

# the Blastoff

Official Newsletter of  
The Rotary Club of Space Center  
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## A message from Pres. Mike

As you have probably noticed, I consider there are two important aspects of my weekly write ups in the Blastoff. One is to inform the members of what is coming up in the Rotary year and of the accomplishments the club has made and the other to continuously remind you that the club, or Rotary for that matter, cannot accomplish anything without everyone's participation. At the District Assembly last Saturday the Rotary Theme for next year was printed in the front of the program pamphlet. The importance of everyone's participation could not have been said better than in next year's Rotary Theme: "**The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands**". Next year's theme brings to front page the importance given by the highest levels of Rotary to everyone's participation and commitment in bringing new members. For all the ones that did not attend last Saturday's District Assembly/Club Leadership Training Seminar, here is the list of topics that were discussed in the many training sessions. After going through the list, I hope you realize that there were many sessions from which you would have benefitted by attending, disregarding what areas of Rotary you are most interested in participating; and that you will start already planning to attend next year's Club Leadership Training Seminar. The topics were: Club Secretary; Club Treasurer; Membership; Public Image; Strategic Planning; Youth Protection; Club's Humanitarian Foot Print; Grants; Crisis Management; Club Website; Technology and Event Resources; Fellowships Fundraising; District Conference; Family of Rotary; Water Projects; Habitat for Humanity; Interact and Rotaract; Literacy and Local Projects; Disaster Relief; Books for the World; Rotary Youth Exchange; RYLA; Future Vision; RI Foundation and Polio Plus; GSE and Ambassadorial Scholars; International Health Projects; Blood, Organs and Tissue Donations.

*Yours in Rotary Service, 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 .. TBD**

*May 4th . . . . . Remembering our Deceased former members  
Meeting at Clear Park, Cap Landolt Pavilion*

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

*June 1st . . . . . Excellence in Education Awards*

*June 8th . . . . . Excellence in Law Enforcement Awards*

*June 15th . . . . . Club Assembly: Review of Year's Accomplishments*

*June 22nd . . . . . Installation of Officers & Directors for 2009-2010*

*June 29th . . . . . TBD*

***Bring a Guest!!***

## **Say Happy Birthday to —**

- Dick Gregg III . . . . . April 4th
- Ken Gurry . . . . . April 15th
- Dennis Dillon . . . . . April 22nd
- Dick Meye . . . . . April 30th

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

## **SCRC SOCIALS**

**Contact Roger Donnelly.**

**Ridonnelly@aol.com**

# *2009 Rotary Springoree*



*Bailey's American Grille*  
*Reserve Your Tickets Now \$75.00 each*

*Wine Connoisseur's Club Tickets \$100.00 each*



*Raffle Tickets For Tag Heuer Watch*



## **Silent and Live Auction!**

*Live music by Ja'ndo*  
*Steak & Prawn Dinner Including Table Wine*  
*Cocktail Attire*



Please contact Scott Rainey 713-724-8595 or [SRams@aol.com](mailto:SRams@aol.com)

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**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

**April 13th Meeting Notes —**

- SCRC has given \$22,930 to Rotary International Foundation
- Goal for purchase of District Raffle tickets has been met
- Paul Harris Fellowship recognition was awarded to Pam Merrill, founder of Bay Area Turning Point & Diane Savage, CEO since its beginning

**District 5890 Membership Seminar**

**August 8, 2009**

**ORDER A SCRC SHIRT**

I will be ordering polo shirts with the Rotary logo from Lands End for our new members (8). If you would like to order one please let me know your size and desired color (white or navy blue). Cost to members is ~\$30. Contact Bill Geissler at

[wgeissler1@comcast.net](mailto:wgeissler1@comcast.net)

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**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. Both the winning ticket seller & the club president receive two round-trip tickets to any destination in the contiguous 48 states. See **DAVID CONEY** for more details.

**HELP WANTED**

Wanted - Assistant Photographer: to photograph Space Center Rotary Club events. Join existing Photographic Committee, equipment provided, minimum experience desired. Instruction available. Great working conditions among your friends and neighbors. Contact Bob Mitchell for details, 281-333-2881 or [mitchell.rw@comcast.net](mailto:mitchell.rw@comcast.net)

**WATCH RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**\$10 each or 6 for \$50**



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

*Laura Godwin*  
*832-221-3616*

**Ben Bridge Jewelers,**  
**Baybrook Mall,**  
through Travis Vermeer, has donated this watch, a Tag Heuer Carrera stainless steel silver dial chronograph with a retail value of \$3,200 to be raffled by the Springoree 2009.



