt in Japanese (Shotokan) karate. In the late 1980's she co-owned a karate studio in Los Angeles tailored especially for women. During this period she was also certified as a self-defense instructor and gave numerous workshops on women's self-defense, and children's self-defense. She earned her 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt in Okinawan (Shorin-Ryu) karate. In 1990 she came to Houston to be closer to her parents and afford a house. Los Angeles was getting un-livable in traffic, smog and prices. She earned her M.S. in Accounting from UH-CL in 1992 then was a CPA in tax accounting for two local/regional firms. In 1998 she moved full-time into real estate investing, buying fixer-uppers and also helping distressed homeowners avoid foreclosure or avoid two mortgage payments by buying quickly and reliably. She currently has a small rental house portfolio and is looking for 1-2 more good rentals. Her current passion is scuba diving, which she learned in 2003, and acrylic painting, which she renewed just a year ago. Her favorite subjects are all underwater of course, though after filling her walls with manta rays and sea turtles she just may tackle a pet portrait. She has four dogs and six cats and loves them all dearly. She has achieved Divemaster certification and assists instructors in their classes and her latest motto is "Cozumel or Bust". She is building a home in Cozumel, Mexico, (a scuba-diving mecca) and it's just 2 months from completion. Unfortunately she can't manage to retire there quite yet!

## 2007 SHRIMPOREE SPONSORS

### \$5,000 Sponsors

- The Citizen — Mary Alys Cherry
- Maudlin Products — Earl & Terrilee Maudlin
- Texas Roadhouse — Tony & Sharon Bloomfield

### \$2,500 Sponsors

- Bastion Technologies — Mike Hernandez
- Ben Bridge Jewler — Travis Vermeer
- Lexus of Clear Lake
- Mike J. Moliere Security Services
- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)

### \$1,000 Sponsors

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- Belinda K. Skloss, LLC
- Benson's Wheel Alignment
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- Cimarron
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- DRDA (Olive Murphy, CPA)
- Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law
- Gregg & Gregg, P. C., Attorneys at Law
- Joe Hang
- Hopping Eye Associates (Vissett Sun)
- Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey)
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- 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

SPACE CENTER ROTARY



**When: Thursday May 8<sup>h</sup>**

**Where: Under The Oaks – League City**

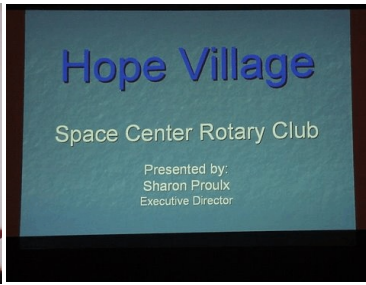
**What: VIP Event – Silent & Live Auctions**

- Dinner
- Live Music by Ja'ndo



- Connoisseur Club – Select wine tasting from the wine cellar of
- Mike & Rosie Hesse
- Tickets: Event: \$100.00 per person
- Connoisseur Club Extra
- Next Planning Meeting: Wed. 3/19 @ 5:45 PM
- At Under the Oaks

***You, too, can be a sponsor. Contact Scott Rainey.***



Our speaker told us about the wonderful work that is being done at Hope Village in Friendswood (across the street from Clear Brook High School on FM 2351). Hope Village was founded in 1968

by Bill & Lucille Williams. In addition to residence quarters, they have a tea room, gift shop, resale

shop & ceramics production. They teach life skills and other skills including personal hygiene & building personal relationships. All proceeds their public programs benefit the programs & residents. Volunteers are welcomed & appreciated.



Rotarians, here are pictures of one of the Bolivia water projects that Stan Galanski & Jeff Atwater are working on. I am trying to help raise funds from our Rotarians to support these worth while projects. Today (March 10th) at Rotary four Rotarians pledged \$1000 each and continued support of these projects. Our funds are matched 100% by the District. Can I count on your support? Earl Maudlin

Sorry I couldn't insert the spreadsheet showing financial participation by SCRC & others. Perhaps Earl will email it directly to the members or post it on our website.

### Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation Monthly Update

- Jerrold Dewease resigned as secretary & was replaced by Bob Taggart, the assistant secretary.
- The Valentine Breakfast was a big success, both from a fellowship & financial viewpoint. A record net of \$929.43 was raised & a good time with great food was enjoyed by all.
- The treasurer reported that the current value of assets is \$159,699.20.
- Some revisions were made to the bylaws which will be posted in the club documents section of the new website.

### Rotary on YouTube

Rotary has joined the YouTube generation. Rotary International's innovative new YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational](http://www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational) features a collection of Rotary-produced videos, including Humanity in Motion public service announcements and a variety of stories from RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine. This means that Rotary's message is poised to reach a fresh audience of millions of people. Club's and districts are using YouTube to promote service activities, recruit new members and raise funds for projects.

Would you like to be the SCRC YouTube producer?