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# A message from Pres. Jon:

Fellow Rotarians,

As a child, I was always fascinated with stars at night. I remember lying in the grass gazing at a sky full of stars singing the rhyme, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star. How I wonder what you are? Up above the world so high, like a diamond in the sky ..."

My fascination with science and space continued. Three months after Kay & I were married, we spent the night with Kay's parents on July 20, 1969. The Apollo 11 crew Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and "Buzz" Aldrin, had succeeded in setting the lunar-lander on the moon. Seems like about 10:30 that night, Commander Neil Armstrong became the first man to step on the moon. He said the historic words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." I still vividly remember that night.

To serve as your incoming President of "Space Center Rotary Club" is a greater honor than any I have ever received. To be associated with the magical name "Space Center" and the pioneers of space travel is a dream beyond imagination.

Another childhood rhyme goes "Star light, star bright, first star I see tonight. I wish I man, I wish I might have the wish I wish tonight".

Space Center Rotarians, my deepest wishes have been answered today. Come walk with me on this amazing journey through Rotary's "Service Above Self" experience. With my humblest appreciation, I look forward to serving you.

Yours in Rotary Service, Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010





Rotary International President 2009-2010



John Kenny



Rotary District 5890 Governor 2009-2010 **Ed Charlesworth** 



Chris Schneider Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center District Assistant Governor

Past District Governors From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze 1981-1982





Billy Weseman 1993-1994



Suzi Howe 2006-2007

Service Above Self

# Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



July 6—Job Fair for Rotarians Jon McKinnie, Club President July 13—

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.

**JULY IS LITERACY MONTH** 

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#### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

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 14thDOS MAS, 103 W. Bay Area Blvd.July 28thMELY'S SEABROOK, 3659 NASA Pkwy.August 11thB J's, 515 West Bay Area Blvd.August 24thCOLESSEUM RESTAURANT, 16608 El Camino Real

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#### DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

August is Membership Month, a special time of the year when the entire Rotary family focuses on Membership Recruitment & Retention. What better way to kick-start your membership efforts than attending the District Membership Seminar at North Shore Senior High. Registration starts at 8:00AM; Seminar 8:55AM - 1:00pm

**Club Presidents** are encouraged to personally lead a delegation of their club membership committee, along with President-elect, secretary, program chair and any other interested members. (Especially the "Newbees")

Our District Membership Chair, **Ibrahim "Abby" Abou-Awdi**, has developed an agenda of top speakers who will offer creative and innovative ideas to help your club meet its March 31, 2010 target. Take this opportunity to spend quality time with District leaders, your Asst Governor and your Area Membership Chair.

Location: North Shore Senior High, 353 North Castlegory, Houston, TX 77049

Ibrahim "Abby" Abou-Awdi, District Membership Chair aawdi@galenaparkisd.com (281) 850-0072

"Without Membership, Nothing Else Works"!!!

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