

# the Blastoff

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Rotary District 5890  
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**Rhonda Kennedy**



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

## A message from Pres. Mike:



Saluti dalla Toscana! Greetings from Tuscany! I finally arrived here Saturday afternoon, and are still trying to get my sleeping time adjusted. Now, this problem is not preventing me by any way from eating well and drinking excellent wine from the area. As a matter of fact the wine should help me sleep better! Tery and I plan to be here with friends and family for the next two weeks. I should be back in Houston for our club meeting of the 22nd where, during our Club Assembly, the Board will present the goals we had set for the year and the actual accomplishments. I hope everyone makes it a point to be at the meeting, become familiar with the activities of the club and makes plans for the coming year to participate in the activities and committees of your choice. Remember without your participation the club can not accomplish anything! And talking about participation. Before I left Houston the Board approved the support to Interfaith Caring Ministries with money and hands-on work to repaint and arrange their parking lot. I know that Pat Doughty was going to obtain the materials, but still needs help with the hands-on work. Please contact Pat and lend your hand for a half day project that will not only help those in need, but also make you feel good and have some quality fellowship sweat time with your fellow Rotarians.

Continuing with the practice of letting you know where the club's service money is going, I am including portions of an email from our local YMCA Executive Director and fellow Rotarian, Jamie Scaffidi thanking the club for the recent monetary donation. *"I would like to thank the club for the generous donation of \$1,000 to the Bay Area YMCA. This money will be used to support needy children in attending swimming lessons this summer. As you know, we live close to a lot of water and there are way too many children who do not know how to swim. The YMCA aggressively seeks these children out and provides the life saving skills of swimming to them. I want to again thank the club on behalf of our board (many of which are Space Center Rotarians) and staff."*

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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 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.***

# **JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

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

As you may know, RI President DK Lee and our District Governor Rhonda Kennedy have made a great effort this year in supporting activities that save children's lives. Teaching children to swim is an important one specially in our area. Our club donated money in support of the local YMCA mentioned in the above email and also contributed \$800 to the District for a District-wide effort donated to the Grater Houston YMCA. Your work and support continues to save lives!

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTERS AVAIABLE**

In keeping with the many requests from Rotarians across the district, District Governor Rhonda Kennedy's Newsletters are posted on the district website, [www.rotary5890.org](http://www.rotary5890.org). This month's edition (May) has District Conference Award winners and lots of photos. Thanks to the hard efforts of Editor Marilyn Lidberg, we are able to broadcast the electronic version of DG Rhonda's newsletter. For the current edition of the District Newsletter, click on: Rotary Ranch Report. Or you can click on the attachment near the bottom of this email. We have also posted an archive of back issues on the left side of the district website, in PDF format which should be automatically opened with Adobe Reader. Just click on the link below, pick the month of your choice, and enjoy the fruits of Rhonda and Marilyn's efforts.

[http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/\\_programhome.aspx?did=5890&pageid=31723](http://www.clubrunner.ca/dprg/dxprogramhome/_programhome.aspx?did=5890&pageid=31723)

Be sure to notify all your club members of this new feature on the district website.

*Jon R McKinnie*  
District Webmaster  
Space Center Pres-Elect  
(713) 315-0220

To download and view the attachment, please click on the link below: Rotary News 2009-05.pdf

If you cannot open the above link, copy and paste the following address into your browser:

<http://www.crsadmin.com/gen/Accounts/50025/Eml/197bc321-8de0-478e-aafb-d1cb33a3f96f.pdf>

**SCRC SOCIALS**

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

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.**  
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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.  
**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*

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**ASSOCIATES**  
Vissett Sun

### **2010 Shrimporee Planning**

The first general planning meeting for the 2009 Shrimporee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> at the JSC Credit Union conference room. Park along the side of the building as if to do normal banking and walk between the building and the drive in banking area. You will see a black door on the side of the building at the back. It is the back entrance to the conference room.

### **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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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chuckles for Today — Comic Relief From Real Life</b></p> <p>After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor. Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an accident. Enjoy!</p> <p>P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement. S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.</p> <p>P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough. S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.</p> <p>P: Something loose in cockpit. S: Something tightened in cockpit.</p> <p>P: Dead bugs on windshield. S: Live bugs on back-order.</p> <p>P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent. S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.</p> <p>P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear. S: Evidence removed.</p> <p>P: DME volume unbelievably loud. S: DME volume set to more believable level.</p> <p>P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick. S: That's what they're for.</p> <p>P: IFF inoperative. S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.</p> <p>P: Suspected crack in windshield. S: Suspect you're right.</p> <p>P: Number 3 engine missing. S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.</p> <p>P: Aircraft handles funny. S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.</p> <p>P: Target radar hums. S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Continued on page 12 —</i></p>			
<b>MAUI WOWI</b>  <b>Shelley Smith</b>	<b>MERRILL LYNCH</b>  <b>Jerry &amp; Bill Smith</b>	<b>MRI TECHNOLOGIES</b>  <b>Tim Kropp</b>	<b>PROSPERITY BANK</b>  <b>Mark Humphrey</b>

