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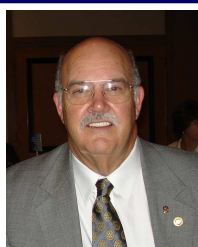


Rotary District 5890
Governor 2009-2010
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

A message from Pres. Jon:



Space Center Rotary Club is All About Community Service. Check out our outstanding projects on page 6

This weekend, we finished our 4 week commitment to provide support for Interfaith Christian Ministries.

This was one of those projects that required no money from your pocket, just sweat equity. One of those feel good projects Our activities included re-stripping the parking lot, painting several offices and stocking their impressive food bank. Pat Doughty and her group of volunteers did a great job and ICM really appreciated our assistance.

Plus, as you know one of our major beneficiaries this year will be the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. We will be providing play equipment and games for the children to enjoy while waiting for treatment. I am pleased to report that District 5890's Grant Committee approved our application this week for matching District Simplified Grant funds and agreed to provide an additional \$2,000 for our project.

As Billy Smith says, "Space Center Rotary Club is known as the Can Do club". I am so proud of everyone's re-commitment to another outstanding year. Thanks.

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

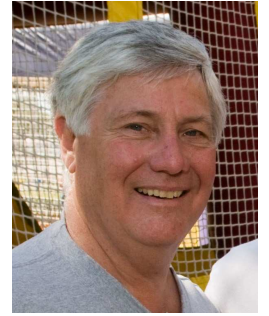


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



*July 27— "Succeeding with Difficult People"
Christine Donovan*

*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.**

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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 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 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**

**HOPPING EYE
ASSOCIATES
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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
(281) 850-0072

"Without Membership, Nothing Else Works"!!!

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

NEEDED. Rotarian to serve on our GSE team to India in Feb. Be part of one of the most fun and rewarding experiences in Rotary. **Deadline for Applications is August 1.**

Thanks for your assistance,

Nick Giannone
GSE Co-Chair
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CLEAR LAKE**

Joey Dupuis

**EARL
&
TERRILEE
MAUDLIN**



This weekend, we completed our 4 week community service project at Interfaith Christian Ministries. 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.

Our activities included

- Re-stripping their parking lot
- Painting offices on Hwy 270
- Stocking food pantry

Thanks so much to Pat Doughty, Project Chair, and all the volunteers. ICM really appreciated everyone's assistance.



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ASSOCIATES**

Jon McKinnie

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Tim Kropp

**SEABREEZE
EMBROIDERY**

Marilyn Watkins

**SPACE CENTER
AUTOMOTIVE**

Jerrold Dewease

**STATE FARM
INSURANCE**

Johnny White

**GENE
&
DONNA
TROMBLEE**

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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities Include:

Club Service –

Weekly Lunch Meetings on Mondays
Social Functions with Spouses and Families
Assisting & Supporting Fellow Rotarians in Time of Need
Networking with Fellow Rotarians

Vocational Service –

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
CCISD Teacher of the Year Awards
Distinguished Public Service Awards
Scholastic Scholarships to Local Students
Drug Awareness Essay Scholarships to Local Students

Community Service –

Armand Bayou Nature Center Trails
Boy & Girl Scouts of America
Bay Area YMCA
Bay Area Turning Point – Star of Hope
Camp Be an Angel
CCISD Project Graduation
Communities in Schools
Health & Safety Projects
Interact & Rotaract
Interfaith Christian Ministries
Senior Citizens
Shriner's Childrens Hospital
St. Vincent's House—Galveston
Still Water Sports Camp
Volunteer Houston Commander Summer Camp
Support for Space Center Rotary Foundation

International Service –

Egyptian Shelter for Girls
International Youth Exchange
Group Study Exchange & Ambassadorial Scholars
Water Project Scholarship—Central America
Water Purification Project—Bolivia
Engineers Without Borders
Clinics & Orphanage in Mexico
Polio Plus Eradication Worldwide
Support for the Rotary Int'l Foundation