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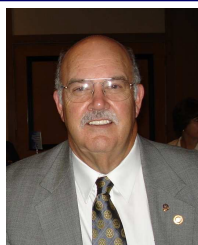


Rotary District 5890  
Governor 2009-2010  
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider  
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center  
District Assistant Governor

## A message from Pres. Jon:



*"District Governor's Official Visit"*

*Monday is a very special day; District Governor Ed Charlesworth and his wife, Robin, make their "Official Visit" to Space Center Rotary Club. Every year, I am amazed at the continuum of outstanding District Governors and DG Ed will certainly carry on the tradition.*

*District Governor Ed will share with us his vision for this Rotary year, his goals and expectations for the district.*

*In turn, we will share our goals and expectations with DG Ed & Robin. We will outline the 23 local community service projects and 8 International projects that Space Center is committed to support for 2009-2010. We will show our continued support for RI Foundation and Polio Plus Challenge.*

*We will put our best foot forward and make DG Ed & Robin feel the warmth of our caring for those less fortunate and feel our passion to help those in need. Such is the life of Space Center Rotarians.*

*We want DG Ed & Robin to know that Space Center is a "can do" Rotary Club. Space Center was honored to be selected "Large Club of the Year" for 2008-09, and will make every effort to repeat.*

*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

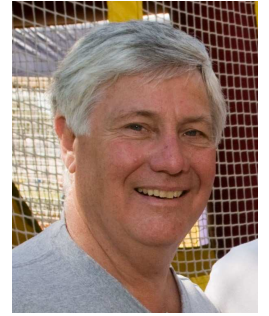


Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

# Programs —

*John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010*



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

*Aug 24— TBD*

*Aug 31— TBD*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Delia Stephens	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Murray Epstein	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Hector A. Marin	August 5 <sup>th</sup>
Jennifer Keller	August 14 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Donnelley	August 16 <sup>th</sup>
Jon McKinnie	August 25 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Waldner	August 26 <sup>th</sup>

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

# AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

AMOCO FEDERAL  
CREDIT UNION

BASTION  
TECHNOLOGIES  
  
Mike Hernandez

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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.

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)

### FAMILY OF ROTARY SOCIALS [6:30 p.m.]

August 24th ..... COLESSEUM RESTAURANT, 16608 El Camino Real

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BANK  
Mike Duckworth**

**HOPPING EYE  
ASSOCIATES  
Vissett Sun**

### **DISTRICT CORNER**

The District has been approached by The Brookwood Community to partner with them in a very unique vocational program, to underwrite their Poinsettia Crop. As one of their major business enterprises, every year Brookwood citizens grow and sell Poinsettias. This year they will plant more than 40,000 Poinsettias. Every Rotary dollar invested in this project will result in a 5-fold for Brookwood.

I know that Clubs struggle every year in trying to find a vocational project in order to obtain their Presidential Citation, and this would be great project to meet this category of service. There are three ways in which a Club and/or its members can participate. First, a Club or individual can make an outright donation. The Galleria Area Club has already stepped up and made an outright donation. Second, Clubs or individuals can purchase the Poinsettias at the wholesale price and sell them as a fundraiser and donate the proceeds from the sales back to the Brookwood Community. The third method is for individuals or Clubs to buy Poinsettias for \$15.00 each.

Additionally, your Club can participate in a "hands on" service project. On August 18, 2009, the citizens will be planting this year's crop. They are inviting the Rotary Clubs of our District to come out to Brookwood and help plant. Additionally, when the Poinsettias are ready to be shipped, District Rotarians are invited to come help prepare them for shipping.

If you have any questions regarding this wonderful service opportunity, or would like a program at your Club to learn more about the project, you can contact District Governor Nominee Rhonda Walls Kerby at 832.437.0973 or Gary Mathews, Development Officer with the Brookwood Community, at 281.375.2192.

