the Blastoff

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The Presdent's Message:

Summary of July 2008 Club's Accomplishments

Following our goals of keeping the members informed, here are the major Club activities and accomplishments for the month of July. Our Board Consists of 15 Club members; 6 Officers and 9 Directors. Each Director oversees and assists in an average, 3 Committees. We actually have 31 Committees. Board and Committee functions and goals were completed and distributed and the Budget was developed and approve. The Board met twice, once in a regular meeting and once in a special meeting. The dues were paid by the Club and reports were sent to the District and RI. Invoices for dues payments were sent to all the members. An Assembly was conducted where the Board presented the membership with the plans and goals for

the year. The Club meeting agenda was modified by adding "The RI Foundation Message", the Membership Moment", and a short presentation by one Committee. Also by projecting pictures of the previous week activities before the meeting. The facility set up was modified by deleting the head table, adding a much larger screen, a banner with the RI Month Theme, a podium banner with this year's RI theme of "Making Dreams Real", and rearranging tables to have a better view of guest speakers. Four Club meetings were conducted, three with the following guest speakers: Houston Mayor, Bill White; Clear Lake Water Authority VP, John Branch; and Dynamo Cub President, Oliver Luck. The other meeting was the Club Assembly One new member was inducted to the Club. Our inbound student from France, Marie Campo, returned home after one vear in Houston. Laura Knutson returned to Houston after one year in Germany. Short term exchange Allie Abney and Julia Svalberg from Sweden are in Houston and Vivian Zapata and Daniella Hermes from Germany are in Germany. As part of the Literacy pro-

check for \$7,000.00 to the CLC Branch Freeman Library for the implementation of the new "Early Literacy Center" Four issues of the Blastoff were published with announcements, information and club activities of the week. The club web page is being improved and member's pictures are being added to the roster list. Two Golf outings were hosted by the Golf committee. The 35th Shrimporee committee selected this year's theme, "Making the Dream of Healthy Kids Happen" and logo and are on their way preparing the event Shrimporee sponsors contributions is at the amount of \$50,000.00. The RNASA Foundation is already working on next year's Award event with tentative dates of either April 24th or May 8th. The Banquet committee hosted a wrap party and thanked everyone that worked so hard to make this year's Rotary Space Banquet a great success.

...and this just the beginning...!

Yours in Rotary Mike





Rotary International President 2008-2009



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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

> Picture not available



Suzi Howe 2006-2007

Programs —

Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-2009

Today
Kemah, will speak on traffic congestion
Sep 1 Labor Day – no meeting
Sep 8 Dr. Bob Stein, Professor at Rice University
Re: the political climate in Houston & Texas
Sep 15Pete Olson, candidate for Representative of
U. S. Congress, District 22
Sep 22 Ed Emmett, Harris County Judge
Sep 29 Nick Lampson, U. S. Congressman, Dist. 22
Oct 6
Oct 13 Columbus Day — no meeting

Bring a Guest!!

Say Happy Birthday to –		
Delia Stephens	Aug 2nd	
Murray Epstei.	Aug 3rd	
Hector Marin	Aug 5th	
Mark Humphrey	. Aug 13th	
Jennifer Keller	Aug 14th	
Roger Donnelley	Aug 16th	
Sheila Self	Aug 22nd	
Jon McKinnie	. Aug 25th	





August is Membership & Extension Month

Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International www.RI.org Rotary District 5890 <u>www.RotaryDistrict 5890.org</u> Space Center Rotary Club www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

