



# The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
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Meeting Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club  
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## PROGRAMS:

**Today --- EunHye Kong - Ambassadorial Scholar from Korea & Jeff Thiebert - The Concord Coalition**  
**Apr. 16th - Ken Cox - The Future of Humans in Space**  
**Apr. 23rd - David Coney - Presentation of Paul Harris Fellowships**  
**Apr. 30th - Lisa Hamilton - Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake**  
**May 7th - Excellence in Education Awards**  
**May 14th. - Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve Bank**  
**May 21st - Walter Branson, Brazosport RC - update on the work in Guerro, Mexico**  
**May 28th - **NO MEETING****  
**June 4th - Texas Veterans Museum**  
**June 11th - Firefighter of the Year Award**  
**June 18th - Rice & U of H Football coaches**  
**June 25th - Installation of Officer & Directors**

## Say Happy Birthday to ----

Ken Gurry.....Apr 15  
**Paul Harris.....Apr 19**  
Dennis Dillon.....Apr 24  
Dick Meyer.....Apr 30

### PROGRAMS CHAIR 2007-2008

**P. E. Dick Gregg, III is looking for anyone interested in being programs chair. If you are interested, please contact Mark Humphrey, Director in charge.**



## Agenda

**Luncheon Begins .....11:45**  
**Call to Order .....12:00**  
**Song .....Debby McBride**  
**Invocation ..Carlos Villagomez**  
**Pledge .....**  
**4-Way Test .....**  
**Introductions .....**  
**Announcements .....12:10**  
**Program .....12:30**  
**Adjourn .....1:00**

### SCRC Fellowships all @ 6:30 p.m.

Apr 10 .... Panera Bread 19305 Gulf Fwy - NE Cnr  
Apr 24 .....District Conference  
May 08 ..... Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.  
May 22 ..... Bailey's NASA Pkwy  
Jun 05 .... Buffalo Wild Wings 528 Bay Area Blvd.  
Jun 19 ..... Star Fire Grill 2412 Bay Area Blvd.

**For information on the Guerrero Mexico Eye Clinic Project, go to the following site. It is well worth the look. Also, ask Johnny White and Pat Doughty about their experience.**

<http://guerreroclinic.org/>



# Gov. Suzi's Calendar

[www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm](http://www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm)

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## Suzi Says.....

### **"Every Rotarian, Every Year"**

Support the **Rotary Foundation** as a sustaining member by donating \$100 each year.

### Definition of an Effective Rotary Club:

*Effective Rotary Clubs --*

1. *Sustain and/or grow their membership base.*
2. *Implement successful service projects in their community & communities in other countries.*
3. *Support The Rotary Foundation, both financially and through program participation.*
4. *Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.*



**Rotary Theme  
2006-2007**

**PolioPlus**



**Rotary International**

## *The Rotarian*

**Have you read the April Issue?**



- ✓ **April is Magazine Month. Share your issue with a prospective member.**
- ✓ **Look at the calendar on page 12. Does Pres. Geoff resemble Paul Harris?**
- ✓ **Page 13. A very beneficial article on diabetes.**
- ✓ **WATER WATER every where nor a drop to drink. See page 38 for a very compelling need.**
- ✓ **Remember, when you are finished reading, turn your issue into the check-in desk for use by the Red Badge Committee.**

**The Rotary Motto:**  
*Service Above Self*

## *Events Calendar*

- Club Board of Directors....3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees  
.....2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Rotary Foundation Committee ... last Wed. of month
- District 5890 Conference in Puerto Villarta, Mexico ..... April 26-29, 2007
- RI Convention, Salt Lake City .....June 2007

### OFFICERS

**President: Geoff Atwater**  
**President Elect: Dick Gregg, III**  
**Secretary: Mike Hernandez**  
**Treasurer: Gary Johnson**  
**Sgt @ Arms: Rafael Lugo**

### DIRECTORS

Club Administration:	Mark Humphrey
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Community Svc A	Tony Bloomfield
Community Svc B	Pam Culpepper
International Svc A	Jerrold Dewease
International Svc B	Dick Kidder
Vocational Service	Art Wood