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**SPEAKER APRIL 13, 2009**

A native Houstonian, Houston City Council Member Mike Sullivan is intimately familiar with the issues of District E, having lived in both the Clear Lake and Kingwood areas. With a strong dedication to his community and the public policymaking process, Mike is committed to returning more tax dollars to District E, maintaining open communications with constituents, and being a conservative voice on City Council. Elected to the Humble ISD Board of Trustees in 2004, Mike instituted sound business practices, and tackled tough problems. As a Community Liaison for Houston City Council Member Michael Berry, Sullivan gained experience in City Government, handling constituent service issues and working with other Council offices and City Department heads. Mike Sullivan brings an understanding of small business to his role at City Council, gained as President and Owner of Mar-Max Supply, Inc., a distributor of marine and industrial paints and coatings. Also, Mike holds a Real Estate Broker license and has worked on a number of commercial real estate transactions. Mike is active in his local chambers of commerce. Married 25 years, Mike and his wife, Kim, have a 16-year old daughter. He is a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Kingwood, where he works with the youth groups and is a Chalice Bearer. Additionally, Mike is a member of the Board of Directors of Kingwood Medical Center, an Advisory Director of HCA (Hospital Corporation of America) Gulf Coast Division, and an Ex-Officio Director of Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. He formerly served as a Director of FamilyTime Crisis and Counseling Center, Director of Justice for All, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Region H Water Planning Group. Mike is a former member of the Rotary Club of Humble Intercontinental.



- Some points of his presentation:
- Dixie Farm Road low income housing project
- Sagemont Park Community Center
- Traffic Operation Study for Clear Lake to be finished in July
- GPS clock reset on traffic signal control boxes
- Improvement of railroad crossings so traffic doesn't have to slow to cross tracks
- Metro to increase number of buses to area
- Increase of number of HPD officers at CL substation
- Town Hall meetings to continue
- Improvement of air quality
- Harris County Water Resources Management Committee

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Mike Hesse

**WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:**  
[See pages 11, 12 & 13

As this Rotary year winds down, I wanted to provide you with a summary of the wonderful accomplishments of Space Center Rotary Club. Without your assistance, many of these activities would not have been possible. But we have several projects that aren't complete yet, so please continue your support to complete the projects. Thanks so much for your active participation during my year as Club President.  
*Mike Hernandez.*

**STS-119 CREW DEBRIEFING**

The STS-119 crew debrief will be held on Thursday, April 23rd @ 6:30 p.m. in the Space Center Houston Northrop Grumman Theater. The event will consist of an awards presentation, crew presentation with slides and video and a question & answer session for the crew. This event is open to JSC employees, contractors, friends, family members and public guests. (Ed. *I guess that is just about everyone.*) *Dick Meyer*

**For you really old timers.**



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**This one is for John Lee**

**SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE**  
 April 14, 2009  
 Asset Value: \$138,075.91  
 In attendance at the Board Meeting: Bob Wren, Jack Lister, Micki Czarnik, David Coney, Gene Tromblee, Bill Lowes, Bob Taggart, Al Ligrani, Art Oswald & Billy Smith. Next meeting on May 12, 2009.

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## WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

From: Dr. Hilmar R. Zeissig Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 12:07 a.m.  
To: Miguel A. Hernandez  
Cc: Howe, Suzi; Geissler, Bill; McKinnie, Jon; Charlesworth, Edward A; Sharma, Sunil  
Subject: District Rotary Foundation Committee and Sub-Committee

Dear President Mike:

