

# the Blastoff

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## A message from Pres. Mike:

It seems July 1, 2008 was only yesterday, and here we are already in June 2009 and only a month away from the start of another Rotary year. But we still have a busy month of June ahead of us and a few projects to complete. On June 1st our club will recognize the two teachers to receive Space Center Rotary Club Teacher of the Year awards, one from an Elementary school and one from a Secondary school. These two teachers will go to State representing the CCISD and compete for the State of Texas Teacher of the Year. On Monday June 8th our club will recognize Excellence in Law Enforcement and present the Officer of the Year Award to a very deserving law enforcement officer. At our meeting on the June 15th, Bill Daws, CCISD Athletic Director will tell us about the athletic programs in the District and the students' accomplishments during the year. The meeting on June 22nd will be our end of the year Club Assembly where the Directors and Committee Chairs will review the goals we had set up for the year and the accomplishments made. The last meeting of the month will be dedicated to the induction of the new Space Center Rotary Club Board, consisting of the new Officers and Directors.

This past Saturday our Club had the Blood Donation Drive in the parking lot of the League City Wal-Mart. Thanks to a few Rotarians that attended and some of Wal-Mart customers we barely reach the minimum goal of 15 donors. But don't despair you still have a chance to donate and for it to count towards the goal of our Club. You can go during this week to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center located on 1153 Clear Lake City Blvd and donate blood. Don't forget to mention Space Center Rotary.

A few days ago we received the good news from Governor Rhonda Kennedy that the District had been selected to participate in the pilot program of the Rotary International Foundation "The New Vision".

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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 . . . Excellence in Education Awards***

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

*June 15th . . . Bill Daws, Athletic Director, to will give us an update on the wonderful season CCISD had in the UIL*

*June 22nd . . . Club Assembly: Review of Year's Accomplishments*

*June 29th . . . Installation of Officers & Directors for 2009-2010*

## ***Bring a Guest!!***

### ***Say Happy Birthday to —***

Chuck Jacobson . . . . .	June 2nd
David Hamblin . . . . .	June 2nd
John Lee . . . . .	June 13th
Alissa Sammons . . . . .	June 16th
Dan Weber . . . . .	June 18th
Olive Murphy-Riker . . . . .	June 20th
Gene Tromblee . . . . .	June 26th
Hilmar Zeissig . . . . .	June 29th

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

### **ROTARY GOLF NEWS**

**Jim Saxe** made a hole in one at the weekly Rotary golf outing on May 21st. It was witnessed by Bill Dusenbury and Bill Lowes on the 8th hole at Evergreen Point in Baytown and was Jim's 2nd hole in one at a Rotary outing. Congratulations Jim!!

### *Message from the President: continued from page 1 —*

This is very important since all the District's clubs will be able to get an insight into how the Foundation will be evolving and more important to be able to provide approval or disapproval comments and suggestions related to the different aspects of the new program. All of us will receive a lot more information on the pilot program as activities unfold during the year.

I will be going out of town for the next two weeks and will not only miss the two Monday meetings but also the June Board meeting. I will be in touch via email and will be back in time for the Club Assembly meeting.

Yours in Rotary,  
Mike

*Pictured are the Interact Officers.*



### **Scott "Wasteman" Rainey Responds**

I'm am seeking council for a lay down case of attacking my prowess as an aviator. I have read in a normally factual publication, that I was shot down more than the enemy, and I was "violently" air sick. OK, in complete disclosure, I did puke a little, but in no way could it be construed as VIOLENT!!! It was after the fight, and I just did a few barrel rolls, to wit, my tummy said "dam it!". So I utilized the blue bag which was offered. Now when it comes to kills, I have indisputable video evidence that Johnny had 2, count them 2, confirmed kills on me, and I have 2 kills on him. By calculation and permutations methods commonly used in Oklahoma (which I know are higher level than in Texas) I am sure that the final result was a tie, i.e.: we both killed each other the same number of times. So, as herein above stated, I am seeking counsel to sue the pants off the person who is perpetrating this false and damaging information. Any takers????

Respectfully,  
Scott "Wasteman" Rainey

### **ROTARY BLOOD DRIVE**

On Saturday we had our Club's Blood Drive at the Wal-Mart in League City. Unfortunately we did not have many Rotarians participating, but with the support of some store customers we were able to meet the minimum amount of 14 donors. Since there is still the opportunity to donate and have the credit to go to our Club, we want to encourage our members to go to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Centers and donate blood.

If volunteers donate blood within the next week, we will be able to credit the Space Center Rotary Blood Drive Event with the amounts collected. Therefore, we are asking all Rotarians, spouses, children (over the age of 17, can be 16 with parent or guardian signature), neighbors, co-workers and friends to donate in the name of Space Center Rotary at Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center located at 1153 Clear Lake City Blvd in Houston.

Here is a link to the map:

[http://maps.yahoo.com/?\\_ylc=X3oDMTEhNmIycG51BF9TAzI3MTYxNDkEc2VjA2ZwLWJ1dHRvbGZzbGsDbGluaw--#mvt=m&lat=29.581952&lon=-95.155185&zoom=14&q1=1153%2520Clear%2520Lake%2520City%2520Boulevard%2520C%2520Houston](http://maps.yahoo.com/?_ylc=X3oDMTEhNmIycG51BF9TAzI3MTYxNDkEc2VjA2ZwLWJ1dHRvbGZzbGsDbGluaw--#mvt=m&lat=29.581952&lon=-95.155185&zoom=14&q1=1153%2520Clear%2520Lake%2520City%2520Boulevard%2520C%2520Houston)

Here is the link to the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center webpage with other donation locations:  
<http://www.giveblood.org/index.php?page=where-to-donate>

Thank you all to participated!!

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TECHNOLOGIES  
Mike Hernandez**

**BELINDA K.  
SKLOSS, LLC**

### **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.  
**100th RI Convention, Birmingham, England** ..... June 21 — 24, 2009

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION BANQUET**

Space Center Rotary has committed to the District Leadership to reserve 2 tables (of 10 seats each) for the District Governor Installation Banquet on June 28 at the downtown Aquarium. The tickets are \$58.90 each. The club will pay for the member's ticket, but you must reimburse the club for your spouse/guest.

What: District Leadership Installation  
When: June 28, 5pm cocktails, 6pm dinner  
Where: Downtown Aquarium, 410 Bagby, Houston TX 77002  
Tickets: \$58.90 (Cocktail, tie optional)

So the first 20 gets the seats, hurry the seats will be going fast. As Club of the Year, Space Center needs to continue its support of the District activities. Let's have a strong showing.

*Jon McKinnie, PE 2008-2009*

### **Stockbroker Question:**

I called my stockbroker today and asked him, "What are you buying?"

He answered, "Canned goods and ammunition."

*Submitted by Laura Hale.*

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JEWELERS**

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L.P.  
Ken Gurry

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**ASSOCIATES**  
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### May 18th Program Feature

A representative of The University of Texas M D Anderson Children's Cancer Center, Sheila Brown, Child Life Specialist, gave a brief talk and PowerPoint presentation regarding the center and thanked SCRC for its generous donation for a big flat screen TV, air hockey table, and other entertainment for the recreation room. No pictures have been submitted.

### EDITOR WANTED

**Do you want a voice in Rotary? Is there something you think is not being said? Have you wished the editor would make the *Blastoff* more relevant? Are there too many pages of the weekly newsletter; too few? Too many pictures; not enough? Do you have an opinion? Now is your chance to be heard!**

**After several years of serving as *Blastoff* editor, Billy Smith is retiring and has given notice to Pres. Mike and PE Jon that his last edition will be June 29th.**

**So now it is your turn. Step up and do it your way. It is a great job and the pay is unworldly. As long as you are receiving a balance of praise and complaints, you can consider yourself doing a good job. Contact Bill Lowes, Director Club Service to apply.**

### DISTRICT 5890

#### PERSONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On September 19-20 2009, District 5890 will train District Rotarians who will participate in a two day workshop designed to improve personal leadership skills. The Leadership Institute will be very interactive and will cover material in the following general topic areas:

- Meeting Management
- Servant Leadership
- Social Style
- Empowerment
- Generational Differences
- Characteristics of Leaders
- Interactive Exercises Ethics
- Accountability Listening Skills
- Personal Management to Leadership

Clubs in the district are invited to send two Rotarians that would like to participate in the interactive workshop on September 19-20, 2009. Clubs may send a maximum of 2 members and the class will be limited to the first 24 who send in the registration fee of \$250. The Institute will be held at the Northwest Forest Conference Center located at 12715 Telge Road, Cypress, Texas 77429, Information on the conference center may be found on the Northwest Conference Center website at [www.northwestforest.com](http://www.northwestforest.com). Attendees must attend both days of the training and stay overnight at the conference center. The registration fee for the two day Institute is \$250 and covers all materials, four meals beginning with lunch on September 19 and the cost of lodging. Participants will be billeted two per room in non-smoking rooms. Smoking in the room will incur a substantial charge to room occupants beyond the registration fee. Attendees should arrive at the Northwest Forest Conference Center no later than 8:00 a.m. on September 19 and be prepared to stay until the workshop concludes at about 5:00 p.m. on September 20. Meetings will be held in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Dress for the institute is business casual. If there are questions about the Institute or to receive a registration form, please call PDG Jon Eiche at 832-595-1398 or e-mail him at [eichej1@comcast.net](mailto:eichej1@comcast.net).

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**Rae DeCastro**

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CLEAR LAKE**

**Joey Dupuis**

**EARL  
&  
TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN**

### **SCRC SOCIALS**

**[6:30 p.m. except June 19th @ 6:00 p.m.]**

June 2nd .....888 BISTRO, 16744 El Camino Real

June 19th .....BAY OAKS COUNTRY CLUB Pool Party (Bring children, grandchildren & friends)  
**[Head Count Needed ..... Contact Roger]**

July 14th .....DOS MAS, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd.

July 28th .....MELY'S SEABROOK, 3659 NASA Pkwy.

August 11th .....B J's, 515 West Bay Area Blvd.

August 24th ..... COLESSEUM RESTAURANT, 16608 El Camino Real

**Contact Roger Donnelly.**

**Ridonnelly@aol.com**

### **INTERACT NEWS**

Some pictures of the Interact kids doing their first service project. They painted a house for a lady in need. Notice the blue shirts some of the kids are wearing are interact shirts. This is really fun to see.



**MAUI WOWI  
Shelley Smith**

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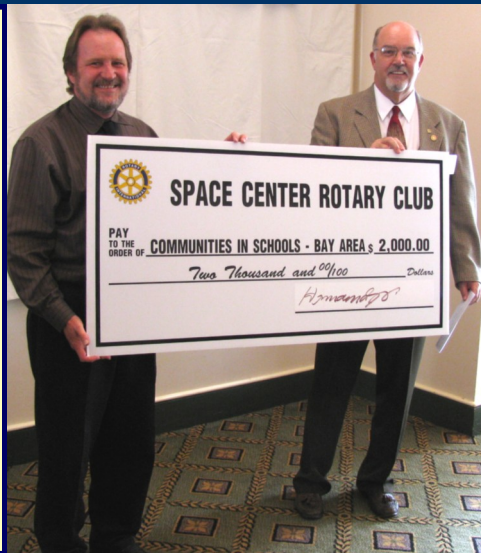
**TEXAS  
CITIZENS BANK**  
Mike Cornett

**TEXAS WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT**  
Mike Hesse

**Words to live by:**

**The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do —**

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**



On May 11th, PE Jon McKinnie presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Peter Wuenschel, Chr. Of Communities in Schools.

*Pictures from May 18th meeting —*



*Clockwise from top right: Bob Wren, Chr. Of Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation, gave a presentation on the history of the Foundation; Pres. Mike presented a check to the Foundation in the amount of \$2,500 from the club; on behalf of the Foundation, Bob presented Floyd*



**GENE & DONNA  
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<b>THE CITIZEN</b>  Mary Alys Cherry	<b>TEXAS ROADHOUSE</b> Tony & Sharon Bloomfield	<b>UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE CAMPUS</b>	Your name could appear here.
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### IN MEMORIAM

**MILDRED M. LEWIS**, mother-in-law of Sheila Self, PP of SCRC at the age of 97 on May 17th, 2009 in Nassau Bay after falling & breaking her hip. She was preceded in death by her six siblings and husband of 53 years. She is survived by her son, Donald and his wife Sheila, several other children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. She worked many years as an Engineering Clerk for the City of Cincinnati, Ohio before retiring in 1969 and moving with her husband to the Houston area. In retirement, she had a passion for oil painting, her Dalmatian dogs, fishing & gardening and loved being with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Our condolences go out to Donald and Sheila.

*Set Your Sails for*  
**THE 2009 GOOD SKIPPER GALA**

**Saturday, June 13, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake**  
**3000 NASA Parkway**  
**Houston, TX**

**Honoring Gloria & Robin Riley**  
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*Pictures clockwise from top left: Slade Lewis, Slade, Steve Owen & Suzi Howe; Mike Hernandez, Slade Lewis & Suzi Howe; Mike & Slade.*



## SLADE LEWIS

Meet the newest member of SCRC, **SLADE LEWIS, Vice President**, of Lewis Jewelers in Webster. Slade graduated from Clear Creek High School in 1989 where he lettered in four sports and was awarded a scholarship to Northwestern State University (NSU). Slade graduated from Louisiana Scholars College at NSU with a Bachelor of Science Degree. He also earned several all conference academics in track and cross country. Slade was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Blue Key Honor Society and served on the NSU Supreme Court. He started working with his mother at Lewis Jewelers many years ago and for over 10 years has served as VP. Slade has also served on several committees and donated to the American Cancer Society, American Lung Association, Assistant League, The Bridge Women's Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Bay Area Turning Point, MS 150 and many others. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Cindy for 13 years and they have two children, Whitley age six and Levi age four. They are members of the Clear Creek Community Church. Slade enjoys bicycle racing and playing golf. Slade was sponsored into the club by Steve Owens. Please make Slade welcome to SCRC. He is anxious to get to work serving others.