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A message from Pres. Mike:



Fellow Rotarians,

This year is coming to its end, and now more than ever it seems it was only yesterday that we were starting. We had a few challenges, our share of successes and a few stumbles along the way. But, over all, things came out fairly well and we were able to accomplish all of our major and, some times, not so major objectives. Every one in the club worked together to see the club succeed and every one should give themselves a pat on the back and feel proud that your efforts and contributions resulted in the club receiving the District's Large Club of the Year Award! As Billy Smith says, "our club has the nick name of 'the can do club'" and once again, this year, our members have proven the veracity of our nick name. I want to thank everyone for the opportunity and trust given to me to direct the course of the club for the year. The memories, experiences and ability to have a closer interaction with all of the club members are invaluable and will stay with me always. As our District Governor, Rhonda said in her letter, "this is not a goodbye", because I will still be very much involved with several things I would like to help get accomplished. These are exciting days because next year is just coming over the horizon, full of challenges and opportunities. The New Board is being installed today. They come full of energy, with new ideas and goals to meet. It is a new year all over the Rotary world, a new year to achieve unachievable goals and with opportunities to leave our hand imprints in the effort to make this world a better place for all. See you at the meeting.

*Yours in Rotary Service,
Mike*

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... 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

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Endowment Foundation Board 2nd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.
Club Board of Directors 3rd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.
RNASA Committee 3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.
Rotary Foundation Committee last Wednesday @ 7 a.m.
Membership Committee 2nd Monday @ 1:15 p.m.
2009 Shrimporee Saturday, October 17th

SHRIMPOREE PLANNING MEETINGS @ JSCFCU @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday July 2nd
Thursday July 23rd
Thursday August 6th
Tuesday August 18th
Tuesday September 1st
Tuesday September 8th
Tuesday September 15th
Tuesday September 22nd
Tuesday September 29th
Tuesday October 6th
Tuesday October 13th

John Wilson, Chair: jewilson102@comcast.net

SCRC SOCIALS [6:30 p.m.]

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

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LETTERS FROM THE GOV

Hello District Rotarians and greeting from England. I just wanted to update all of you on our travels throughout England. The Convention was good. Our Friendship Exchange with the Rotarians in Wickford was a wonderful experience.

The Sweeny Rotary Club Members have attended 2 Rotary club meetings so far along with the convention plenary sessions. We have met so many people from all over the world and have many new leads for future Friendship Exchanges. We are now sitting in the train station waiting to take the Eurostar to Paris. This leg of the journey will be very interesting and possibly life changing (especially for Eric). We will return on Monday the 29th and enjoy our very last day as DG at home. We have so much to tell everyone.

We did attend the Convention Committee Workshop on the last day of the convention just to see what they had to say. It appears the earliest that Houston could host an International Committee would be somewhere around 2019 or 2020. The only hope we have left to host the 2015 is if Sao Paulo, Brazil is not prepared by 2013 and if no other chosen convention site wishes to move into the 2015 slot. We thanked the RI Board for their consideration and let them know that Houston was here if they needed us. It was a valiant effort and everything was done right. Unfortunately the RI Board had a differed from the Site Selection Committee.

Best Wishes to all,
Rhonda Kennedy DG 5890

Tuesday, June 23, 2009 1:48 PM

To: Miguel A. Hernandez, Rotary Club of Space Center

This is the first chance I have had to check emails since we arrived in England on the 16th of June. I have patiently awaited word of the RI Boards decision. For reasons unknown RI did not contact me directly with an answer for our district as to who was awarded the convention for 2015. After many email and phone calls, I was finally told that the convention was awarded to Sao Paulo, Brazil even though the the Houston bid was without any deficiencies. I know there are many people saying that Brazil will not be ready for a conference in 2015 but the decision is final and for at least the next 2 years the 2015 Convention is set for Brazil. We should congratulate our friends in Brazil and wish them the best.

I encourage all future District 5890 Governors to contact our RI Director before each RI Board meeting and let them know that 5890 stands ready to help at any time. The money left from our District Convention Assessment will be sent to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund immediately, as per the Club Presidents motion made at the District Assembly in 2008. Our district was the overwhelming choice and was the recommendation by the Site Selection Committee to the RI board but as it has happened a few times in the past, a 13 – 5 vote (with 1 abstaining vote) has sent the convention to Brazil.

I thank each of you for your efforts and participation in this endeavor. I am positive that Houston will host an RI Convention again in the future. Maybe 2017, who knows.