*I am forwarding a document to you which DGE Ed Charlesworth distributed to his future leadership team. The reason is to urge the Board of Directors of the Space Center Club to oppose the participation of D. 5890 in the Future Vision Pilot Plan of the Rotary Foundation. Without going in too many details, here are the main reasons for my opinion: As noticed in recent years, RI and the Foundation are drifting into the same direction as many international and bilateral development organizations, such as the World Bank, USAID and many NGO's. The Future Vision Plan will make this official and final, and we should not participate until it has hopefully been changed based on initial experiences and feed-back. I have worked for more than 35 years in international development services for many of those organizations and continue to do so. In recent years, many of them are giving priority in their funding and activities to "politically correct" projects, such as fighting poverty, global disease prevention, peace and conflict resolution, clean energy and saving the earth from climate change etc. These lofty targets on a global scale are being chased by many people who have big ideals, but no experience in or patience for practical measures to increase international understanding in small, but realistic steps. They offer great jobs for people who preach on conventions and write futuristic articles and books. Traditional aid projects of technical and management assistance on the ground in developing countries, training and technology transfer are getting much less attention and funding. Our Rotary Foundation programs such as Ambassadorial Scholarships and GSEs, 3-H and Disaster Relief Grants, which shall now been discontinued, have been very successful, because their preparation and implementation is handled by small committees on the District Level which allowed individual Rotarians and Clubs to participate in relatively simple international activities and learn about Rotary's worldwide reach. They require real work on the ground, and the results can be seen and enjoyed normally within the same Rotary year. As an example, the two teams of just one GSE meet an estimated 2600 people in the paired Districts, including host families and their friends, the team members' families and friends, Rotary Clubs visited, vocational hosts and other contacts in both countries. This means that the 52 GSEs of D.5890 to 33 countries over the last 38 years have promoted international understanding and lasting friendships by touching the lives of more than 130,000 people all over the world. There are few Rotarians in our District who have not personally participated in one or more of those activities, year after year. The Global Vision Plan will shift our priorities to very large humanitarian projects by packaging long-term global grants with strategic partners, such as UNESCO, the Gates Foundation and other future partners with global expertise in the six areas of focus. The main reason for this is supposedly to "gain greater prominence for Rotary in the worlds of international development". It is anticipated that most of these projects and the funds which our Foundation would contribute will be managed by very large and sophisticated international organizations with highly paid professional staff and large public relation budgets. I have seen them showing up in first class hotels in many countries. Rotary, as an organization of part-time volunteers, will not be able to work with them as real partners, other than contributing money. We have discussed this many times in the past when our District decided, for instance, to organize our own, small and modest aid projects with other Rotary Clubs or Districts in disaster areas, rather than just donating money to the Red Cross, United Way or the Bush-Clinton Foundation. For the average Rotarians and prospective members in typical small towns or rural areas, those long-term global initiatives have no impact on their lives, don't solve problems they can really relate to, and I doubt that they will be willing to contribute their small donations to these multimillion projects far away from their homes. I am sure this does not apply to RI, the Rotary Foundation and the staff working in Evanston. They have a much different view of the world, and they will love the greater prominence among the big global players. Polio Plus has been an exception, and by now is almost a Rotary tradition, but it has never been at the core of our local and international activities on the Club and District level as the current Foundation programs have been and will be, if they a continuously modernized and expanded.*

*Yours in Rotary, Hilmar Zeissig*

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From: Miguel A. Hernandez  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 9:09 p.m.  
To: suzihowe@earthlink.net; jmckinnie@sunbeltmedical.com  
Subject: District Rotary Foundation Committee and Sub-Committee

*Dear Hilmar: March 23, 2009 9:48 a.m.*

*Thank you for your email. I am asking Billy Smith to forward this set of emails, to all the members of our club so they understand that there are concerns by many Rotarians about some of the directions the RI Foundation is taking. Also for our members to understand the opinion of the Board in desiring that our District participates in the Future Vision Pilot Program. Suzi Howe made a presentation at our last Board meeting (March 17) about the RI Future Vision District Pilot Program and suggested we consider for our Club to vote in favor of "the District presenting itself as a candidate to participate in the 2 years Pilot Program". All of the clubs will vote, one way or the other, at the District Conference in April. The Board, after considering the option, decided unanimously to vote in favor "for the District to present itself as candidate to participate in the 2 years Future Vision Pilot Program". The vote of all of the District clubs, if it turns out to be in favor, does not mean that the District will participate in the Pilot Program, this only means that it will be among the Districts that volunteer to participate. The participants will be selected, from that group, by Rotary International. Understanding that there are concerns about the direction RI Foundation is taking, prompt us to want even more to participate in the Pilot Program and let our views and opinions be known and considered. The RI Foundation will make changes and implement a new and different way of conducting business whether we, as a District, are there or not. Mike Hernandez, Space Center Rotary President 2008-2009*

From: Miguel A. Hernandez  
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2009 9:48 a.m.

