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## Official Newsletter of The Rotary Club of Space Center

P.O. Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058  
Meetings Monday 11:45 A.M.  
@ Bay Oaks Country Club  
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Chartered 1964  
[www.spacecenterrotary.com](http://www.spacecenterrotary.com)



## September is New Generation Month

### Message from President Jon: "CCISD Leadership Camp"



This past Thursday, Space Center Rotary had a unique opportunity to sponsor a Leadership Camp for four schools within the Clear Creek ISD school

system. Over 200 outstanding high school kids gathered at Clear Lake Recreation Center to learn more about community service through Interact and Rotary. A nice contingent of Space Center Rotarians attended and supported our efforts.

John Wilson, Art Oswald, Alan Wylie and I addressed a very attentive crowd, stressing the importance of community service, giving back. Volunteer cards were distributed and Art received over 200 commitments to work our Shrimporee. Wow!!!

We hear many complaints about the education system, the attitudes of today's youth, yada, yada, yada. My advice to those naysayers, "Spend 10 minutes" with this group of outstanding youth.

Clear Lake organized a new Interact Club last spring and hopefully the other high schools will follow their lead.

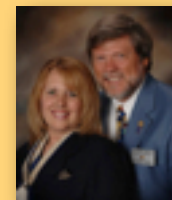
Marissa Cilento, current President of the outstanding Clear Lake Interact Club, will address Space Center on Monday, giving an update on their activities. The club is sponsored by Ms. Jamie Edwards and is supported by Space Center Rotary Club.

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,  
Space Center  
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Governor

*Chris  
Schneider*

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](mailto:jewilson102@comcast.net)

Programs

**2009**



John Nugent, Chair

Clear Lake Interact Club..... 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

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  
 Tony's Barbecue..... November 17th  
 17502 Saturn Lane, 281.286.8669

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

## 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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# Saying Thank You...



Submitted by Marilyn Musial...

This thank you just arrived. It is from the West U. Rotary Club. About the time of the District convention, PDG Rhonda was soliciting donations from all clubs to support a summer swim lesson program that West U. was organizing. