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Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
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## Rotary International President 2008-2009



Rotary District 5890  
Governor 2008-2009

**Rhonda Kennedy & husband.**



**Chris Schneider**  
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center  
District Assistant Governor.



## A message from **Mike Hernandez** President 2008-2009



It seems it was only yesterday that the new Board was installed by District Governor Jeff Tallas on June 30, and the first month of the new Rotary year is almost over already. There are great plans for this year and we need every one's participation in order to get them accomplished. And by accomplishing our goals we will be much closer to accomplishing being selected as District's Club of the Year. You probably have noticed some of the changes we have made to the Club meeting format. From removing the head table facing the membership, to the big screen, to the monthly Rotary theme banner. July - Literacy Month. We will try to have activities during the meetings related to the monthly Rotary theme, such as the check presentation to the CLC Freeman Library to start the Early Literacy Center. We plan, before the meeting starts between 11:30 and 12:00, to project on the screen pictures and or videos of the previous week's activities. It is important that you record activities you may have during the week and provide them to Bob Mitchell to be included in the week's CD. As you have seen we also have the "RI Foundation message of the week" where information on Foundation activities and benefits will be shared. Another added presentation is the "Membership Moment" where the progress of our recruitment and retention activities will be discussed. One additional presentation, which will start in August, is the one of a committee. Every week one committee will introduce their members, explain their functions and planned activities for the year. This is one of the many times to learn more about the many committees we have and what they do. We want to keep every one as inform as possible of the club activities, but information actually needs to go in both directions. We welcome comments or suggestions, what you like or dislike. They can be sent to me or to any member of the Board. Today, one month after being installed, each member of the Board will present the plans and goals for their corresponding committees. On installation day I went over the set of overall goals we have for the year, but today each committee will explain their goals, not only to inform the members of what this year will be all about but also with the expectation that members, new and not so new, will get excited and would want to join the committee and participate in the planned activities. Obviously, every one in the Club should participate in the Shrimporee's activities, during the planning as well as during the event, but also every member should select and join at least two additional committees. The activities vary greatly from one committee to another and there are activities for every taste. Ask questions if you are not sure, but identify the areas you find most attracted to and join in the service and fellowship. Following is the List of Board members for the Rotary year of 2008-09 including each director's corresponding committees and the Chairs of the committees. Today's presentations will follow the order that appears in the list. Looking forward to a great year,

Yours in Rotary. Mike Hernandez



## Laughing Matters —

(Taken from the Senior News compiled by Susan Capps)

“The car won’t start,” said Clara to her husband. “I think there’s water in the carburetor.”

“How do you know?” said her husband scornfully. “You don’t even know what the carburetor is.”

“I’m telling you, repeated Clara, “I’m sure there’s water in the carburetor.”

“We’ll see,” mocked Art. “Let me check it out. Where’s the car?”

“In the swimming pool,” replied Clara.

Husband: “When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?”

Wife: “I clean the toilet bowl.”

Husband: “How does that help?”

Wife: “I use your toothbrush.”

## Old Farmer’s Advice —

(Taken from the Senior News compiled by Susan Capps)

- Keep skunks & bankers & lawyers at a distance.
- Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.
- Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled.
- Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads.
- It don’t take a very big person to carry a grudge.
- You cannot unsay a cruel word.
- Every path has a few puddles.
- The best sermons are lived, not preached.
- Most of the stuff that people worry about will never happen.
- Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
- Live a good, honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you’ll enjoy it a second time.
- Don’t interfere with somethin’s that ain’t botherin’ you none.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin’.

Here is a great opportunity to enjoy a magnificent dinner and benefit Polio Plus at the same time. Nick & Rhonda Schrader are hosting the event which includes dinner for 6 with an impressive menu and we all know they will put on an outstanding event. Dinner can be scheduled on a Saturday in August or September. The dinner will be auctioned, with the highest bidder enjoying the fruits of the Schrader's efforts. Submit bids via email to [Schrader@anco.com](mailto:Schrader@anco.com) or by fax to 281-829-2270 (attn: Nick Schrader) You can bid on 2, 4, or all 6 meals. Indicate bid price, number of dinners you are bidding on and your contact info (email or phone #) Highest combination wins. The present high bids will be communicated in meetings and via emails. To view the Menu & Bid Specs, click on the attached link below. Deadline for all bids is Aug 9, 6pm . Proceeds go to Polio Plus Challenge. Please forward this email to your club members, so they can share the opportunity.

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### Officers 2008-2009

President ..... Mike Hernandez  
President Elect/V.P. .... Gary Johnson  
Secretary ..... Jon McKinnie  
Treasurer ..... Marilyn Musial  
Sargent at Arms ..... John Wilson  
Immediate Past President ..... Dick Gregg, III

### Directors

Club Administration ..... Mark Humphrey  
Public Relations ..... John Nugent  
Membership ..... Bill Geissler  
Fundraising ..... David Coney  
Community Service A ..... Belinda Skloss  
Community Service B ..... Dick Hergert  
International Service A ..... Mike Cornett  
International Service B ..... Dick Kidder  
Vocational Service ..... Rae DeCastro





### Treasurer's Financial Report for July:

*Oops! Not received.*

- Galveston Rotary Club, in 1923, is thought to have developed the first club banner & exchange; thus, began a tradition.
- In 1917, the Rotary International Foundation was born.
- 43,000 attended the 2004 Rotary International Convention in Osaka, Japan setting a record.



### Meeting Notes —

- ◆ SCRC donated \$7,000 to Clear Lake Freeman Library for the Early Literacy Center. Karin Akkerman received the check and announced that it will be used for the Marge Jacobson Community Room.
- ◆ Speaker, Oliver Luck (former quarterback of the Houston Oilers), Pres., CEO & Gen. Mgr. of the Houston Dynamo Soccer Team “Futbol!” brought a message about the founding and development of the team as well as the state of soccer in the U.S. World-wide, the soccer World Cup 2006 attracted over 6.5 million viewers. The event occurs every 4 years. The Dynamo are in their third season. The average ticket price is less than \$20, so it is a good value for families. In the U. S., there are more female soccer players than male. In the world of soccer, the U. S. is considered a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier nation, while in most sports, e.g., football, baseball & basketball, the U. S. is the leader. Two Dynamo players are on the 2008 Olympic team. Home games are played at U of H Robinson Stadium. Believe or not, the only universities in Texas with a soccer program are SMU & HBU.