Meeting Notes August 18th —

- Rotary District 5890 Governor, Rhonda Kennedy, made her official visit. Gov. Rhonda is a member of the Sweeney Rotary Club. She & her husband, Eric, are members of the Paul Harris Society, multiple Paul Harris Fellows & Rhonda is a Benefactor.
- The Gov. asked these questions:
 - If SCRC was suddenly gone, would the community notice?
 - Is SCRC relevant to the community?
 - Do guests at meetings under stand "Rotary Speak"?
 - Do Space Center Rotarians talk to friends about club projects?
- She urged Rotarians to never forget what it was like to be a1st year Rotarian.
- She described how the Rotary Foundation uses donated money:
 - It is invested for 3 years and the interest is used to pay administrative costs.
 - Then 50% of the gift is returned to the District from whence it came.
- Tickets for the District Raffle are available (6 tickets per book) for \$120.
 \$20 is designated for PolioPlus. The remaining \$100 paid or collected by a Rotarian will qualify that Rotarian as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. David Coney is raffle ticket chair for SCRC.
- Family of Rotary Events were announced:
 - Motorcycle Rally Oct 10th-12th
 - Houston Ballet, Nutcracker Suite Dec 7th
 - District Conference in Lake Charles, LA Apr 30th — May 2nd

- SCRC donated \$1,000 to the Guerrero, MX clinic project. Dick Kidder announced that clinics are held twice each year. To obtain more information go to Guerrero-Clinic.org. An application may be made on the site.
- Exchange students were introduced by Alyssa Sammons. Information has been requested and will be published when received.
- Bob Taggart introduced the members of the Membership Development & Retention Committee and described new member orientation.
- New members, Lisa Hamilton with Art Alliance Center, & John Davis, Texas State Representative, were inducted by Gov. Rhonda and given their red badges.

Next Shrimporee Planning Committee Meeting

There will be a Shrimporee Committee Operational Meeting Monday, September 2, 5:30 pm at JSC Credit Union board room. The entrance is back door facing "drive thru" banking lanes. Address is 1330 Gemini St, Houston, TX 77058.

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

Sep 16th **Boondoggles**, 4106 NASA Pkwy, El Lago Sep 30th **Dos Mas**, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster Oct 7th **Topwater Grill**, 815 Ave. O, San Leon Oct 21st **Zio's**, 820 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster Nov 4th **Tommy's Seafood**, 2555 Bay Area Blvd, Houston Nov 18th ..**Tony's Barbeque**, 17052 Saturn Ln., Houston Dec 2nd **Abe's Cajun Market**, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd, Houston

Dec 16th Bailey's, 2320 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook

Ridonnelly@aol.com

Pictures from the August 18th meeting ---



















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President Mike presents a check in the amount of \$1,000 to Governor Rhonda for the Guerrero Clinic; Pres Mike (l), foreign exchange student (m) & Alyssa Sammons exchange banners; Gov. Rhonda (l) with newly inducted members, John Davis & Lisa Hamilton, & Pres Mike; Pres Mike presents a thank you gift to Gov Rhonda; David Coney touts District Raffle Tickets and promotes Paul Harris Sustaining membership; Gov. Rhonda inducts Lisa Hamilton into SCRC; Lisa & the Pres; John Davis & the Pres; two foreign exchange students dine with Art Wood and others.

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB SHIRTS

Bill Geissler will soon be placing an order for polo shirts with SCRC embroidered logo for new members. If you would like a shirt, tell Bill. The cost is \$30 and you may have either white or navy blue. Bill will take your order at the sign-in table.

BREAKING NEWS

This just in from Pres. Mike:

AFTER A NOT SO HEATED DISCUSSION AT THE LAST SHRIMPOREE MEETING, ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO HAVE "CORN" AS PART OF THE MEAL PLATE, A SECRET GROUP HAS APPEARED DEMANDING TO "SAVE THE CORN". LONG LIVE THE CORN HEADS!!!

