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September is New Generation Month

Message from President Jon: "Pay It Forward"



This is the last club meeting in August, "Membership Month", but we must continue to reach out to our friends, relatives and business associates, encouraging them to consider becoming a Rotarian. Remember, you are not imposing a burden, but sharing a passion, the passion of giving back to our community, the pure purpose of Rotary. We all must give back to society, to our community and less fortunate communities around the world. If we do, then at the end of our journey, we can think, "Well done, I have made a difference during my time here on earth". I always compare this emotional decision to the Haley Joe Osmond movie, "Pay it Forward".

This coming weekend, we suddenly realize that summer's almost gone. (Boy, was that quick. Is it just me, or is time speeding by in a hurry for everyone?) While we bask in the dimming light, cooling temperatures (yeah, right), and recall vacations, special events, picnics, and barbecues that made the summer special, we must remember to have a safe holiday and take care when returning home.

Remember, we will not have a club meeting on Labor Day, Sep 7, but we will see each of you the next Monday, Sep 14. Have a safe and happy Labor Day.

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



Rotary
International
President
2009 - 2010

John Kenny



Rotary District
5890 Governor
2009 - 2010

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Charlesworth*



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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

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

Programs

2009



John Nugent, Chair

Battleship Texas Foundation..... August 31st
Labor Day Public Holiday..... September 7th
 TBD..... September 14th
 Board Meeting..... September 15th
 TBD..... September 21st
 TBD..... September 28th

Say Happy Birthday to...

John Wilson... Sep. 8th
 Scott Rainey... Sep. 8th
 Bill Lowes... Sep. 13th
 Stan Galanski... Sep. 17th
 Joan Skellenger... Sep. 22nd

Congratulations !

SCRC Socials

@ 6:30 PM

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
 Zio's..... October 27th
 820 W. Bay Area Blvd., 281.338.7800

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“New Generations Month – Theme for September”



Lord Byron wrote, “The days of our youth are the days of our glory.” For me, that is the line that springs to mind whenever Rotary’s youth programs are mentioned. In Rotary, September is New Generations Month – a time to focus our attention on our programs for youth and the role they play in shaping the Rotarians of tomorrow.

Our youth programs – Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange – are some of the most important programs of Rotary. I say this because of the unparalleled potential they have to influence young minds and souls toward peace, goodwill, and harmony. That potential is the greatest in youth because the experiences of our early years never leave us; they shape who we later become. In the words often attributed to St. Francis Xavier, “Give me a boy until he is seven, and I will give you the man.” For myself, I would give it a bit longer than that – but there is no doubt that the experiences of our youth have a greater formative power, and a greater ability to shape character, than any we may have in our adulthood.

When a teenager from the United States has the chance to travel to India to participate in a National Immunization Day, or when a student from Brazil spends a year studying in Japan, that person will be forever changed. These young people will have formed connections and affections that will endure. They will never think about their own country, or the world, in the same way again. Their perspective, their priorities, and their values will have been permanently shaped by that experience in a way that no later experiences will have the power to do. Your hard work ensures that these experiences continue to be possible – that these programs continue to be available, to be well run, and to earn the trust of the participants and their families.

The impressions of youth are strong, and they are lasting. There is never a second chance at them. We may grow and change as we get older, and we are surely changed by all of our experiences. But there is never another chance to build who we are. That happens only once: in our youth.

The days of our youth truly are the days of our glory – but through Rotary’s youth programs, those days become the glory of all of Rotary.

John Kenny
President, Rotary International





District Corner

District Ad Space Available

Now you can purchase an ad in District Governor Ed Charlesworth's Newsletter, District Directory, District Conference Program or District 5890 website link to your business. But you must hurry, the limited number of available slots will go quickly.

There are two purchase options available as follows:

Option I - \$400 will get you the following:

- "Business Card Sized Ad" in District Newsletter for 11 months
- Publication in the District Directory
- Direct link to your website via the District 5890 website (which receives thousands of "clicks" per month - Rotarians and Non-Rotarians)
- Publication in the District Conference Program

Option II - Purchase each item separately as follows:

- \$40 per month for ad placement in District Newsletter
- \$100 per year for a direct link to your website from the District 5890 website
- \$100 one time cost for ad placement in the District Directory
- \$100 one time cost for ad placement in District Conference Program

**** Checks can be made to Rotary District 5890 with a notation of the option that you wish to purchase. If you select Option II, please specifically state the desired ad. Your check and business card can be forwarded to Ann Wright at the following address: 8331 Winningham Lane, Houston, TX 77055

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Any articles for newsletter submission, corrections, pictures, or announcements should be sent to:

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by Sundays at 10:00 AM.

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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
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