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The Rotary Club of Space Center  
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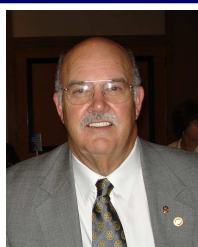
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Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider  
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center  
District Assistant Governor

## A message from Pres. Jon:



*One Giant Leap, 40 Years Later*

*On July 20 1969, Kay & I (newly weds of 3 months) spent the night at her parents, and I vividly remember staying up that night to watch Neil Armstrong tentatively step off the lunar lander onto the surface of the moon. Neil's famous words, "One Small Step for Man, One Giant Leap for Mankind" still resonate in my mind.*

*Somewhere in the middle of the night, I lost 40 years and never saw it happen. Did they fly by you at warp speed too?? Of all the things I've lost, I miss my mind the most!!*

*This week we are celebrating one of the greatest events in the history of mankind, the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11's successful placement of Neil Armstrong & Buzz Aldrin on the moon. Many events are scheduled throughout the community.*

*This week's activities are also very special to so many members of Space Center Rotary Club, who were so intimately involved in the Gemini and Apollo programs. These space pioneers are reserved in expounding their accomplishments, but we at Space Center Rotary are so proud, knowing the Apollo program success was directly influenced by each and every one. Way to go guys and gals!!!*

*Yours in Rotary Service, as always*

*Jon McKinnie*

*President 2009-2010*

Past District Governors  
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze  
1981-1982



Billy Weseman  
1993-1994

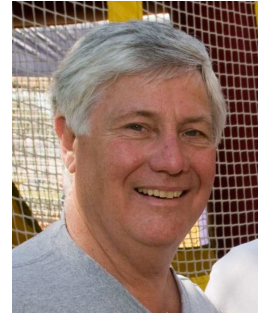


Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

# Programs —

*John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010*



*July 20— “Non-Linear Thinking for a Non-Linear World”  
Dr. Jack Bacon, Futurist*

*July 27—TBD*

*Aug 3—”The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”  
Asst Gov Chris Schneider*

*Aug 10—Shrimporee 2009  
John Wilson, Chair*

*Aug 17—District Governor’s Official Club Visit  
Dist Gov Ed Charlesworth*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

**Bob Richmond ..... July 18**  
**Rodolfo Gonzalez ..... July 28**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.  
WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.**

**JULY IS LITERACY MONTH**

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### EVENTS CALENDAR

Endowment Foundation Board ..... 2nd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.  
Club Board of Directors ..... 3rd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.  
RNASA Committee ..... 3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.  
Rotary Foundation Committee ..... last Wednesday @ 7 a.m.  
Membership Committee ..... 2nd Monday @ 1:15 p.m.  
**2009 Shrimporee ..... Saturday, October 17th**

### 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](mailto:jewilson102@comcast.net)

### SCRC SOCIALS [6:30 p.m.]

July 28th ..... MELY'S SEABROOK, 3659 NASA Pkwy.  
August 11th ..... B J's, 515 West Bay Area Blvd.  
August 24th ..... COLESSEUM RESTAURANT, 16608 El Camino Real

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Mike Duckworth**

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**DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR—Aug 8**

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](mailto:aawdi@galenaparkisd.com)  
(281) 850-0072

**"Without Membership, Nothing Else Works"!!!**

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To: Jon R. McKinnie, Rotary Club of Space Center

I would like to ask for your assistance to promote our GSE team trip to India (Jan 31 - Mar 2, 2010) at your next club meeting. Additional information and applications are available on the district website, [www.spacecenterrotary.org](http://www.spacecenterrotary.org)

NEEDED. Rotarian to lead our GSE team to India in Feb. Be part of one of the most fun and rewarding experiences in Rotary. Lead District 5890's GSE team to India in Feb. **Deadline for Applications is July 22.**

Thanks for your assistance,

Nick Giannone

GSE Co-Chair

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979-299-5923 (Cell/Work)

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Rae DeCastro**

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CLEAR LAKE**

**Joey Dupuis**

**EARL  
&  
TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN**



Recently, I had the privilege to attend a presentation by Drayton McLane, Houston Astros owner, at the Houston Rotary Club. I found Drayton very thoughtful, values character and attentive to conversation.

During Drayton's presentation, he outlined 4 principles that he has followed throughout his career.

1. Dare to Dream  
(Set your goals high & go for it)
2. Operate Out of your Imagination  
(Think outside the box)
3. Seek Adversity  
(The lines are shorter)
4. Walk with Elephants  
(The movers and shakers)

Scott Rainey, as always, makes a rousing pitch for sponsorship for this year's Shrim-poree.

Scott has already raised over \$26,000 in sponsorship support, but there is tsill a long way to go to reach our goals for this year.

So, please, consider supporting our out-standing community projects again this year.

And if you have never been a sponsor, now is the time of year to step forward and com-mit.



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**Tim Kropp**

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**Marilyn Watkins**

**SPACE CENTER  
AUTOMOTIVE**

**Jerrold Dewease**

## **Shrimporee 2009— "The Future of Children is in Our Hands"**

In keeping with RI Pres John Kenny's theme, "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", this year's Shrimporee theme is "The Future of Children is in Our Hands". Each year, the Shrimporee is our major fundraising event, lots of food & beverages, shrimp and barbeque brisket lunch, live and silent auctions, entertainment, games for the kids and great fellowship.