Honduras is the third poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is currently undergoing politically motivated sanctions that are hurting the already needy population. This proposal is aimed at delivering 1,000,000 servings of rice and beans to the desperately needy people in the Tegucigalpa, Honduras thru a joint effort of Rotary District 5890, Rotary clubs of Tegucigalpa, the Rotary districts/clubs in Texas, and Hunger Plus. RI President John Kenney and the Rotary Action Group (RAG) on Hunger and Malnutrition Have clearly identified Hunger as major world problem and a priority for Rotary. This project will help the needy in Honduras and serve as a model for similar projects in other needy areas. Click on story heading for more detail information.

Clubs and Districts in Texas and Honduras will jointly raise local funds and pool their resources. Hunger Plus will act as facilitator for the project. Funds will be used for parching 44,000# of beans and 44,000# of rice. They will be shipped to Tegucigalpa, Honduras and be bagged in 5# bags with the Rotary and Hunger Plus logos printed on the bags. The Club Ritario de Tegucigalpa will be the lead in all in country activities. Needy areas to be served will be identified by the 7 Rotary clubs in Tegucigalpa areas. On one day all the clubs will go out and distribute the food to the needy. Press and TV coverage will highlight Rotary and the effort to help the needy. Rotary leadership is encouraged to participate in the distribution.

Let's take on the challenge to feed 1,000,000 meals to those in extreme poverty in Honduras. The meals are less that \$.04 per meal. If a club or individual decides to help then:

- \$10 = 250 meals
- \$20 = 500 meals
- \$30 = 750 meals
- \$40 = 1000 meals
- \$50 = 1250 meals
- \$100 = 2500 meals
- \$200 = 5000 meals
- \$300 = 7500 meals
- \$400 = 10,000 meals

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TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN**

## District Governor Edward A. Charlesworth 2009 - 2010



District Governor Ed Charlesworth is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in private practice with his wife, Robin, in northwest Houston. After earning a doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Houston in 1980, he completed his internship and post-doctoral fellowship programs at Baylor College of Medicine. He has been the Director of Willowbrook Psychological Associates since 1982. He is the author or co-author of several books, including Stress Management: A Comprehensive Guide to Wellness and Mind Over Money. In 2005, Ballantine Publishing issued a completely updated and revised 20th anniversary edition of his book, Stress Management: A Comprehensive Guide to Wellness, dedicated to Rotary International and introducing coping tools related to service and meaningful pursuits.

His professional memberships have included the American Psychological Association, Texas Psychological Association, Houston Psychological Association (past member of the Board of Directors), the Biofeedback Society of Harris County (past president), Biofeedback Society of Texas (past member of the Board of Directors), and the American Association of Psychophysiology and Biofeedback.

Ed is a strong believer in civic activities as a way of giving back to his community. He is a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Willowbrook (1984) and a Past President (1988-89). He has served as Community Service Chair, Club Service Chair, Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor and GSE coordinator. He was also honored as club Rotarian of the Year.

In District 5890, he has also served various positions, including District Conference Committee Chair, Group Study Exchange (GSE) Chair, District Mediation Chair, Friendship Exchange Committee Chair, Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, Disaster Relief Committee, and Rotary Alumni Foundation Chair. He was GSE Team Leader to Romania in 2000. Ed and Robin have hosted many Youth Exchange students and GSE team members through the years. Ed was a crew leader during the Jimmy Carter Work Week, during which 100 Habitat for Humanity homes were built. He has also served as Sergeant-at-Arms at PETS and Zone Institutes.

In addition, Ed is a Past President of the American Heart Association. He has received several citizenship commendations from the Houston Chief of Police for his participation with the Houston Police Bicycle Relay Team to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Robin has assisted the team by arranging home hosting with Rotarians across the U.S.A. and Canada for the bicycle teams.

