

# *the Blastoff*

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## The President's Message:

The victim of a sudden cardiac arrest has a 50-75% chance of being resuscitated if a shock is administered to the heart within 5 minutes of collapsing. Before the lack of circulation begins causing irreversible damage to the most vital organs. The chance of a patient surviving a cardiac arrest decreases by about 10% per minute after collapse and it is minimal after 10 minutes. Therefore, immediate intervention is essential. Do you know how to administer CPR or AED? Space Center Rotary Club is participating in the "Save A Life" Community Heart Training Day, Sep 27, 2008. There will be 2 sessions, 8am-Noon or 1pm-5pm. There is a nominal fee of

\$10. Space Center will be providing transportation for those less fortunate. Your participation in these transportation efforts would be appreciated.

The Texas Arrhythmia Institute, a non-profit foundation dedicated to the prevention and treatment of cardiac arrhythmias, has become increasingly interested in several initiatives that could educate and enrich our community.

In 2006, following a series of sudden deaths in young athletes, the foundation donated almost 400 AEDs (automatic external defibrillators) to every school in the Houston and Spring Branch districts and to Rice University and to several private schools in the area. As part of this gift, they also distributed training vouchers, so that key personnel in the schools could receive instructions on the use and maintenance of the

AEDs. In 2007, as the Institute began following up on the results of their donation, they learned that awareness of the presence and location of these devices on school ground was inadequate and, presumably, so was the training.

The Houston Texans, American Red Cross, Texas Arrhythmia Institute and Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center have joined forces to offer this training day to the Houston community.

## CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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1981-1982



Billy Weseman  
1993-1994



Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

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## Programs —

*Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-2009*

**Today** . . . . . *Dr. Bob Stein, Professor at Rice University*  
*Re: the political climate in Houston & Texas*  
*Sep 15 . . . . . Pete 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 . . . . . TBD*  
*Oct 13 . . . . . Columbus Day — no meeting*

***Bring a Guest!!***

### Say Happy Birthday to —

John Wilson. . . . . September 8th  
 Scott Rainey. . . . . September 8th  
 Bill Lowes. . . . . September 13th  
 Stan Galanski. . . . . September 17th  
 Joan Skellenger. . . . . September 22nd



**September is New  
Generations Month**

### Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International  
[www.RI.org](http://www.RI.org)  
 Rotary District 5890  
[www.RotaryDistrict5890.org](http://www.RotaryDistrict5890.org)  
 Space Center Rotary Club  
[www.SpaceCenterRotary.org](http://www.SpaceCenterRotary.org)



**Meeting Notes August 25th —**  
 Attorney, **Bill King**, graduate of Clear Creek High School, member of Interact sponsored by SCRC, former mayor of Kemah, made a very interesting and insightful presentation regarding traffic congestion in the greater Houston area. You may view his PowerPoint presentation at

[www.BillKingHouston.com](http://www.BillKingHouston.com)

A strong point made is that the solution is not mass transit.

### **Identity of SCRC Members pictured on pages 10 & 11.**

**Pg. 10— Al Ligrani; Alan Wylie; Bob Wren; Carlos Villagomez; Billy Wese-man; & Chuck Jacobson.**

**Pg. 11— Dave Sincox; Floyd Boze; Ken Gurry; Jerry Smith; Lamar Bowles; Owen Morris; Billy Smith; Bob Mitchell; & David Taylor.**

## **Shrimporee Committee & Sub-Committee Chairs**

Just a quick reminder that we have a Shrimporee Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th, 5:30 at JSC Credit Union. The Shrimporee Committee will meet every week on Tuesdays @ 5:30pm until we reach the event, October 25th. Please be prepared to report on your activities. We are in the final days leading up to the Shrimporee and we must now proactively move forward in our efforts. If you are having any issues or delays, please let us all know your obstacles and needs, so we can assist.

*Jon R McKinnie*

### ***SCRC Endowment Foundation Meeting***

***Tuesday, September 9th @  
 Bay Oaks Country Club  
 7:00 a.m.  
 The coffee will be ready.***

### **SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.**

Sep 16<sup>th</sup> . . . . . **Boondoggles**, 4106 NASA Pkwy, El Lago  
 Sep 30<sup>th</sup> . . . . . **Dos Mas**, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster  
 Oct 7<sup>th</sup> . . . . . **Topwater Grill**, 815 Ave. O, San Leon  
 Oct 21<sup>st</sup> . . . . . **Zio's**, 820 W. Bay Area Blvd., Webster  
 Nov 4<sup>th</sup> **Tommy's Seafood**, 2555 Bay Area Blvd, Houston  
 Nov 18<sup>th</sup> . **Tony's Barbeque**, 17052 Saturn Ln., Houston  
 Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> **Abe's Cajun Market**, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd,  
 Houston  
 Dec 16<sup>th</sup> . . . . . **Bailey's**, 2320 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook

**Ridonnelly@aol.com**



*Pictures from the August 25th meeting —*





*Previous page clockwise from upper left — Pres Elect, Jon McKinnie, chaired the meeting in place of Pres Mike; “Rev” Carlos delivered the invocation; Scott “Get a Sponsor” Rainey gave a Sponsor update and urged more effort (Delia Stephens became the newest sponsor); Dr. David Taylor introduced visiting Rotarians and Guests.*

*This page clockwise from upper left — Bill Geissler talked about attendance; Dr. Jean Walker recognized members with perfect attendance (see list on next page); Art Oswald talked about ticket teams and sales; Program Chr., Kippy Carraway Introduced the speaker.*



Pat Doughty introduced foreign exchange student, **Fabiola Ramirez**, from Veracruz, Mexico. Get to know her and make her feel welcome to Texas and Space Center. She will be with us for a year and hopefully will visit club meetings regularly.