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION UPDATE

Both the treasurer and financial strategies committee chair were on vacation, so there was no financial report. A substantial portion of the meeting was devoted to updating and revising the bylaws of the Foundation. As initially organized, the governing body has been the Board of Trustees. In early years, the officers were selected from the seven trustees, but then as some were re-elected for successive terms, officers eventually were not trustees and thus, not members of the board. Most of the amendments focused on making the officers members of the board so that they may vote and propose resolutions. Additionally, the tradition of inviting club members to meet with the board and participate in discussions as "advisory trustees" was formalized. Now past trustees, officers and other interested members may be appointed by the board to the position of advisory trustees. Although they will not be able to vote or propose resolutions, their experience and love of Rotary are considered invaluable to the business of the Foundation.

Children of the Dump Project

GOVERNOR RHONDA KENNEDY REQUESTS HELP TO THE "CHILDREN OF THE DUMP" IN NICARAGUA

Space Center Rotary Club has been asked to conduct a Clothing Drive to collect used or new clothing that then will be sent to Nicaragua to be sold in the resale shop at the Trade School. The money of the sales will be used to provide education and food for the schools, the trade school and the school for the blind children

WE ASK ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO COLLECT AND BRING FOR THE NEXT 3 CLUB MEET-INGS (August 11th, 18th and 25th) CLOTHING SUITABLE FOR WARM CLIMATE THAT CAN BE PACKED IN BOXES AND SHIPPED TO NICARAGUA

The boxes will be taken to the collecting place in Humble TX on Saturday August 30th.

SPONSORS OF SHRIMPOREE 2008

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES: [\$1,000 unless otherwise noted] Amoco Federal Credit Union • Pearland Art Oswald — AOVCO Tuesday @ noon Bastion Technologies (Mike Hernandez (\$2,500) Golfcrest Country Club 2501 Country Club Drive Belinda K. Skloss, LLC Ben Bridge Jewelers (Travis Vermeer) • LaPorte • Billy R. Smith, Attorney at Law Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m. St John Episcopal Church Broadway @ Ave. G • DRDA (Olive Murphy-Riker, CPA) Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law (Becky Reitz) Pasadena South Gregg & Gregg, P. C., Attorneys at Law (\$2,500) • Wednesday @ noon Gurry Mechanical, LP (Ken Gurry) • Baywood Country Club 5500 Genoa Red Bluff Hopping Eye Associates (Vissett Sun) Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey) Friendswood (\$2,500)Wednesday @ noon Village on the Park Retirment Center 400 E. Park-JSC Federal Credit Union (Mike Brown) (\$2,500) wood J. Pamela Photography (Pam Culpepper) • • Kirchoff Peterson Co. (Don Kirchoff) Seabrook L. D. Bowles Associates (Lamar Bowles) (\$2,500) Thursday @ &:7:00 a.m. Las Colinas Custom Interiors (Rae De Castro) • Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway Lexus of Clear Lake — Joey Dupuis (\$2,500) Earl & Terrilee Maudlin (\$10,000) League City Maui Waui (Shelley Smith) Thursday @ noon Estaban's Fiesta Shack 131 League Street • Merrill Lynch (Jerry & Bill Smith) MRI Technologies (Tim Kropp) Pasadena Prosperity Bank (Mark Humphrey) Friday @ noon Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease) • First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy • State Farm Insurance— Johnny R. White, Agent • Texas Citizens Bank (Mike Cornett) Make up @ an E-club Texas Wealth Management (Mike Hesse) http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/p • df s/eclub list.pdf Gene & Donna Tromblee (\$2,500) • University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys (Marc Schneider)

EVENTS CALENDAR

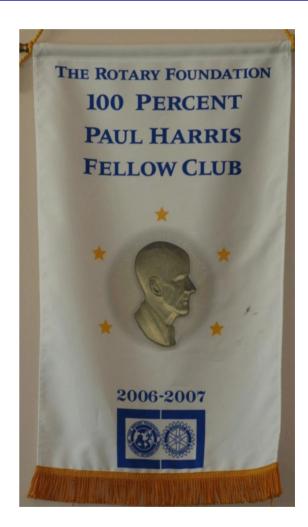
Club Board of Directors3rdTue @ 7 a.m. Endowment Foundation Bd. . . 2nd Tue @ 7 a.m. Rotary Foundation Comm . . . last Wed @ 7 a.m. Membership Committee . . .2nd Mon @ 1:15 p.m. Shrimporee Comm . . . Mon Sep 2nd @ 5:30 p.m. Shrimporee 2008 October 25 All Day District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles, LA Apr 30 — May 2, 2009 100th RI Convention Birmingham, England June 21 — 24, 2009