Ed and Robin have been married for thirty-five years. They have two daughters: Brittany (age 25), who now lives in San Antonio and is a sales manager for Marriott Corporation; and Allison (age 20), who attends Texas Tech University. Ed met Robin at the University of Houston in an advanced level psychology course entitled "The Psychology of Emotions and Motivations". Robin holds a Masters Degree in Psychology and works with Ed in the private practice. Robin, also a Past President of Willowbrook Rotary (1998-99), served as District Literacy Chair for ten years. She has also served as Auction Chair for the premier fundraiser (2008) of the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts.

Both Ed and Robin enjoy traveling, wine-tasting, bicycling long distances on recumbent bikes, and sailing. Ed runs marathons and Robin walks half-marathons. Ed treks to Colorado annually for cross-country skiing. They hope to spend summers in Colorado after his year as Governor.

"We can all contribute something to this world to make it a better place "with our own two hands," and there is no better way to serve than with our fellow Rotarians."

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Ted Cummings

My Thoughts about the 2009-10 Rotary International Theme – ***“The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands”*** – By Ed Charlesworth, Rotary District 5890 Governor Elect

We are very fortunate to have an excellent Rotary International President for 09-10. John Kenny is an eloquent speaker, with a capacity to motivate while establishing goals that are both inspiring and achievable. It will be a pleasure to work together with each of you as we accomplish much in the coming year and follow the theme of ***“The future of Rotary is in Your Hands.”***



The more I reflected on his theme, the more I liked its ability to focus us on the importance of what we each do with the time we have to dedicate to making this a better world through our actions. First the word future is a word worthy of reflection. John Kennedy once said, ***“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”*** I would regret missing the enormous future potential for our Rotary District by only reflecting on our rich history or the excellent job DG Rhonda is currently doing. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin said, ***“The future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope.”***



I know of no other organization that can offer the world more hope. When things were not going as well as we would have liked during a National Immunization Day in India, I was able to sit down with the local Muslim spiritual leader and our immunization team leader to cross all religious and political barriers to form a working relationship that led to huge successes and changes the following day. Rotary can do this in a way few other organizations can do.

Abraham Lincoln once said, ***“The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.”*** I am fond of saying you ***“eat the elephant one bite at a time,”*** but old Abe’s phrasing is much more eloquent. If each day we can take a small bite of all those tasks we have been putting off that will make our Rotary club or District better and more relevant, then it will be a day well lived in our ***“Service above Self”*** lifestyles. Do a small thing every day. Call a member who has been ill. Invite a person to visit your club. Share your enthusiasm.

Now is the time to focus on how will we make Rotary relevant in our District and the world. Each and every Rotarian is important to our success as servants. Remember the words of Elaine Maxwell who said, "My will shall shape the future. Whether I fail or succeed shall be no man's doing but my own. I am the force; I can clear any obstacle before me or I can be lost in the maze. My choice; my responsibility; win or lose, only I hold the key to my destiny."

The second part of the theme made me reflect on hands. I have always liked the theme of hands in songs. Some songs speak of the aging hands of a benevolent mother, some of the rough hands of a working man. Guy Clark told us to, "always try to keep you heart connected to your wrist, cause everybody knows that you can't shake hands with a fist." But I thought the perfect anthem for our theme this year was a Jack Johnson's song "My own two hands." This first time I heard the song it grabbed me in a way few songs do.

Let's celebrate Rotary everyday. Let's share our own two hands to make the world a better place. Vernon Cooper said, "These days people seek knowledge, not wisdom. Knowledge is of the past, wisdom is of the future." Let us be wise as we reflect and take action to insure the future of Rotary in our club, district and world is relevant.

W. E. B. Du Bois said, "Now is the accepted time, not tomorrow, not some more convenient season. It is today that our best work can be done and not some future day or future year. It is today that we fit ourselves for the greater usefulness of tomorrow. Today is the seed time, now are the hours of work, and tomorrow comes the harvest."

Robin and I look forward to serving each of you in the year and years to come. Yours in Rotary service - Ed



## Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities

### **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 & Environmental Projects  
Interact & Rotaract  
Interfaith Caring Ministries  
Clear Lake Food Pantry  
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