



# the Blastoff



Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
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## Programs: *Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-09*

### Today. . . Installation of Officers & Directors fo 2008-2009

- July 7..... Houston Mayor, Bill White speaking on the economy & sustainability
- July 14..... John Branch, VP Clear Lake Water Authority
- July 21..... Club Meeting
- July 28..... Oliver Luck, President of the Houston Dynamos

*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

*On July 20, 1969, honorary Rotarians, Neil Armstrong (Wapakoneta, Ohio) & Buzz Aldrin (Space Center, Houston, Texas) became the first humans to walk on the moon. Should we infer that there were non-humans who walked before them?*

Mike Dennard has suggested that testimonials from SCRC awardees, e.g., law enforcement, teachers, students, etc. be published for all to read. I concur & will gladly do so upon receipt from those who have them. Your assistance is solicited.

### *Correction:*

Rotary at a Glance

Members: 1,216,964

Clubs: 32,814

June is Rotary Fellowship Month



**Happy 4<sup>th</sup>!** Celebrate this nation's birth in a safe & sane manner. Remember all who have died for our freedom.

### 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.
- Springoree. . . . . 2009
- District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles. . . 2009
- Texas Roadhouse Golf Tournament  
. . . . . Monday, June 30 @ Bay Oaks CC
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. . . June 15-18 '08

*SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.*

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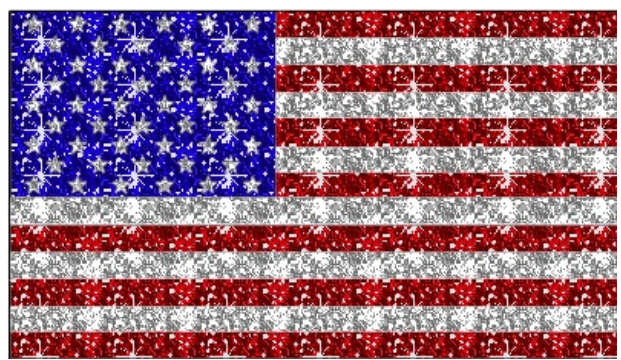


The meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> was Club Assembly. Led by Pres. Dick, the officers & directors summarized the many achievements of Rotary Year 2007 – 2008. L to R (each row in turn): Earl Maudlin & Micki Czarnik; Mike Brown & Lamar Boze; Johnny White & his State Farm mobile billboard; a poster about the Space Center Rotary Club Water Project; Pres. Dick presents a check in the amount of \$3,000 to Chuck Jacobson for the Bay Area YMCA Partners in Youth; Pres. Dick presented a token of appreciation to PE Mike; Sec. Gary; Sgt @ Arms Jon; Treasurer Marilyn; Directors Mark, David, Bill, Jerrold, Steve Owens standing in for Mike Cornett, Dick & Art. Members look on. Tony Bloomfield & son, Hunter.  
All photos by Bob Mitchell.

**Editor's Note — For several months now, since the recreation of the SCRC website by Jon McKinnie using the Club Runner software, I have been considering and discussing with Jon, publishing the news to the website instead of the weekly creation and email distribution of *The Blastoff*. Arguments in favor of such a change would include greater access and use of the website by members, more instantaneous news distribution and less time required of the editor. All are very tempting, but I feel that consideration should be given as well to the long tradition of our newsletter and the several dedicated editors who assured the members of regular publication. Further, without bragging, I believe the newsletter is once again newsworthy and deserving of continuation. Your comments are solicited to assist in the decision to either publish the news solely on the website or to continue publishing *The Blastoff*. If the decision is to continue the traditional method, Jon will, from time to time, choose items from the issues to publish to the website. When you receive this issue via email, please take a moment to reply with your comments and feelings about this matter. Your input is important — after all, this is *your* newsletter. I am merely the editor in charge (for now).**  
*Billy Smith*



Congratulations to Dr. Peter Wuenschel on being named Texas Executive Director of the Year. Well done, Peter.



Celebrate our Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia, PA, and be thankful for the freedom for which so many pledged their lives & their fortunes, those who won it and those who continue to defend it.



