

# the Blastoff

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## Official Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Space Center

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## August is Membership Month

### Message from President John: "Dog Days of Summer"



All the kids are headed back to school on Tuesday where Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent, will welcome 37,000 kids to CCISD school system. I'm kinda like the kids, "Where did the summer go"?? (And don't forget the new law, no cell phones in use while passing through a school zone).

Of course the heat is still with us, but the National Weather Service says we have reached the average temperature tipping point, now the average is headed south. Doesn't reflect on my thermometer.

It's hard to believe that the second month of our Rotary year is almost

history, the Dist. Governor has made his official visit and we have already completed 2 of our 24 community service projects.

All the committees have settled into their assignments at hand and are proceeding on schedule, most noticeably the Shrimporee Committee, which meets diligently every 2 weeks. John Wilson, PE & Shrimporee Chair, is doing an outstanding job, making sure everything is in place and all the activities are organized. It takes over 50 sub-committees to conduct a successful Shrimporee. Remember "everyone" must serve on a Shrimporee sub-committee, so step forward and assume your duty.

Yours in Rotary Service, as always,  
*Jon McKinnie,*  
President 2009 - 2010.



Rotary  
International  
President  
2009 - 2010

*John Kenny*



Rotary District  
5890 Governor  
2009 - 2010

*Ed  
Charlesworth*



Alvin, Seabrook,  
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Governor

*Chris  
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Past District Governors  
from SCRC



Dr. Floyd D. Boze  
1981 - 1982



Billy Weseman  
1993 - 1994



Suzi Howe  
2006 - 2007

Service Above Self

Say Happy Birthday to...

- Delia Stephens... Aug. 2nd
- Murray Epstein... Aug. 3rd
- Hector A. Marin... Aug. 5th
- Jennifer Keller... Aug. 14th
- Roger Donnelly... Aug. 16th
- Jon McKinnie... Aug. 25th
- Steve Waldner... Aug. 26th

Congratulations !

Events Calendar  
**2009**

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

Shrimporee  
Planning  
Meetings

@ JSCFCU  
5:30 PM

- 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)

Programs

**2009**



John Nugent, Chair

- Bay Area Habitat for Humanity..... August 24th
- Battleship Texas Foundation..... August 31st
- Labor Day Public Holiday..... September 7th**
- TBD..... September 14th
- Board Meeting..... September 15th
- TBD..... September 21st
- TBD..... September 28th

SCRC Socials

@ 6:30 PM

- Colesseum Restaurant..... August 25th  
16608 El Camino Real
- 888 Bistro..... September 15th  
16744 El Camino Real, 281.990.8888
- Abe's Cajun..... September 29th  
1080 Clear Lake City Blvd., 281.480.2237
- Mely's Seabrook..... October 13th  
3659 NASA Road 1, 281.532.6260

Roger Donnelly, Contact: [ridonnelly@aol.com](mailto:ridonnelly@aol.com)

## 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 will 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.

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**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

-District Corner End...

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## 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 Children's 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

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# Photo Gallery



**Last** Monday was a very special day, District Governor Ed Charlesworth's Official Visit. Club President, Jon McKinnie, met with DG Ed and AG Chris Schneider before the club meeting, presenting the clubs goals and expectations for this Rotary year, which included the following highlights:

- 5% Membership Growth
- 24 Community Service Projects
- 8 International Projects
- Continued Support for RI Foundation & SCR Foundation



**DG** Ed & his wife, Robin, were very complimentary to Space Center during their presentation. District 5890 has a very high regard for Space Center Rotary Club, because historically Space Center has always been a "can do" club who leads the way in supporting our community, the District and Rotary International.



**Dick** Meyer, Youth Chair, hosted the Youth Exchange incoming & outgoing students, along with their family, friends and sponsors. This is what Rotary is all about, bringing peace and understanding, one person at a time.



**President** Jon McKinnie presents a check to Clear Lake Food Pantry, accepted by Nancy Shaver.

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