Officers & Directors 2008-2009		
President	Mike Hernandez	
President Elect		
Secretary	-	
Treasurer		
Sargent at Arms		
Immediate Past President.	Dick Gregg, III	
Directors	86,	
Club Administration	Mark Humphrey	
Public Relations		
Membership		
Fundraising	David Coney	
Community Service A	Belinda Skloss	
Community Service B		
International Service A	Mike Cornett	
International Service B.	Dick Kidder	
Vocational Service		
Committees & Chairs		
Programs	Kippy Caraway	
Directory & Website		
Club History	Jerrold DeWease	
Constitution & Bylaws.		
Memorial	Laura Hale	
Fellowships		
Blastoff Editor	Billy Smith	
Photographer	Bob Mitchell	
Public Information.	Mary Alys Cherry	
Golf		
Attendance	Bill Geissler	
Classification.		
Member Recruitment/Retention.	Jon McKinnie	
Grants		
Shrimporee		
Springoree		
Sponsors		
Interact		
Rotaract		
Youth Activities		
Senior Citiz.		
Health & Safety		
Scholarships		
Rotary Foundation.		
SCRC Endowment Foundation		
Ambassadorial Scholars		
GSE Activities		
International Youth Exchange.		
World Health Foundation.		
Excellence in Education		
Safety/Law Enforcement.	Phil Sandlin	

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION TOUR TO INDIA

An unexpected vacancy for one female has occurred in the National Immunization Tour to India. The tour will depart on October 15th and arrive back in Houston on October 25th. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$2,700 including air fare, 10 day land tour with a visit to Taj Mahal and miscellaneous expenses. This cost may vary a little with the availability of an air ticket at the group rate. You do not have to be a Rotarian to take this tour. Interested persons may obtain additional information by contacting the tour leader:

> PDG, Jon Eiche Ph. 832.595.1398 or Cell 713.702.2292 <u>eichej1@comcast.net</u>



Make it true again in 2008-2009

Summary of Minutes of the Board of Directors Date: July 15, 008

Members in Attendance: Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, Jon McKinnie, Mark Humphries John Nugent, David Coney, Belinda Skloss, Dick Hergert, Dick Kidder, Rae DeCastro

Members Not in Attendance: Marilyn Musial, John Wilson, Bill Geissler, Mike Cornett, Dick Gregg III

Guests: Jack Bacon, Jerrold DeWease, Sheryl Berg

Minutes: The minutes to the June 17, 2008 board meeting were read & accepted.

Membership Attendance %: 66.48%

Membership Report for the Month of: June 2008

Blue Badge Members	101		
Red Badgers	7		
Rule of 85 Members	3	May Total	121
Total Active Members	111	Lost Members	4
Honorary Members	6	New Members	0
Total Membership	117	June Total	117
New Members in July	1	Net change in July	+1
Current Members	118	Current Members	118

New Membership Status: Jack Bacon was inducted into the club, effective July 1. Lisa Hamilton has completed her orientation, paid her dues and is ready for induction into the club.

Prospective Members for Board Consideration: State Representative John Davis, proposed by Mary Alys Cherry, was considered and approved for membership. Motion to approve for membership was made by Mark Humphries, 2nd by Belinda Skloss. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Leaves of Absence: Sherrey Smith requested a 2 month leave of absence starting July 1, 2008, to open her new business. Motion – David Coney, second – Gary Johnson, motion carried.