*Suzi: What is your opinion on this? Mike*

From: Suzi Howe  
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2009 9:45 p.m.  
To: Miguel A. Hernandez; jmckinnie@sunbeltmedical.com  
Subject: RE: District Rotary Foundation Committee and Sub-Committee

*Mike and Jon, thank you for asking for my thoughts. The only question on the table is, do we join the Future Vision Pilot District program now, where we will have input on the outcome or wait until the Future Vision Plan is implemented by The Rotary Foundation in 3 years, and we accept the program someone else develops for us. Future Vision will happen with or without the input of D. 5890. The Pilot Districts are going to have the ear of The Rotary Foundation Trustees much more so than those who decline to participate. I highly recommend that we become a Pilot District now and participate in creating our own future. Take care, Suzi*

To: 'Suzi Howe'; jmckinnie@sunbeltmedical.com  
Subject: RE: District Rotary Foundation Committee and Sub-Committee

*Suzi: This is my same opinion. If this is something RI is going to develop with our participation or without it, it is better to be part of it and let our opinions heard. Mike*

***If you have a comment or opinion, please send it to the editor at***

***[billys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:billys@sbcglobal.net)***

***If you prefer, you may comment anonymously, but I intend to publish what I receive.***

**Summary of Accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Space Center as of March 31st, 2009:**

**Projects:**

- Donation of the Early Literacy Center to the Clear Lake Freeman Branch library during July, "Literacy Month".
- A new Club History committee is researching and gathering club history and compiling it in a computer data base.
- The club responded to the request for donation of clothing for the children in Nicaragua with 6 large size boxes full of clothing. District Governor Rhonda was presented with a check of \$1,000 for the Guerrero Clinic. Two members of the club participated in the October trip to Guerrero. An additional donation was given to the Guerrero orphanage in the amount of \$2,750. The club also donated \$1,000 to the CCISD Foundation to support students affected by hurricane Ike.
- Contribution and hands on participation continue in the water projects of Aramasi, Bolivia; Rwanda, Africa; and Carbonara, Mexico.
- The club donated training and recreational equipment to the MD Anderson Children Cancer Hospital for a total of close to \$7,000. The money consisted of close to \$5,000 from the club and \$2,000 from a District Simplified Grant.
- Over 20 Rotarians of our club visited 4 local area nursing homes the day before Valentine's Day distributing "roses of love" and spending time with the resident senior citizens.
- Two scholarships were presented to high school seniors based on a Drug Awareness Essay. Also 6 scholarships were presented to high school seniors based on Scholastic Achievement. The total amount of all the scholarships was close to \$8,000.
- Responding to the need of the Boys and Girls Harbor, the club procured and donated a Defibrillator that was installed at the center.
- Members of the Club spent a Saturday at the Armand Bayou Nature Center constructing a new segment of trail that is rated for wheel chair. The club not only provided the labor but also donated the needed material and the use of the heavy equipment.
- Sponsored a member of the GSE going to Egypt.

**Administrative:**

- Rearranged the club meeting layout, removing the presidential table facing the congregation and replaced it with a podium with a Rotary theme banner for the speaker. Introduced a banner displaying the month's Rotary Theme. Introduced a presentation, as part of the meeting agenda, of "the RI Foundation Message of the Week", the "Membership Moment" and a "Committee Short Explanation" for the purpose of keeping members informed. Introduced a write up in our weekly newsletter, the Blastoff, called "A message from the President" also for the purpose of keeping members informed of activities of the club and District.
- Dealt successfully with the issue of the club meal format that had resulted in a loss to the club of more than \$4,000 the previous year. Reorganized the committee responsible for the investments of the club reserve money to be headed by the Club Treasurer and to require Board approval before transferring money. Revised the Club By-laws to reflect the way the club actually operates and to include improved processes. (By-laws are presently in the approval process).
- Conducted a Board meeting every month and occasionally had standing Board meetings to deal with specific issues. Conducted 2 Club Assembly meetings, in July to discuss the proposed activities for the year and in January to present the accomplishments of the first 6 months. Conducted club elections of 3 Directors and Officers for next year in the month of December.
- Provided the District every month with a club activity package that included, summary of Club accomplishments, the month in pictures, committees' report of activities, minutes of board meetings, financial reports, press publications and copies of our weekly newsletter "the Blastoff".