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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?**

**ROTARIANS DO**

***SERVICE ABOVE SELF***

*Picture from May 18th meeting —*



*Correction of picture description: Bob Wren, Chr. Of Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation, presented Floyd Boze Fellowships to Mike & Teri Hernandez in recognition of a gift to the Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.*

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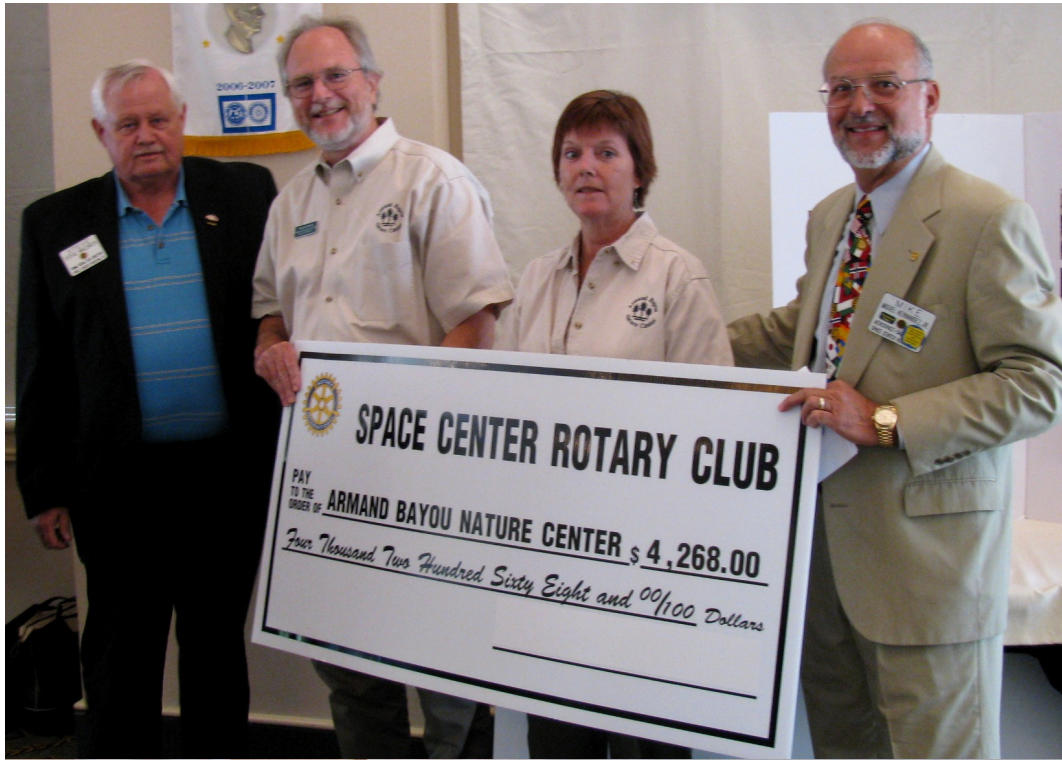
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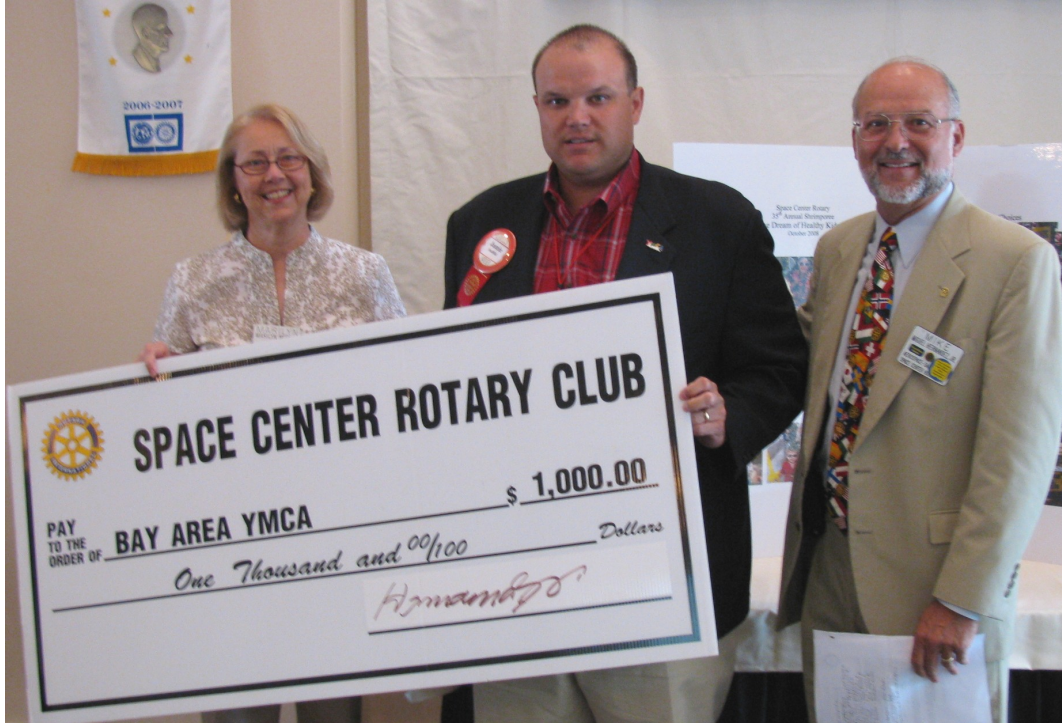
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Your name could  
appear here.



