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September is New Generation Month

Message from President Jon: "New Generations Month"



The theme for September is "New Generations" month, a refreshing opportunity to look to the future generation of Rotarians.

If you ever wonder about the future of Rotary, look no further than the outstanding young people involved in Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange.

This past Spring, I had the honor to address a group of Juniors at Clear Lake High School, who were interested in forming a new Interact Club at their school. I was amazed at the maturity of these kids, their infectious excitement, who were already planning activities and goals before the meeting concluded. These kids are "light years"

ahead of me at the same stage of my life. My only interests were "sports and girls"!!!

Space Center is privileged to have outstanding leaders of our youth activities, including Greg Smith, Dick Meyer, David Coney, Ted Cummings, Marc Schneider and too many committee members to name in this space. This group operates very effectively under the auspices of Director Belinda Skloss.

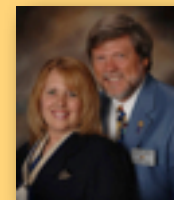
Thanks to everyone for your combined efforts, Rotary will be in great hands for generations to come.

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



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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 15th
Tuesday..... September 22nd
Tuesday..... September 29th
Tuesday..... October 6th
Tuesday..... October 13th

John Wilson, Chair: jewilson102@comcast.net

Programs

2009



John Nugent, Chair

John Lee - World War II..... 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. 14th
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

Roger Donnelly, Contact: ridonnelly@aol.com

Shrimporee is Fast Approaching!

Fellow Rotarians,

The Shrimporee web site has been updated:

<http://www.spacecenterrotary.info/Shrimporee2009.htm>

Some important dates should be noted:

September 15 - dateline for placing sponsors on posters and flyers

October 1 - Silent auction bottled wine must be inventoried by Oct. 1 and the list to Gregg Smith by Oct. 2.

We are going to have green trash receptacles for aluminum cans and plastic containers.

If someone does not have a job, also look at Committees for the various committees available for work. The chair is noted in BOLD prints. For the new members, the Shrimporee is one of the best activities to get to know the Club members. You will work hard but surely enjoy the fellowship.

Jerrold G. DeWease
Rotary Club of Space Center



Fun Corner



International Space Station and Space Shuttle Sighting



Adapted from an e-mail sent in by Richard J. Meyer. Picture left of Japanese Astronaut Koichi Wataka aboard the ISS adapted from http://weblogs.marylandweather.com/sky_watching/, Space station flyby tonight.

Viewers in the JSC area, weather permitting, can see the International Space Station (ISS) and the Space Shuttle (when on a mission) fly overhead. Below are the next two opportunities:

SATELLITE	LOCAL DATE/TIME	DURATION (MIN)	MAX ELEV (DEG)	APPROACH (DEG-DIR)	DEPARTURE (DEG-DIR)
ISS	Thu Sep 24 /08:31 PM	< 1	12	10 above N	12 above NNE
ISS	Fri Sep 25 /08:55 PM	< 1	18	11 above NW	18 above NNW

The International Space Station Trajectory Operations Group (TOPO) provides updates via JSC Today for visible station passes at least two minutes in duration and 25 degrees in elevation. This is a great experience for kids and adults alike! Go ahead, get out there the evenings of Sep. 24th & 25th and watch your Astronauts fly by. Who knows, maybe they'll be watching out for us, too! For more opportunities around the JSC area and other areas, tune in and click below:

http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/cities/view.cgi?country=United_States®ion=Texas&city=Johnson_Space_Center

McKinnie's Eagle 2



After too many years of golf to recount, Jon finally had his first **"Eagle 2"** on Labor Day at Tannanbaum Golf Course in Heber Springs, AR. The # 13 hole is a dog-leg left par 4. Jon hit a good 240 yard drive, next shot was an ~80 yard "gap" wedge, took one bounce, hit the flag stick and fell into the hole.



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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Rotary Youth Exchange



Learn More About ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



Across the world more than 8,000 high school students each year are ambassadors through Rotary Youth Exchange.

Short Term Program – 3 to 4 weeks
Long Term Program – Academic School Year

Information meeting for interested students and parents:

WHEN: September 29, 2009
October 6, 2009

WHERE: Freeman Memorial Library
16602 Diana Lane
Houston (Clear Lake)

TIME: 6:45 to 8:45 pm

SPONSORED BY: Space Center Rotary Club

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
CONTACT: Dick Meyer
281-483-7313
Richard.j.meyer@nasa.gov
www.scrye.org

This Program Will Change Your Life!

Space Center Rotary Exchange Students



Introducing Sirida Sombatto (Jen) from Thailand. Jen turned 16 years old shortly after arriving in the US and is a Junior at Clear Lake High School. Jen enjoys watching movies, hanging out with her friends, American music and loves playing basketball. Jen hopes to see snow during her stay in the US...hopefully we can make this happen for her, not much snow in Thailand. Although she is not a fan of spicy food, she is willing to try anything, and is especially interested in crawfish. Jen is a hard studying student and is thrilled to be in Texas for the year.