**Membership:**

- Brought in 13 new members and lost 5, for different reasons. This results in a gain on of 8 members, from 111 to 119. More potential members are pending in the pipeline.
- Re-did the Membership manual to incorporate procedures and information that have resulted in a 3 week turn around from proposal of new member to induction, improved new member orientations, formalized new member induction event, and increased participation of members in bringing guests and new potential members to the club meetings.
- Completed a membership directory, with members' pictures and included it in the protected area of the club's web page.

**Public Information:**

- Published 27 issues of our weekly news letter, the Blastoff, one for every club meeting day, containing information about

- club events, projects, speakers, and District and RI information of interest to our members
- Had approximately 10 publications in the local and surrounding papers, at least one in the Chronicle and 3 in the District news letter.
- Contribution to The Rotary Foundation:
- Contribution to the Foundation so far consists of \$18,265 for the Annual fund which represents an average of \$154 per member. Contribution to Polio Plus so far is of \$4,665 which represents an average of \$40 per member. Our goal is to be 100% EREY. Contributions to the Permanent Fund is of \$20,000 as a Bequest Society Member.

**Youth Activities:**

- Sponsored two inbound Exchange Students and one out bound. Already have identified two new inbound students for next year and 2 short term outbound students for the Summer. Sent a donation to the Youth Exchange Student Foundation in Oregon in support of the families of the students victims of the shutting.
- Nominated Michael Smith for Ambassadorial Scholar, but was not selected after the interview.
- After three years of absence, organized both a Rotaract and an Interact clubs. They are now in the process of getting registered with RI.
- Following RI President, DK Lee lead of “Make Dreams Real”, gave to our 35th fund raising Shrimporee the theme of “Make the Dream of Healthy Kids Happen” and implemented a number of events directed to inform kids and their parents of ways to stay healthy and safe. Such events were “healthy choices in food”, “fun in exercising”, “Check your vision”, “use of cell phone in emergencies”, “kids ID Kits” and “how to provide CPR”.

**District Activities:**

- Twelve members attended the Membership Seminar, where one of our members, Jon McKinnie was a speaker. Five members attended the Rotary Foundation Seminar, where one of our members, PGD Suzi Howe is the District Director. Twenty-eight members attended the All Club Meeting and many of them participated in other events related to the welcoming of the RI 2015 Convention Team.
- Attended the reception to RI President DK Lee, where four of our club members were part of the organizational committee. Our club coordinated and supported the visit of RI President DK Lee and other Rotarians to the NASA Johnson Space Center.
- Members participating in District positions are: Jon McKinnie, Director of Rotary International Convention and District Web site, and member of the Membership Committee; Suzi Howe, PDG, Director of District Rotary Foundation (DRFC); Mike Dennard GSE Committee; Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Director; Stan Galanski, Water resource Committee.
- Members attended Water project presentation and numerous organizational meetings and activities.

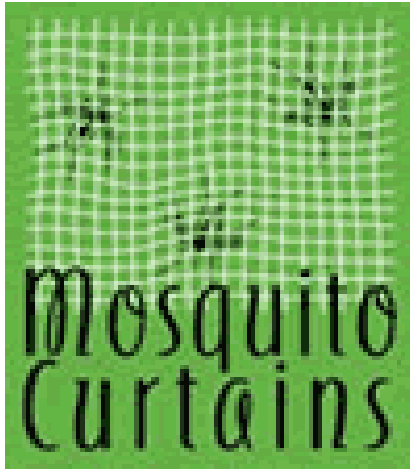
**Fellowship:**

- Our 35th major funds raising event, the Shrimporee, was a great success from the point of view of the fellowship within Rotarians and with the members of the community. More than 2,500 meal plates were served with an attendance being estimated at more than 3,000 persons. The event netted close to \$67,000 for Service projects of the Club.
- About twice a month afternoon or evening gatherings; approximately 8 golf outings; 2 club pancake breakfasts; The Christmas Dinner and the Shrimporee.