Eric and I are having a great time in England and will explain all of the details of the Board's decision when we return.

Thanks Again,
Rhonda Kennedy

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&
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At the meeting on June 22nd, Pres. Mike gave a summary report & recognition awards. Others also reported on the Rotary Year accomplishments.



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If you like the new “smart cars” here are some choices. The first picture is for size comparison; the Smartcar sitting next to a Chevrolet Suburban.



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A message from President-Elect, Jon McKinnie:

Dear fellow Space Center Rotarians:

These are exciting times. The changing of the guards. The incoming officers and directors, along with the directors that will be serving again next year, will be inducted today, June 29th, during our regular club meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club. As of July 1, new officers and directors of every club, as well as District and even Rotary Int'l, will take office and lead us to another exciting and rewarding year. Please invite your family to attend and enjoy our Rotary fellowship. The meeting will start at Noon, so plan accordingly. I look forward to serving you. It is indeed an honor. See you Monday

Jon R. McKinnie
 President 2009-10
 Rotary Club of Space Center
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A farewell message — My most dear friends, fellows (both male & female) in the pursuit of worthy ideas and means to serve others: The recent several years as your editor have been most rewarding to me. As a member of Space Center Rotary Club, I have seen and participated in many great projects and observed the accomplishments of amazing people who believed in the motto of "Service Above Self". My nickname for our club is "can do" because over and over again, we have proved that anything our members can dream, we can do. So many times this has been demonstrated — my pride is overwhelming. Over these past 34 years as a Space Center Rotarian, there have been a few very dedicated members who have created and published the Blastoff, sometimes very worthy and sometimes less, but always with dedication. I have praised and I have criticized. Then when my predecessor announced her resignation, I could not hold back — the time had come to "put up or shut up". With a belief that more could be done to make our newsletter newsworthy, I began to put my stamp on it. As Frank Sinatra famously said, "I did it my way." Some have praised and some have criticized; many have offered encouragement. Whatever it has been, I hope it has been worthy of this great club. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve. I anxiously await my next assignment. There is plenty more to do. Billy Smith, Editor.

Do you miss this guy?

Quotes:

- “Here’s my strategy on the Cold War: We win, they lose.”
- “The most terrifying words in the English language are: I’m from the government and I’m here to help.”
- “The trouble with our liberal friends is not that they’re ignorant; it’s just that they know so much that isn’t so.”
- “Of the four wars in my lifetime, none came about because the U.S. Was too strong.”
- “I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the U.S. Congress.”
- “The taxpayer: That’s someone who works for the federal government but doesn’t have to take the civil service examination.”
- “Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.”
- “The nearest thing to eternal life we will ever see on this earth is a government program..”
- “It has been said that politics is the second oldest profession. I have learned that it bears a striking resemblance to the first.”
- “Government’s view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it.. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it”
- “Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed, there are many rewards; if you disgrace yourself, you can always write a book.”



SPACE CENTER ROTARY SUMMARY OF CLUB'S OPERATING FINANCIALS As of May 31st, 2009

Administration:

<u>Members Dues Paid</u>	\$28,015
<u>Meetings and Meals</u>	
Payments received.....	\$31,810
Payments to Bay Oaks.....	\$33,471
Meals paid by the club.....	\$ 1,661
<u>Expenditures</u>	
District Dues.....	\$ 2,775
2015 RI Convention Support.....	1,665
District Activities.....	150
District Conference	1,095
District Activities.....	250
Recognitions and Awards.....	30
General Administrative.....	814
Insurance (D&O Liability).....	450
First Half of RI Dues.....	3,889

Second Half RI Dues.....	3,511
President's Contingency.....	310
PETS Conference.....	751
Capital Equipment.....	585
Bank Charges.....	79
Membership Recruitment & Retention.....	750
Public Information.....	612
Programs.....	912
Directorate and Web page.....	599
Club History and Memorial.....	125
Club paid meals.....	<u>210</u>
Total Expenditures...	\$19,352

Service:

Budgeted Amount.....\$75,000

Project Expenditures

Clinic in Guerrero, Mexico.....	\$1,000
Water Project Carbonara, Mex.....	1,000
Engineers Without Borders.....	1,000
Children Literacy Center.....	7,000
CCISD Hurricane Ike.....	1,000*
Boy Scouts.....	1,000
Communities in Schools.....	2,000
CCHS Project Graduation.....	1,000
Bay Area YMCA.....	1,000
Youth Exchange.....	4,497
RI Foundation.....	2,530
High Schools Booster Clubs.....	400*
Guerrero, Mex. Orphanage.....	2,000**
Guerrero Washer/Dryer.....	750**
Group Study Exchange.....	330*
Bank Charges.....	242*
MD Anderson Children Cancer Hosp.....	7,057
Others.....	155*
Youth Activities.....	250
Defibrillator for Boys and Girls Harbor....	1,524
YMCA sponsor swimming lessons.....	800
Drug Awareness Essay Scholarship.....	1,090
Scholastic Scholarships.....	6,345
Nursing home Valentine's Day.....	600
Excellence in Education Awards.....	4,155
Interact.....	425
SCR Endowment Foundation.....	<u>2,500</u>
Total Expenditures.....	\$51,650

* From unassigned budget account

** From World Health budget account

Pending Payment:

Teachers of the Year

Armand Bayou trails

Excellence in Law Enforcement

Mother's Love



Their sacrifice must never be forgotten or diminished.



IF YOU BELIEVE THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF OIL RESERVES IN THE U.S., READ THIS

The **U. S. Geological Service** issued a report in April ('08) that only scientists and oil men knew was coming, but man was it big! It was a revised report (hadn't been updated since '95) on how much oil is in the area of the western 2/3rds of North Dakota ; western South Dakota ; and extreme eastern Montana check this out:

The Bakken is the largest domestic oil discovery since Alaska's Prudhoe Bay and has the potential to eliminate all American dependence on foreign oil. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) estimates it at 503 billion barrels. Even if just 10% of the oil is recoverable, at \$107 a barrel, we're looking at a resource base worth more than \$5.3 trillion. "When I first briefed legislators on this, you could practically see their jaws hit the floor. They had no idea." says Terry Johnson, the Montana Legislature's financial analyst. "This sizable find is now the highest-producing **onshore** oil field found in the past 56 years." reports, *The Pittsburgh Post Gazette*. It's a formation known as the Williston Basin , but is more commonly referred to as the "Bakken". And it stretches from Northern Montana, through North Dakota and into Canada. For years, U. S. oil exploration has been considered a dead end. Even the "Big Oil" companies gave up searching for major oil wells decades ago. However, a recent technological breakthrough has opened up the Bakken's massive reserves and we now have access of up to 500 billion barrels. And because this is light, sweet oil, those billions of barrels will cost Americans just \$16 per barrel! That's enough crude to fully fuel the American economy for 41 years straight.

And if that didn't throw you on the floor, then this next one should, because it's from TWO YEARS AGO!

U. S. Oil Discovery— Largest Reserve in the World!
Stansberry Report Online - 4/20/2006

Hidden 1,000 feet beneath the surface of the Rocky Mountains lies the largest untapped oil reserve in the world. It is more than 2,000,000,000,000 barrels. On August 8, 2005 President Bush mandated its extraction. In three and a half years of high oil prices none has been extracted. With this mother load of oil why are we still fighting over off-shore drilling? They reported this stunning news:

We have more oil inside our borders, than all the other proven reserves on earth. Here are the official estimates:

8 times as much oil as Saudi Arabia
18 times as much oil as Iraq
21 times as much oil as Kuwait
22 times as much oil as Iran
500 times as much oil as Yemen
and it's all right here in the Western United States .

James Bartis, lead researcher with the study says we've got more oil in this very compact area than the entire Middle East. That's more than all the proven oil reserves of crude oil in the world today, reports *The Denver Post*.

By the way...this is all true. Check it out at the link below!!!

<http://www.usgs.gov/newsroom/article.asp?ID=1911>

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB CLUB ASSEMBLY MEETING SUMMARY OF SERVICE COMMITTEES ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Service A — Belinda Skloss, Director

Interact Committee — David Coney

- After several years without an Interact club, the Space Center Rotary now has the SCR Clear Lake High School Interact Club. The club is fully organized and operating. The club had their first service project in May where they painted the house of an elderly woman in Houston .

Rotaract Committee — Ted Cummings

- Collected a list of UHCL students interested in participating in the Rotaract Club.