Report of the Treasurer: In Treasurer Marilyn Musial's absence, President Mike Hernandez reviewed the prior year's financial reports, actual vs. budgets. He presented the 2008-09 budgets. Motion to approve – Belinda Skloss, 2nd – Dick Kidder, motion carried.

A discussion followed related to some possible changes to the budget and the cost of attending the RI Convention in England this year. Mike will present a revision to the budget for future approval

He also led discussion on District's \$15 requirement of all members to support the RI 2015 Convention in Houston. Mike stated that PDG Andy Smallwood is scheduled to speak to the club on July 21 about the importance of this issue. The \$15 was added to the annual dues billing as "Voluntary Payment". Of the 30 members who have already paid, all but 3 have paid the \$15. Continued on next page – Club Assembly, July 28: Pres Mike wants every Officer & Director to present their goals for the coming year & solicit volunteers for their appropriate committees. A written copy of each individual presentation report must be delivered to the President.

District Membership Seminar, Aug 9: Jon McKinnie encouraged the members of the board to attend the upcoming District Membership Seminar.

District Governor's Official Visit, Aug 18: Pres Mike stressed the importance of DG Rhonda Kennedy's official visit and encouraged all members to attend.

Summary of Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Called Standing Meeting Date: July 29, 2008, 1:15pm

Members in Attendance: Mike Hernandez, Gary Johnson, Jon McKinnie, Mark Humphries, John Nugent, David Coney, Dick Hergert, Rae DeCastro, Marilyn Musial, Bill Geissler, Mike Cornett, Dick Gregg III

Members Not in Attendance: John Wilson, Belinda Skloss

Guests: Dan Weber

Call to Order: President Mike Hernandez called the special standing meeting to order at 1:15pm after ascertaining a quorum. The sole purpose of the meeting was to consider a proposal for membership.

Report of the Secretary: Prospective Members for Board Consideration: Stefan Cunliffe, proposed by Jennifer Keller, was considered for membership. Copies of Cunliffe's proposal and Jennifer Keller's written recommendation were distributed. Both documents were reviewed and discussed. Motion to approve for membership was made by David Coney, 2nd by Bill Geissler. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sunshine — No submissions this week. Don't	Showers —	
you want to share your good news with fellow Rotarians?	No submissions this week. Don't you want your fellow Rotarians to console you?	5

Presidential News –

August 25, 2008

Message from Mike Hernandez

I want to thank everyone that attended the last club's meeting for the warm reception given to our District Governor Rhonda Kennedy. I also want to thank every Director and Committee Chair for providing a summary of the club's activities and accomplishments we had during the month of July. This list together with copies of the club's goals, Board members list, Blastoffs, meeting minutes, budget, and clippings from newspaper articles were given to the Governor as our club's report for the month, in a meeting following the end of our club's meeting. Upon reviewing the package, the governor was certainly impressed by all of the activities and accomplishments of the Club. She wanted us to convey to the members her sincere thanks for being such good hosts and her congratulations for all of our accomplishments. Once again, following our legacy, The Space Center Rotary Club shined in the presence of the Governor!

Last week Gary Johnson submitted his resignation from the positions of President Elect and Shrimporee Chair due to personal and work demands. I am glad to report that Gary will continue to be a member of this club and support all of its goals.

Following our Club's guidelines to replace an officer during the year, the remaining officers were contacted and the stepladder progression was followed. Jon McKinnie, Secretary, accepted the position of President Elect; Marilyn Musial, Treasurer, chose to remain as Treasurer; John Wilson, Sergeant at Arms, accepted the position of Secretary. These changes were then approved by the Board during the regular meeting on August 19, 2008.

A list of potential candidates for Sergeant at Arms was put together and approved by the Board during the meeting on August 19, 2008. We are at this time contacting the candidates from the list. Jon McKinnie has also accepted the position of Chair of the 35th Club's Shrimporee, scheduled for October 25, 2008.

