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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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Programs:

Today..... Toros
 Apr 21. TBD
 Apr 28. GSE Team France
 May 05. Excellence in Education Awards
 May 12. High School Aerospace Scholars
 May 19. Rotary Youth Exchange
 May 26. Memorial Day, **No Meeting**
 June 02. PE, Gary Johnson -- Shrimporee 2008
 June 09. Public Service Recognition Awards — EMTs
 June 16. . . Jay Wall / Crime in Houston and what to do about it.
 June 23. Year end directors' reports
 June 30. Pres. Dick– Remarks & Awards
Installation of Officers & Directors fo 2008-2009

Say Happy Birthday to —

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

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 Space Awards Dinner. April 25
- Rotary 5890 District Conference in Galveston
 April 24-26
- 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
 May 06. **Chelsea Café** 4106 NASA Pkwy
 June 3. **Bay Oaks Country Club** Pool Party,
 Bring Grandchildren

Reservations required. Email Roger Donnelly
Ridonnelly@aol.com



When: Thursday May 8th @ 6:30 p.m.
Where: Bailey's American Grill
 2320 NASA Pkwy., Seabrook
What: VIP Event
 Silent & Live Auctions
 Dinner
 Live Music by Jando
 Connoisseur Club — Select wine
 tasting from the wine cellar of
 Mike & Rosie Hesse
Tickets: Event — \$100 per person
 Connoisseur Club \$100 per ticket



Hello Everyone.....

The Springoree Committee had a GREAT meeting yesterday evening at Texas Citizens Bank! Each committee member is working very diligently to complete their duties by the assigned due dates and everything is on schedule. Keep up the great team work, and I'll see you at the next meeting, Wednesday – 4/16 – Texas Citizens Bank @ 5:45 p.m.

Thank You.....

P.S. All Rotary members are welcome to help with the Spingoree Event! Please help us sell Raffle Tickets (\$10 each or 6 for \$50), get auction items, sell tickets for the event (\$100/ticket and \$100/Wine Connoisseur Club tickets)!

P.S.S. Please get in touch with Mike Cornett to purchase your Springoree Shirt or be prepared to make your purchase at the next Rotary Membership Meeting, Monday 4/14! Mike can be reached at mike@texascitizensbank.com or 713-948-5706. Also, if you have ordered a shirt, but have not

Steve Owens
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PROGRAM NOTICE CONCERNING RICK NORIEGA

The program committee wishes to remind everyone that Space Center Rotary does not endorse political candidates. The candidates for U. S. Senate for both political parties were invited to speak to our club in April. Rick Noriega was available to speak. Senator Cornyn was unavailable and his office was requested to let our club know when he will be available to come speak to us. We await his call.

Delia Stephens, Program Chair

Texas House of Representatives, Lt. Col. Rick Noriega (Texas National Guard) was the featured speaker on April 7th. His topic was border security.



Bill Davis, Membership Vice Chair of Rotary District 5890 for 2007-2008 was a guest of PDG, Suzi Howe.



Laura Godwin encourages Suzi to purchase Springoree Raffle Tickets. Travis Vermeer of

Ben Bridge Jewelers, Baybrook Mall, has donated a ladies Omega Constellation wrist watch valued at \$3,095. Tickets may be purchased at \$10 each or 6 for \$50. This may not be the exact watch, but will serve to give you an idea until Travis sends me a picture.



Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation Update April 8th

Assets Under Management:

Cash:	\$ 5,050.28
Investments:	<u>\$164,615.25</u>
Total:	<u>\$169,665.53</u>

Space Center Rotarian, Dr. Peter Wuenschel, has been named Executor Director of the Year for 2008 by Communities in Schools. Congratulations, Peter.

Springoree Planning Meetings

Wednesdays @ 5:45 p.m.
Texas Citizens Bank
17041 El Camino Real
Everyone is welcome.

Scott Rainey asked Suzi Howe about the University of Kansas "Rock Chalk Chant". Here is the story.

The Rock Chalk Chant

The **Rock Chalk Chant** is perhaps the most distinctive cheer in all of college sports. Some have likened it to a Gregorian chant, but anyone who has been in Allen Fieldhouse and heard the chant start low, then build and roll over the crowd knows that it is much, much more.

The "Rock Chalk" chant dates to 1866, when it was adopted by the University Science Club. A chemistry professor, E.H.S. Bailey and some of his associates were returning to Lawrence from Wichita on a train. As the story goes, they passed the time by trying to create a rousing cheer. The sound of the train's wheels on the rails suggested a rhythm and a cadence to them. At first, the cheer was "Rah, Rah, Jayhawk, KU" repeated three times.

Even though KU didn't have a football team until four years later, KU students quickly took up the chant. Later, an English professor suggested "Rock Chalk," in place of "Rah, Rah" because it rhymed with Jayhawk and because it was symbolic of the limestone, also known as chalk rock, surrounding Mount Oread, the site of the Lawrence Campus. It became the official cheer of the University in 1897.

Teddy Roosevelt pronounced the Rock Chalk Chant the greatest college chant he'd ever heard. It was used by Kansas troops fighting in the Philippines in 1899, the Boxer Rebellion in China, and World War II. At the Olympic games in 1920, the King of Belgium asked for a typical American college yell. The assembled athletes agreed on KU's Rock Chalk and rendered it for His Majesty.

The words to the chant are simple. "Rock Chalk, Jayhawk, KU" repeated five times. The chant is special not because of the words, but because of the tone in which it is chanted and the distinctive cadence in which each verse is delivered. The only way to really appreciate the chant is to sit in Allen Fieldhouse before a Missouri game. But, if in need of a fix, the links below should recall the rocking rafters of Phog's place.

[Billy](#), would you please send this email to all of the club members.

Anyone that still wants to attend needs to make the reservation right away!!!

Also would you ask anyone that is attending the conference to send me a confirmation email at mahernandezjr@att.net

Thank you

Mike Hernandez, PE