## 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.

These members of SCRC were recognized at the last meeting for obtaining or continuing a record of perfect attendance (through June 30, 2008):

Jon McKinnie	1 yr
Gary Johnson	1 yr
Dick Gregg, Jr.	2 yrs
Rae DeCastro	2 yrs
Dick Gregg, III	3 yrs
Ted Cummings	8 yrs
Bill Lowes	11 yrs
Dennis Dillon	11 yrs
Al Ligrani	28 yrs

According to Jean Walker, perfect attendance is achieved in 6-month periods (July—Dec & Jan—June). A year of perfect attendance is equal to two 6-month periods. It is not required that the two periods be consecutive.



**YOU MAY VIEW  
& READ THE  
CURRENT & SOME PRIOR  
ISSUES OF *THE BLASTOFF*  
ON THE CLUB  
WEBSITE.**



## **District 5890 Governor Rhonda Kennedy**

### **Presents**

**The Rotary Foundation Seminar on October 18th**

**PDG Suzi Howe is the Foundation Chair**

**Place: Houston Community College Southwest HCC West Loop Auditorium, Room 101**

**5601 West Loop South @ Pin Oak Park, Houston, TX 77082**

**For a registration open the following file:**

**Foundation Seminar Registration Form 2008-10-18 v2.doc**

### **MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **Pearland**

**Tuesday @ noon**

Golfcrest Country Club 2501 Country Club Drive

#### **LaPorte**

**Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.**

St John Episcopal Church Broadway @ Ave. G

#### **Pasadena South**

**Wednesday @ noon**

Baywood Country Club 5500 Genoa Red Bluff

#### **Friendswood**

**Wednesday @ noon**

Village on the Park Retirement Center 400 E. Park-  
wood

#### **Seabrook**

**Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.**

Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway

#### **League City**

**Thursday @ noon**

Estaban's Fiesta Shack 131 League Street

#### **Pasadena**

**Friday @ noon**

First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy

#### **Make up @ an E-club**

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdf s/eclub\\_list.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdf s/eclub_list.pdf)

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- Las Colinas Custom Interiors (Rae De Castro)
- Lexus of Clear Lake — Joey Dupuis (\$2,500)
- Earl & Terrilee Maudlin (\$10,000)
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- Merrill Lynch (Jerry & Bill Smith)
- MRI Technologies (Tim Kropp)
- Prosperity Bank (Mark Humphrey)
- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)
- State Farm Insurance— Johnny R. White, Agent
- Texas Citizens Bank (Mike Cornett)
- Texas Wealth Management (Mike Hesse)
- Gene & Donna Tromblee (\$2,500)
- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys (Marc Schneider)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Club Board of Directors .....3rdTue @ 7 a.m.  
 RNASA Committee ..... 3rd Thur @  
 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 2008 ..... October 25 All Day  
 District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles, LA

Apr 30 — May 2, 2009

Rotary Space Award Dinner .....May 8, 2009  
 100th RI Convention  
 Birmingham, England ..... June 21 — 24, 2009

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Shrimporee .....	Jon McKinnie
Springoree .....	Steve Owens
Sponsors .....	Scott Rainey
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Rotaract .....	Ted Cummings
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Health & Safety .....	Jennifer Keller
Scholarships .....	Belinda Skloss
Rotary Foundation .....	David Coney
SCRC Endowment Foundation .....	Bob Wren
Ambassadorial Scholars .....	???
GSE Activities .....	Bill Geissler
International Youth Exchange .....	Dick Meyer
World Health Foundation .....	Dick Kidder
Excellence in Education .....	David Coney
Safety/Law Enforcement .....	Phil Sandlin
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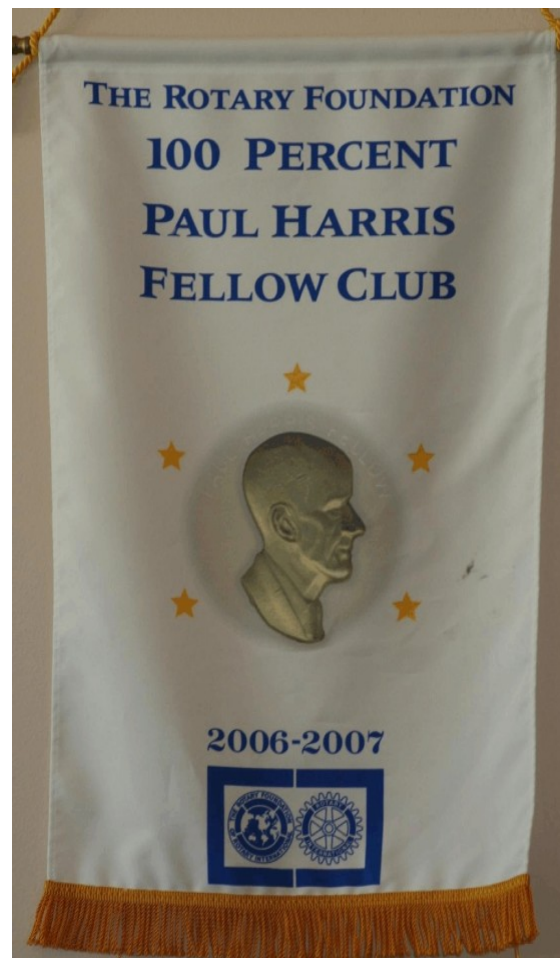
## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION TOUR TO INDIA