### OTHERS

Bill Lowes	Programs
Attendance	Murray Epstein
Bulletin Editor	Billy Smith
Photographer	Bob Mitchell
Song Leader	Debby McBride
Pianist	Job Open
Laura Hale	Red Badgers

### DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Suzie Howe	2006-2007
Billy Weseman	1993-1994
Floyd Boze	1981-1982

### DISTRICT POSITIONS

**Suzi Howe, Dist Directory Chair**  
**Suzi Howe, Finance Comm. Chair**  
**Suzi Howe, DG Nom. Comm'09-'10 Ex Officio**  
**Hilmar Ziessig, Co-Chair International Service**  
**Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Co-Chair**  
**Art Wood, Youth Exchange Treasurer**

## MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

### Tuesday @ noon

**Pearland**  
**Golfcrest Country Club**  
**2501 Country Club Drive**

**LaPorte @ 12:10 p.m.**  
**St John Episcopal Church**  
**Broadway @ Ave. G**

### Wednesday @ noon

**Pasadena South**  
**Baywood Country Club**  
**5500 Genoa Red Bluff**

### Friendswood @ noon

**Village on the Park**  
**Retirment Center**  
**400 E. Parkwood**

### Thursday @ &:7:00 a.m.

**Seabrook**  
**Lakewood Yacht Club**  
**2425 NASA Parkway**

### Thursday @ noon

**League City**  
**Estaban's Fiesta Shack**  
**131 League Street**

### Friday @ noon

**Pasadena**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
**1062 Farimont Pkwy**

### Make up @ an E-club

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

### *The Blastoff Staff*

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**5:00 p.m. Wednesday**  
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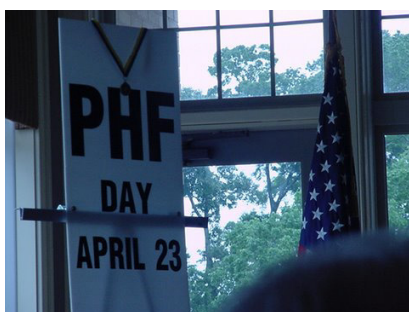


## PICTURES FROM THE APRIL 2ND MEETING & THE SPRINGOREE

*photos by Bob Mitchell & Pam Culpepper*



*David Coney talks about Paul Harris Fellows.*



*April 23rd has been designated Paul Harris Fellow Day in SCRC. Fellows, wear your medallion.*



*Mike Hesse reports on a very successful Springoree. Estimated revenue \$20k.*



*Micki Czernik presents a Paul Harris Fellowship to her friend Jennifer Keller*



*Our speaker, Paul Waldner, presented his case against lawsuit reform.*



***IS THERE ANY DOUBT THE  
SPRINGOREE IS FUN, FUN, FUN!  
MARK YOU CALENDAR FOR A REPEAT  
IN SPRING 2008.  
GREAT JOB, MIKE AND TEAM!!!!***

### Gerrero, MX Eye Clinic



**Now, for responsive humor. The following is the only submission so far and comes via Steve Waldner:**

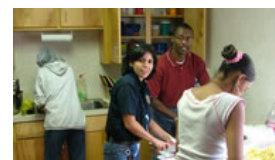
While suturing a cut on the hand of a 75-year old Texas rancher, whose hand was caught in a gate while working cattle, the doctor struck up a conversation with the old man. Eventually the topic got around to former Texas Governor, George W. Bush and his elevation to the White House. The old Texan said, "Well, ya know, Bush is a 'post turtle'." Not being familiar with the term, the doctor asked him what a 'post turtle' was. The old rancher said, "When you're driving down a country road and you come across a fence post with a turtle balanced on top, that's a post turtle." The old man saw a puzzled look on the doctor's face, so he continued to explain . . . "You know

he didn't get there by himself, he doesn't belong there, he doesn't know what to do while he's up there, and you just want to help the dumb ##### get down."

***Ok, guys & gals, Pres. Geoff solicited these. I claim no responsibility and make no apology. If you like this, send me more. If not, send me something newsworthy. I need to fill the space.***

*Your editor.*

**more Guerrero**





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**District Conference April 26-29th**