Youth Activities Committee — Mark Schneider

- Organized and conducted Youth activities at the Shrimporee.
- Donated \$1,000 in support of Graduation Day to the Clear Lake High School.
- Donated \$800 to the Houston YMCA in support of a District Project to teach children to swim. Also donated \$1,000 to the local YMCA to sponsor children to the summer swimming program.
- Donated \$1,000 to the Bay Shore Boy Scout District to sponsor children to attend summer camp.
- During Rotary Literacy Month, donated to the Clear Lake Library the "Early Literacy Center". This was one of the three selected projects as major recipients from the Shrimporee proceeds. A picture poster of children at the Center was put together and displayed at club meetings and District events.
- Donated 50 Astros tickets, not sold at the Springoree, to the Boys and Girls Harbor, for the children to attend the ball game.

Community Service B — Richard Hergert, Director

Senior Citizens Committee — Steve Waldner

- Over 20 Rotarians visited and distributed "roses of love" to seniors at three local nursing homes on Valentine's Day. A picture poster of the event was put together and displayed at club meetings and District activities.
- Coordinated, donated the needed supplies and constructed, one segment of the wheelchair rated trail at the Armand Bayou Nature Center. This was one of the three projects identified as major recipients from the Shrimporee proceeds.
- Under the leadership of Pat Doughty, donated the needed supplies and painted the parking lot of the Interfaith Caring Ministry.

Health and Safety Committee — Sheryl Berg

- Have been requesting District's clubs participation in the Methodist Hospital CPR training. Will participate in the upcoming training session scheduled for June 27.
- Bought and donated a Defibrillator to the Boys and Girls Harbor, in response of their identified need.
- Under the leadership of Courtney Lindberg, organized and conducted the Blood Drive where 15 pints of blood were donated.
- Under the leadership of Stan Galanski a District Simplified Grant for \$2,000 was obtained and together with \$5,000 from the club, recreational and raining equipment was bought and donated to the MD Anderson Children Cancer Hospital. A picture poster was put together of children using the recreational equipment and displayed at club meetings and District events. This was one of three projects identified by the club as a major recipient of the Shrimporee proceeds.
- Supported the District Service project during the Conference in Lake Charles, with the donation of sports equipment for the local Boy's Club

Scholarship Committee — Belinda Skloss

- Requested candidates, conducted interviews and selected 6 high school students as winners of a \$1,000 scholarships based on scholastic accomplishments. Scholarships were presented to students during a club meeting.
- Requested essays on Drug Awareness from high school students, reviewed and selected first and second place winners. Winners were presented with scholarships during a club meeting. A \$1,000 scholarship for the first place and a \$600 scholarship for the second place.

International Service A — Mike Cornett, Director

The Rotary Foundation Committee — David Coney

- Exceeded our Club's pledge by contributing a total of \$20,295 (\$182.84 per member average) towards the Foundation Annual Fund.
- Also exceeded the club's pledge to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Polio Challenge by contributing \$4,910.
- The club awarded Paul Harris Fellows to two members of the community in recognition for their continuous service to the community.
- Short presentations of Foundation activities, called "RI Foundation message of the week" were given at more than 20 of our club meetings.

SCRC Endowment Foundation — Bob Wren

- Foundation portfolio value at the en of August 2008 was of \$156,320, the lowest value was reached at the end of December of \$134,222. At the end of May 2009 the portfolio value was up to \$154,665.
- There were 2 Pancake breakfasts fellowship/funds raising activities that netted a total of close to \$2,000.

- One of the club members made a donation of \$1,000 to the Foundation, the Club donated \$2,500 and two Floyd Boze Fellows were presented that resulted in an income of \$2,000 more.
- February 9 was named Floyd Boze day. A picture was taken of Floyd with all of the Floyd Boze Fellows. The framed picture was presented to Floyd at a later club meeting.
- A decision was made to start a project where one at risk high school student is selected and given assistance through completion of the time required to obtain a degree in a trade field of work.

Ambassadorial Scholars Committee — Vacant

- A University student was presented as a candidate for Ambassadorial Scholar to the District. After interview by the selection panel we were informed that he was not selected. The student was encouraged to present his candidacy again next year.

International Service B — Richard Kidder, Director

Group Study Exchange Committee — Bill Geissler

- The club sponsored one of the members of the Group Study Exchange that went to Egypt.

International Youth Exchange Committee — Dick Meyer

- Had 2 in bound and 2 out bound exchange students during the Summer, to Germany and Sweden.
- Had one out bound student for a year to France and 2 in bound students, one from Sweden and one from Mexico. The student from Mexico returned home in October, the student from Sweden, Sofia Berlund stayed for the complete year, made 3 presentations to the club, attended the District Conference and other District and Exchange Student activities during the year.
- Showed our solidarity with the Rotary International Exchange Student program after a tragic incident in Portland, Oregon where a gun man open fire to a group of students resulting in two dead Youth Exchange students and 5 others wounded. The committee sent sympathy cards, signed by the club members, to the wounded students and the family of the dead ones, and a contribution check to the foundation created for the assistance to the families.
- Next year's 2 in bound students have been assigned and contacted. They are Jen from Thailand and Eduardo from Ecuador.