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

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[eichejl@comcast.net](mailto:eichejl@comcast.net)



**Make it true again in 2008-2009**





President Mike Hernandez exchanges club banners with Sweden's exchange student Sofia Berglund.

### *Sunshine —*



- Hilmar Zeissig proudly announces the birth of his 3rd grandson, Victor Ilya Zeissig, born Aug 19, 2008 in Boston MA, to his oldest son, Philipp and his wife Anna. His middle name "Ilya" is after Anna's Russian father. Congratulations to Hilmar and his family.
- With pride and joy, Geoff Atwater and wife share with Rotary friends that Thomas, their scholar-athlete son, has started his first year at the UT-Houston Medical School in the Med Center. As an added bonus, Geoff says that he was able to watch one of Thomas' dissection videos recently.

### *Showers —*



*No submissions this week. Don't you want your fellow Rotarians to console you?*

**Can you identify these SCRC Members?  
Answers on page 3.**









# Rotary Resources: *click your way into the Rotary World*

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

## 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](http://www.rotary.org) for ideas).....Sep 8<sup>th</sup>  
**International Chocolate Day** (eat a year's worth).....Sep 13<sup>th</sup>  
**International Day of Peace** *paix, paz, pokoj, hoa binh, etc.*.....Sep 21<sup>st</sup>  
**National Punctuation Day** (Really!!).....Sep 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year begins at sundown**.....Sep 29<sup>th</sup>



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August 18, 2008

Mr. Geoff Atwater  
Treasurer  
Rotary National Awards  
for Space Achievement  
P.O. Box 58009  
Houston, TX 77258

Dear Mr. Atwater:

On behalf of Universities Space Research Association I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for Rotary NASA's generous donation of \$11,000 to USRA's Educational Programs in Houston, Texas.

Your donation will be used to provide support to Texas Aerospace Scholars students who have shown a career interest in space research or space science education.

Your donation is tax deductible within the limits imposed by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). USRA is classified as a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization and acknowledges that no goods or services were provided to you in return for this contribution.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Senter  
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Cc: Barbara Hammond, USRA Houston  
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July 7, 2008

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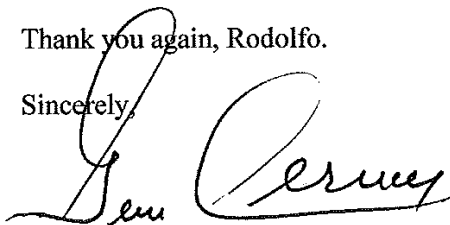
Dear Rodolfo:

Your letter of June 5, 2008, advising the RNASA Foundation donation of \$10,000 in my name to the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation "blew me away!" I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the RNASA Foundation, and I thank you so very much for this special consideration.

I have already notified VADM Gerald L. Hoewing at the Naval Aviation Museum Foundation, and I am most certain you will be hearing from him personally in the very near future.

Thank you again, Rodolfo.

Sincerely,



Eugene A. Cernan

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cc: VADM Gerald L. Hoewing



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August 14, 2008

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Dear Mr. Atwater,

In May 2011, the United States Navy will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Naval Aviation and the adventurous spirit of early aviation pioneers. Along with this historic event, the doors will open on the much anticipated *National Flight Academy* located aboard NAS Pensacola and adjacent to the National Naval Aviation Museum.

We thank you for your support of this world-class educational venue. Your generosity has been critical to our success. The past year has seen great progress on this exciting project. After initial design modifications, final Navy approval for the National Flight Academy is moving forward. Currently, we are awaiting signature from the Secretary of the Navy, and anticipate approval will be received shortly, allowing us to begin construction in early 2009.

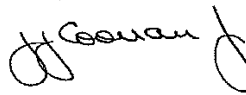
The future looks bright as we continue to focus on the National Flight Academy's mission of inspiring youth to pursue science, technology, engineering and math in their academic studies and to stimulate their interest in aviation as a career.

Your personal commitment to the development of the National Flight Academy is sincerely appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and for sharing our enthusiasm!

Sincerely,



Gerald L. Hoewing  
VADM, USN (Ret)  
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Naval Aviation Museum Foundation



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