Following is the resulting list of officers for the Rotary Year 2008-2009:

President	Mike Hernandez
President Elect	Jon McKinnie
Secretary	John Wilson
Treasurer	Marilyn Musial
Sergeant at Arms	TBD
Past President	Dick Gregg III

Yours in Rotary,

Mike Hernandez

Meet one of our new members.

Picture not available.

Dennis Paul PE President Paul Engineering, Inc.

Personal:

I am 47 years old and have been married to my wife Eliza Paul for 20 years; we have one daughter Elizabeth who is 13 years old. I live in Bay Knoll and have lived there 19 years. I am a native Houstonian living in this part of the city my entire life. We attend St. Bernadette church and are very active in our church community; my daughter attends school at St. Clare Catholic School located in Bay Oaks.

Work:

I am president of a structural engineering firm named Paul Engineering, Inc. and I started that firm in January of 2002 and it is located in Clear Lake City. Some of the projects we have done in this area are, the Galveston County Emergency Management Building on FM 646, The new City Hall and Library for Dickinson, the new Church and administration building for St. Paul's, and First Baptist Church in Pasadena.

Prior to that I started the structural engineering group up at the firm of Carter & Burgess in Houston and was a department manager or project manager there for 8 years, prior to that I was a design engineer at CBM Engineers in Houston for 8 years.

Education:

I have a MSCE from the University of Houston, 1991 and a BSCE from the University of Houston, 1986.

Community Service;

I work many hours serving my community through my church, fraternal societies and professional organizations. I have served on or chaired many committees at my church and daughter school, and have been coach for her athletic teams and chief of her Indian Princes tribe.

I am a regional district leader for the Knights of Columbus and help lead that organization at the state level. I am a member of the State Executive Committee for the Republican Party of Texas as well as a precinct chair and election judge. I am also a member of the state board of directors for the Structural Engineers Association of Texas and chair three state wide committees for that organization. I am also a member of the American Concrete Institute, and the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Rotary Resources: click your way into the Rotary World

The Rotarian	The official magazine of Rotary International.	www.rotary.org/rotarian
Regional Magazines	There are more than 30 regional Rotary magazines, which are published in 20 languages, including Thai, Bulgarian and even British English.	www.rotary.org/regionalmagazines
Weekly Update	Subscribe to receive a weekly news roundup from RI.	www.rotary.org/getupdate
The Rotarian Video Magazine	This DVD series showcases extraordinary projects and people from around the world.	www.rotary.org/rvm
Rotary Images	This is a photo library of projects, programs and Rotarians.	www.rotary.org/rotaryimages
RI Youtube Channel	Within minutes, you can embed an RI video on your website.	www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational
Interactive	Experience Rotary in a new way through this online newsletter.	www.rotary.org/interactive
Reconnections	Read about Rotary Foundation programs alumni.	www.rotary.org/reconnections
Newsletters	View a listing of all the newsletters available from RI.	www.rotary.org/newsletters
Humanity in Motion	TV, radio, print, Internet and billboard public service announcements focus on Rotary volunteer efforts that address critical humanitarian issues.	www.rotary.org/humanityinmotion
RI Visual Identity Guide	Learn the best practices for using Rotary s emblem & marks.	www.rotary.org/visualidentityguide

September:

Rotary New Generations Month (mentor a young person)	.September
International Literacy Day (check out RI s Every School	
a Star tool kit @ www.rotary.org for ideas)	Sep 8 th
International Chocolate Day (eat a year s worth)	Sep 13 th
International Day of Peace <i>paix</i> , <i>paz</i> , <i>pokoj</i> , <i>hoa binh</i> , <i>etc</i>	Sep 21 st
National Punctuation Day (Really!!)	Sep 24 th
Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year begins at sundown	Sep 29th

Rotary at a Glance:

Members: 1,226,067 (as of April 30th) Clubs: 7,165