**Club Meeting Speakers:**

Houston Mayor Bill White; Clear Lake City Water Authority Vice President, John Branch; PDG Andy Smallwood about importance of having the RI Convention in Houston on 2015; President of the Dynamo Soccer Team, Oliver Luck; ADG Chris Schneider; DG Rhonda Kennedy; Bill King, former Mayor of Kemah; Dr. Bob Stain, Professor of Rice University; Ed Emmet, Harris County Judge; Bob Mitchell, President of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Bob Eissler, State Representative and Chairman of the Public Education Committee; David Minceburger, candidate for the Harris County Judge position; Dr. Brenda Hellyer, incoming Chancellor for San Jacinto College; Jack Bacon, club member and Officer of the JSC Engineers Without Borders chapter; Sofia Berglund, our exchange student from Sweden; Dayna Steel, motivational speaker; Santa Claus(at our December 15th meeting); Dr. Chris Eugster, Chief Officer of Sustainability City of Houston and Issa Dadoush, PE. Director of Building Services for the City of Houston; Daryl Brown, Ambassadorial Scholar to Brazil; Steven Jones, CEO of Clear Lake Regional Hospital; Amanda Smith, Nutritionist at the Clear Lake General Hospital; Silvia Garcia, Harris County Commissioner; Bill Staples, President of the University of Houston at Clear Lake.





## COMMEMORATE WORLD MALARIA DAY on April 25th

Every day, 2,000 children under five years of age die from malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, with nearly one million people dying each year. Malaria is caused by a parasite transmitted through an infected mosquito that usually bites at night while people are sleeping. Sleeping under an insecticide-treated net protects people from malaria, yet most people at risk do not have one.

Consider this information taken from Mark Levin's recently published book *Liberty and Tyranny* beginning on page 116 — By far the greatest killer [world wide] has been malaria, transmitted by *Anopheles* mosquitoes. In 1945, the goal of eradicating this scourge appeared to be achievable thanks to DDT. By 1959, the U.S., Europe, portions of the Soviet Union, Chile and several Caribbean islands were nearly malaria free. In India, where malaria infected an estimated 75 million and killed 800,000 every year, fatalities had dropped to zero by the early sixties. Between 1945 and 1965, DDT saved millions — even tens of millions — of lives around the world, perhaps more than any other man-made drug or chemical before or since. A few years ago, *New York Times* editorial page writer, Tina Rosenberg, explained that “today, westerners with no memory of malaria often assume it has always been only a tropical disease. But malaria was once found as far north as Boston and Montreal. Malaria no longer afflicts the United States, Canada and Northern Europe in part because of changes in living habits — the shift of cities, better sanitation, window screens. But another reason was DDT, . . .” So effective is DDT that in 1970 the National Academy of Sciences announced that “to only a few chemicals does man owe as great a debt as to DDT. In little more than two decades DDT has prevented 500 million human deaths due to malaria that would have otherwise been inevitable.” In 1962 a successful one-person campaign was launched to make the use of DDT unlawful. Do you know why the use of DDT was outlawed? Do you know the truth about DDT? Only recently has the world community begun to revisit the benefits of DDT. In 2006, the World Health Organization announced that it would reverse years of policy and back the use of DDT as a way to control malaria outbreaks. *Consider doing your own investigation. Reach your own conclusions of the truth about DDT. We owe that to the world that continues to suffer from this scourge and baby killer.* The editor.

## **Ponderisms:**

- *Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards: "NAÏVE"*
- *Isn't making a smoking section in a restaurant like making a peeing section in a swimming pool?*
- *If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea....does that mean that one enjoys it?*
- *There are three religious truths:*
  - a. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.*
  - b. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.*
  - c. Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store or Hooters*
- *If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?*
- *If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?*
- *Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?*
- *Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?*
- *Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?*
- *If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?*
- *If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?*
- *Do Lipton Tea employees take coffee breaks?*
- *What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?*
- *I thought about how mothers feed their babies with tiny little spoons and forks, so I wondered what do Chinese mothers use toothpicks?*
- *Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? Are we supposed to write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?*
- *If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?*
- *You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.*
- *Ever wonder what the speed of lightning would be if it didn't zigzag?*
- *If a cow laughed, would she spew milk out of her nose?*
- *Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?*



The top one is  
For  
Vince  
Lipovsky  
& the bottom  
one is for  
Al Brady.