The USS Ronald Reagan. Nuclear powered, can operate more than 20 years without refueling. 80 combat aircraft on a flightdeck of 4.5 acres. 1,092 feet long, as long as the Empire State Building is tall. Home to 6,000 Navy personnel. Carries enough food and supplies to operate for 90 days. **Aren't you glad this one is ours!**

**SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB 2008-2009**  
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**JULY 2008**

***LITERACY MONTH***

- 7 Mon Program: Houston Mayor, Bill White
- 14 Mon Program : John Branch, VP CLC Water Authority
- 21 Mon Program: TBD
- 22 Tue Board Meeting
- 28 Mon SCR Club Assembly Meeting (Board Report on Plans for Year)

**AUGUST 2008**

***MEMBERSHIP MONTH***

- 4 Mon ADG - Rotary Year Theme Presentation; (Comm.- Recruitment)
- 9 Sa District Membership Seminar
- 11 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Membership Retention)
- 18 Mon **District Governor Official Visit**
- 19 Tue Board Meeting
- 25 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Attendance)

**SEPTEMBER 2008**

***NEW GENERATION MONTH***

- 1 Mon Labor Day – No Club Meeting
- 8 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Interact)
- 15 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Rotaract)
- 16 Tue Board Meeting
- 22 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)
- 29 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)

**OCTOBER 2008**

***VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH***

- 6 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Excellence in Education)
- 10-12 District Motorcycle Ride
- 13 Mon Columbus Day – No Club Meeting
- 18 Sat Rotary Foundation Seminar (Suzi Howe)
- 20 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Safety/Law Enforcement)
- 25 Sat **Shrimporee**
- 27 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)

**NOVEMBER 2008**

***ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH***

- 3 Mon Club Meeting dedicated to Interact
- 7-9 District Weekend Camping
- 10 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Rot. Int. Foundation)
- 17 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Shriomporee)
- 18 Tue Board Meeting
- 24 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)

**DECEMBER 2008**

***FAMILY MONTH***

- 1 Mon Program TBD - Invite Families of Rotarians to the meeting
- 7 Sun Rotary at the Nutcracker Ballet
- 8 Mon Program TBD - Hold Club elections during meeting
- 15 Mon Club Xmas meeting with School Carol- Invite Families

16 Tue Board Meeting  
22 Mon Program TBD  
29 Mon Program TBD  
TBD Rotary Christmas Dinner

**JANUARY 2009** ***ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH***

5 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Public Information)  
12 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Community Service)  
15 Thu **District ALL CLUB MEETING**  
19 Mon Martin Luther King's Day – No Club Meeting  
20 Tue Board Meeting  
26 Mon SCR Club Assembly Meeting

**FEBRUARY 2009** ***WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH***

2 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- In'atl Youth Exchange)  
9 Mon Drug Essay Awards Presentation; (Comm.-Ambassadorial Scholar)  
12 Thu Foundation Dinner Suzi Howe)  
14 Sat **Valentine's Day SCR Rotarians visit to Nursing Homes**  
16 Mon Scholarships to High School Students; (Comm.- GSE Activities)  
17 Tue Board Meeting  
23 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Bulleting & Com.)

**MARCH 2009** ***CLUB OPERATIONS***

TBD District Camping Trip  
2 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Directory & Web Page)  
9 Mon Club Meeting dedicated to Rotaract  
16 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Const. & Bylaws)  
17 Tue Board Meeting; (Comm.- Hist.& Memorial)  
23 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Photography)  
30 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Members Classification)

**APRIL 2009** ***MAGAZINE MONTH***

**TBD Club Mtg. on Excellence in Education.**  
TBD RNASA  
6 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)  
13 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)  
20 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)  
21 Tue Board Meeting  
27 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)  
30-May 2 District Conference in Lake Charles, LA

**MAY 2009** ***HEALTH AND SAFETY MONTH***

**TBD Club Meeting on Safety and Law Enforcement**  
4 Mon Program TBD.- (Comm.- World Health)  
TBD **Springoree**  
11 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Health and Safety)  
17 Sun District Motorcycle Ride  
18 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)  
19 Tue Board Meeting  
25Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- TBD)

**JUNE 2009** ***ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH***

1 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Fellowship)  
8 Mon Program TBD; (Comm.- Golf)  
15 Mon Club Assembly – Year's Accomplishments  
16 Tue Board Meeting  
21-24 RI Convention in Birmingham, England  
22 Mon Program TBD; (Comm. TBD)  
27 Mon **Installation of SCR New Board**

*These pictures were contributed by Vince Lipovsky from the Jones Beach Air Show, NYC —*





*It is truly great to be an American & a Rotarian!! Our thanks to the French for helping us win our independence & for the statute which has greeted so many to our shores. God bless our founders, those who have sacrificed so much for so many, continue to protect this great nation & may we be a grateful nation of peace seeking and humanity protecting, honorable people — a beacon to all who wish to share what we have.*