Introducing Leonardo Briones from Ecuador. Leonardo is 17 years old and is a junior at Clear Lake High School. Leonardo enjoys listening to music – salsa and meringue especially – and lifting weights. He is a member of the Clear Lake HS JV Tennis team and a member of Interact Club. He is enjoying studying his favorite subject Physics and is anxious to make his first MUM as part of the Clear Lake HS homecoming celebration! Leonardo loves to eat ceviche and will be making some for his rotary family so stay tuned for that. Welcome Leonardo!!

Interact



District 5890 Interact Round-Up

Saturday, September 26, 2009 – 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Sealy High School ▪ 2372 Championship Drive ▪ Sealy, Texas 77474

- WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** ALL Interact Club members (including all members, officers, directors & potential members), Interact Club Teacher Advisers, Rotary Club Interact Sponsors, parents and anyone interested in starting an Interact Club. We need every Interact club to send representatives to this important event!
- LOCATION:** Sealy High School, 2372 Championship Drive, Sealy, Texas 77474
- HOSTED BY:** The Sealy High School Interact Club. The Sealy Interactors have attended all of the District 5890 Interact activities and events for several years, so we are very proud that we get to visit their school for this year's Interact Round-Up.
- DATE:** Saturday, September 26, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.
- RESPOND BY:** Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 23rd. Each Interact Club must send an email to Tommie Buscemi at TOMMIE@KINGWOODCABLE.NET with the names of everyone attending.
- COST:** It is FREE for everyone to attend! We will provide breakfast kolaches, & lunch but please RSVP!
- WHY ATTEND:** Learn tips and ideas to plan for a successful year! Discover new projects! Meet other Interactors!
- BRING:** Door Prizes: We are asking all Interact clubs to bring an item or two for door prize drawings. It can be a \$10-\$15 gift card, a gift basket or anything else you would like to donate. Please ask your sponsoring Rotary club to help you with this.
Club Banners: Bring your Interact Club banner to display, and wear your Interact shirts to show your school spirit!
- GUEST SPEAKER:** We will have Rotarians as guest speakers discussing many local and international project that your Interact club can get involved with to help make a difference in the lives of others.
- TIME:**
8:30 AM Registration begins – FREE breakfast kolaches will be served
9:00 AM Welcome & Opening including Roll Call of Interact Clubs, Pledge, Invocation, and Four Way Test
9:15 AM ▪ District Interact Officers Installation Ceremony
▪ Presentations and Guest Speakers (RYLA, Youth Exchange, Scholarships)
▪ Group Discussion Sessions for:
• Interact Club Officers, and Directors (Learn how to have a successful year.)
• Interact Club Teacher Advisers & Rotary Club Interact Chairs/Sponsors
12:30 PM FREE Lunch will be provided

*We need to know how many from your club will be attending so we can have enough food for everyone.
Please RSVP as soon as possible but no later than WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 23RD
Send your club's RSVP to: Tommie@kingwoodcable.net or phone (281)359-7193*

CONTACTS: Charlie & Tommie Buscemi
Email: tommie@kingwoodcable.net
Phone: Work: (281)359-7193
Mobile: (713)598-7129

Frank Parrilla
Email: fparrilla@yahoo.com
Phone: (832)396-2416

Saying Thank You...



Clear Lake Food Pantry
15700 Space Center Blvd., Bldg. C
Houston, Texas 77062

August 28, 2009

The Rotary Club of Space Center
PO Box 58862
Houston, TX 77258-8862

Dear Rotarians:

Thank you for your generous check of \$500.00. Thank you also for allowing me to share with you what our Pantry is doing to feed the hungry in Clear Lake and surrounding areas.

Each morning that we are open, hungry people begin lining up at about 5:30 a.m., and by the time we open at 8:00 a.m. there is a long line stretching down the sidewalk. Many come with babies and small children.

God is enabling us to distribute food and other items to over 300 families each week – recently we served 161 families in one day at our Pantry building in Clear Lake. In 2008 we provided food to 20,982 families (if counted every time they received food), and our numbers this year have more than doubled, with 4 times as many new families. Besides distribution through our Clear Lake location, last year we helped 28 other ministries, including a battered women's shelter, a crisis pregnancy center, a homeless ministry, a camp for at-risk children, and a Hispanic ministry. After Hurricane Ike, we provided food to 2,330 people through Disaster Relief centers in Seabrook, Galveston, San Leon, League City and individual ministries. We were the first responders with food and clothing to San Leon, where many homes had 3 feet of water in them and some were completely destroyed.

Thanks again, and God bless you.

In God's love,

Nancy Shaver, Secretary & Chaplain
Clear Lake Food Pantry

Clear Lake Food Pantry is a 501c3 faith-based charitable organization, incorporated in the State of Texas. No goods, services or "intangible religious benefits" of substantial value as described by IRS regulations, were given to the donors in exchange for their contributions. This letter serves as a receipt and may be used for tax purposes.

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

For more info, contact
Ann Wright
Public Image Chair
713-647-8400
wright.away@att.net



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

patricesutherland@mac.com

by Sundays at 10:00 AM.

*Astronaut and flag picture left adapted from NASA Wants Your Ideas Image at www.nasa.gov



Thank You !!!



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The Community projects that Space Center Rotary Club delivers each year would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors.

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