This year's activities include educational, interactive presentations that intrigued kids and educated parents, i.e. Kids ID Kits, CPR Training, Healthy Choices, Visual Awareness.

Each year, the Shrimporee is our major fundraising event, lots of food & beverages, shrimp and barbeque brisket lunch, live and silent auctions, entertainment, games for the kids and great fellowship.

As is traditional, this year's President— Elect, John Wilson, will serve as Shrimporee Chair and Club Secretary, Mike Dennard, will serve as Co-Chair.

Every member is required to participate in the Shrimporee activities. There are over 50 committees charged with conducting this major event, so step forward and commit to one or more of the committees. To follow the details activities, visit the Shrimporee 2009 website. (See below)

### **Shrimporee 2009 Website**

Just wanted to encourage you to take advantage of the Shrimporee 2009 website. It is maintained current as new information is received. However consider the committee assignments as tentative until the committee chair contacts you. Some of the names on the committees came from the job fair.

The status of the Shrimporee Teams' goals are on the web site in detail, summary form, a graph of the team's progress, and a graph of all of the teams progress toward the \$100,000 target. Coaches, keep Scott informed so we can keep the status up to date.

The Committees and Committee Members on the web site offer a status of where all the club members are assigned for the Shrimporee. Click on Committee Members; find your name and where you are assigned. Then go to Committees and look for the area where you are assigned. There you will find the committee chair listed and all the members of the committee. If you want to work, look the Committees over and contact the chair about the job and hours. If you cannot work, please let me know so I can note such on the listing. Also consider the assignment tentative until you hear from your chair.

The calendar is now much more comprehensive. It also is in two formats using the same information. You can review it by date or by topic. For instance if you want to know the meeting dates, click on Calendar by subject and look for meetings. The calendar is another area where I need you to provide correct input so that the information is correct. This is extremely helpful for new members and new Shrimporee chairs.

You can access the website by clicking on the Club's web site and then Shrimporee under Club Links or by clicking on <http://www.spacecenterrotary.info/Shrimporee2009.htm>

The next meeting is July 23 THURSDAY. New chairs should come and get acclimated to the process.

Jerrold G. DeWease  
Rotary Club of Space Center

**STATE FARM  
INSURANCE**

**Johnny White**

**GENE  
&  
DONNA  
TROMBLEE**

**U OF H  
CLEAR LAKE**

**Ted Cummings**

**Space Center Rotary tops Community Service because of you!**

Our club has established a remarkable presence at the newly renovated Interfaith Caring Ministries (ICM) facilities. ICM assists the CCISD community members when in need, with food, clothing, school supplies, hurricane disaster relief, senior outreach, after school youth programs, financial training, mental health counseling, and much more. More at: [www.icmtx.org](http://www.icmtx.org).

For the following, please consider coming to help, or to encourage the good work.

**We have two (2) short-term projects to complete for ICM, as follows:**

**PROJECT #1 - Sort & store food for the ICM Food Pantry (Prior email from J. McKinnie and announced at 7/13/09 club meeting)**

The ICM Food Pantry has received an overwhelming amount of food donations from local businesses. It must be organized quickly to accommodate effective distribution to the community.

**Remaining Dates/Times:**

Sunday July 19 4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Saturday July 25 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Sunday July 26 4:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

**Location:** Interfaith Caring Ministries Food Pantry

**151 Park Avenue**

League City, Texas

Just down the street from the League City Park near the railroad at Main Street, east of Highway 3.

**Bring:** Work gloves

**PROJECT #2 (Completed July 18) - Paint the kitchen/break room at ICM's 2nd Resale Shop**

Thanks to Pat Doughty, Don Kirchoff and Grant Tregre, we completed the painting assignment at ICM's 2nd location on Hwy 270.

Please contact Pat Doughty 713-515-8546, [patdoughty8@gmail.com](mailto:patdoughty8@gmail.com) so she can plan the work, and will know how many refreshments to bring.

## Environmental Awareness for Space Center Rotarians

(Courtney Lindberg, Chair)

Here are some easy tools for you to green yourself through sustainable practices:

### Save money and energy

Turn your air conditioning down or off when leaving the house to save money and energy. There has been debate about how long you have to be out of your house to warrant turning down the air; some say it takes as much energy to cool down a house after being out with the air off for extended periods of time than setting your air conditioning at a slightly warmer temperature than you have it set at while at home.

Here are some tips to remember about air conditioning:

1. If you are running errands and are in and out of the house all day, turn your air conditioning thermostat to 78 or higher. Estimates of savings from turning your air to 78 range around \$50 a month or more.
2. People arriving home from work in the 5-6 pm hour are coming home at the warmest part of the day and their house might take additional time to cool off. By setting thermostats above 80 and closing drapes, your house will stay much cooler during the day and require less a/c to cool it off upon your return.
3. If you are going to be out of your house for more than 8 hours or so (more than a full day of work) then shutting your air conditioning off would be a good idea.

We can all be more forward thinking and extend the influence of these ideas to our daily lives. We can all tote a refillable bottle around instead of filling the landfill with plastic. Packing lightly when we fly not only saves jet fuel, but our backs too. Unplugging items not only saves energy, but can avert a fire safety issue also.

### 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11's Placement of First Man on the Moon

On July 20 1969, the Apollo 11 crew Neil Armstrong, Commander; Michael Collins, command module pilot; and "Buzz" Aldrin, lunar module pilot, succeeded in setting the lunar lander on the moon. Armstrong's historic words, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." will resonate forever.