World Health Committee — Dick Kidder & JB Fox

- Club member Jack Bacon presented the progress of several water projects in Rwanda, Africa. Jack spent two weeks working in Rwanda as part of the JSC Engineers Without Borders group. A donation of \$1,000 was given to Jack for the work of the EWB in Rwanda.
- Collected club members donated clothes, packed into 6 large boxes and delivered them to District to be sent to Nicaragua for their resale shop which helps run the schools and clinic.
- Johnny White and Earl Maudlin were part of the group that went and worked at the Guerrero Clinic in Mexico. The club presented two checks to the Chrystal Foundation, one for \$1,000 for the Guerrero Clinic in the name of District Governor Rhonda Kennedy and another for \$2,000 in support of the construction of an orphanage. The club also sent a washer and dryer for the orphanage in Guerrero, Mexico.
- Tried unsuccessfully to arrange travel to Houston for two young boys that needed reconstruction surgery.
- Presented a check for \$1,000 to Builders without Borders for the Carbonara purification water and community rehabilitation projects.
- Under the Leadership of JB Fox, three lap top computers were donated to a small rural school in South Texas.

Vocational Services — Rae DeCastro, Director

Excellence in Education Committee — David Coney

- Worked with CCISD as well as Seabrook and League City Clubs and put on a huge Teacher of the Year event on May 19th. Forty teachers (one from each school in the district) were honored. From this pool of teachers, 6 were selected as finalists and 2 selected Teacher of the Year in CCISD. One from elementary school and one from middle and high school. The two winners then came to our club on June 1st and were present with additional recognitions.

Excellence in Public Service Committee — Phil Sandlin

- Maintained, with the help of several deputies, a table at the Shrimporee where parents could have their children finger prints and establish their ID cards. These cards are kept by the parents and produced in case of emergency.
- The Police Officer of the Year awards luncheon was held at a Space Center Rotary's lunch meeting. Five selectees were present with their Captains and their families. They were all introduced and their biographies read. Then the winner was announced, congratulated, and presented with a check and a plaque.

Rotary National Award For Space Achievement Foundation — Rodolfo Gonzalez

- The 2009 National Space Trophy was presented to Former NASA Administrator Michel Griffin at the gala event on May 8th with near 1000 in attendance. The presentation was made by former astronauts Mike Coats, JSC Center Director and Ken Reightler, Lockheed- Martin Vice President. Congressman Pete Olson presented a proclamation from the State of Texas, veteran space correspondent Miles O'Brien, served as emcee, and astronauts Sunita Williams and Leland Melvin presented Stellar Awards to 19 individual winners and 5 team winners.

MARINE CORP SLOGANS

“U.S. Marines -- Travel Agents To Allah”

“Stop Global Whining”

“When In Doubt, Empty The Magazine”

“The Marine Corps -- When It Absolutely, Positively Has To Be Destroyed Overnight”

“Death Smiles At Everyone -- Marines Smile Back”

“What Do You Feel When You Kill A Terrorist? ... A Reassuring Recoil”

Marines -- Providing Enemies Of America An Opportunity To Die For their Country Since 1775”

“Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Anyone Who Threatens It”

“Happiness Is A Belt-Fed Weapon”

“It's God's Job to Forgive Bin Laden -- It's Our Job To Arrange The Meeting”

“Artillery Brings Dignity To What Would Otherwise Be Just A Brawl”

“One Shot, Twelve Kills -- Marine Artillery”

“Do draft dodgers Have Reunions? If So, What Do They Talk About?”

“My kid fought in Iraq so yours can party in college”

“Travel To Exotic Places, Meet New People, Then Kill Them”

“Machine Gunners -- Accuracy By Volume”

“A Dead Enemy Is A Peaceful Enemy -- Blessed Be The Peacemakers”

“Guns Don't Kill People -- I Kill People”

“If You Can Read, Thank A Teacher. If You Can Read It In English, Thank A Marine”

“Except For Ending Slavery, Fascism, Nazism, and Communism, WAR has Never Solved Anything”