Pres. Mike presented a check to Armand Bayou Nature Center. Steve Waldner, committee chr. looks on.



Pres. Mike presented a check to Bay Area YMCA. Club Sec., Marilyn Musial, assisted.

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## CLEAR CREEK ISD & SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Each year the Texas Education Agency hosts a state-wide search for Teacher of the Year for Elementary and Secondary Education. To achieve recognition through this program, a teacher must first be chosen as a campus and district Teacher of the Year, and ultimately a regional honoree. State-wide, there are 20 regional elementary awardees and 20 regional secondary honorees selected. From this group of 40 teachers, six finalists are chosen and interviewed by an independent panel of judges. The state's top elementary and secondary teacher is selected from the six outstanding finalists.

On May 19, 2009, the Clear Creek Independent School District and the Rotary Clubs of Space Center, League City, and Seabrook recognized the 39 teachers selected to represent their campus, acknowledging the six finalists, and ultimately announcing the two teachers who will move forward and represent CCISD in the regional competition.

The honored teachers are known for developing positive relationships with students, reflect on their teaching practices, go the extra mile for their students to be successful, serve as a positive team member who finds solutions to problems, keep open lines of communication with parents and the community, and are lifelong learners. Pictured below, left to right, are winners, Elizabeth Radicioni of Victory Lakes Intermediate & Dawn Gibbler of P. H. Greene Elementary, both with SCRC committee chair, David Coney.

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## **Dear Teachers and Distinguished Guests,**

*On behalf of the Rotary Clubs of Seabrook, Space Center and League City, welcome to a very special luncheon honoring the teachers who exemplify what we as Rotarians strive for every day, Service Above Self. We are honored to recognize 39 exceptional teachers in Clear Creek Independent School District and we are equally as excited to announce the two teachers who will go on and represent Clear Creek ISD in the search for the Regional Teacher of the Year. We have no doubt these two teachers will advance to the State competition representing the best in education.*

*Our clubs are affiliated with Rotary International, the world's first service club organization. While separated by countries and bodies of water, the 1.2 million Rotary members work together to provide services to others and to advance goodwill and peace through fellowship. Locally each of our clubs is entrenched in our communities, conducting service-learning projects from reading mentors at the area schools to raising funds to better the neighborhoods in which we live, work and play. It is through our local and international efforts that we recognize the value of a strong education system, and the need for all of us to continue to play a hand in the future of our children. Thank you for helping us celebrate excellence in education!*

*Sincerely,*

*Miguel Hernandez, President of Space Center Rotary Club*

*Roy Green, President of League City Rotary Club*

*Jack Fryday, President of Seabrook Rotary Club*

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## **Dear Honorees and Guests,**

*The Clear Creek Independent School District is fortunate to call this community home! Today is a great example of how our neighbors, businesses and friends come together to recognize and to thank our teachers for leading the way in education. Our schools are only as strong as the community which supports them.*

*Each of the 39 teachers here today represents the best from their respective campus. Their teaching style and ability to engage children in lessons has the students taking home more than just homework. Beyond educating students, these teachers have also been identified as leaders on their campus, working collaboratively with others to improve the school culture.*

*On behalf of the teachers and principals of Clear Creek ISD, I thank the Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook and Space Center for hosting today's luncheon and assisting in the difficult selection of the Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year for Clear Creek ISD.*

*Sincerely,*

*Greg Smith, Ph. D.*

*Superintendent of Schools*

## THE 39 TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

### Elementary Schools

- Margaret Berti, Armand Bayou Elementary (17 years of teaching)
- Linda Lewis Michael Henry F. Bauerschlag Elementary (36 years of teaching)
- Kay Richards, James F. Bay Elementary (22 years of teaching)
- Colleen Neal, Brookwood Elementary (18 years of teaching)
- Sandy Deppisch, Clear Lake City Elementary (9 years of teaching)
- Laura Rodriguez, Falcon Pass Elementary (9 years of teaching)
- Colleen Nungesser, Lloyd Ferguson Elementary (34 years of teaching)
- Brenda Sweeney, Darwin Gilmore Elementary (11 years of teaching)
- Emily Phillips Bean, Art and Pat Goforth Elementary (8 years of teaching)
- **Dawn Gibler**, P. H. Greene Elementary (18 years of teaching)
- Robin Hillis, Walter Hall Elementary (10 years of teaching)
- Meggan Flanagan, I. W. and Eleanor Hyde Elementary (5 years of teaching)
- Julie Ballew, C. D. Landolt Elementary (3 years of teaching)
- Mary Guerra, League City Elementary (28 years of teaching)
- Oscar Perez, McWhirter Elementary (4 years of teaching)
- Diane Schillaci, North Pointe Elementary (16 years of teaching)
- Shawn Nelson, G. W. Robinson Elementary (14 years of teaching)
- Gretchen Mosel, Ross Elementary (11 years of teaching)
- Julia Bodenhamer, LaVace Stewart Elementary (19 years of teaching)
- Melanie London Fossum, John F. Ward Elementary (9 years of teaching)
- Samantha Chaplain, Arlyne and Alan Weber Elementary (2 years of teaching)
- Chris Haynes, Wedgewood Elementary (21 years of teaching)
- Tara Pinsky, Whitcomb Elementary (5 years of teaching)
- Patricia Jensen, Ed White Elementary (24 years of teaching)

### Secondary Schools

- Nikki Drumgoole, Brookside Intermediate (8 years of teaching)
- Susan Witt, Clear Lake Intermediate (15 years of teaching)
- James Cole, Creekside Intermediate (8 years of teaching)
- Kylee Caraveo, League City Intermediate (7.5 years of teaching)
- Samantha Youts, Seabrook Intermediate (10 years of teaching)
- Jodi Lemley, Space Center Intermediate (18 years of teaching)
- **Elizabeth Radicioni**, Victory Lakes Intermediate (24 years of teaching)
- Tiffany Garcia, Westbrook Intermediate (7 years of teaching)
- Donna Taylor, Clear Brook High School (30 years of teaching)
- Edna Meeks, Clear Creek High School (9 years of teaching)
- Kelly Glos, Clear Lake High School (8 years of teaching)
- Dave DeJohn, Clear Springs High School (1 year of teaching)
- Melissa Lynne Reaux, Clear Path Alternative High School (9 years of teaching)
- Molly Kathryn Kistler, Clear View High School (25 years of teaching)
- Sheryl Dalpe, Clear Horizons Early College High School (7 years of teaching)



## Quotes from our Teachers of the Year:

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*“My students work and live in a classroom where we function as a community, helping each other be the best we can be. We laugh a lot, cry sometimes, hold each other accountable, and accept each other. I once read a quote which went something like this, ‘A farmer does not grow plants. Plants grow themselves. The farmer just provides the proper environment and care to help the plant grow itself.’*

**Dawn Gibler**, P. H. Greene Elementary (18 years of teaching)

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*“When I think back to the little girl who played school with her dolls, I know that I have done what I set out to do: make a difference. In my years of teaching, I have had the intense pleasure of just playing a part in the lives of our future. I have been teaching 24 years, and with 100 students a year, even my Language Arts mind can do the math — I have touched roughly 2,400 lives. That’s a lot, and I can sleep at night knowing I gave them what they sought, a love of reading, a passion for learning, and a basic desire to be a good person.”*

**Elizabeth Radicioni**, Victory Lakes Intermediate (24 years of teaching)

*Continued from page 6 —*

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

*\*And the best one for last.....\**

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget



***Nothing is impossible!***



***Pictures from the June 1st meeting — Pres. Mike Hernandez presented recognition to Club Directors & Officers: (l to r 1st row) Mike & John Nugent; Mike & David Coney; Mike & Belinda Skloss; (l to r 2nd row) Mike & Dick Hergert; Mike and Mike Cornett; Mike & Dick Kidder; (l to r 3rd row) Mike & Rae De-Castro; Mike & Marilyn Musial; Mike & John Wilson.***

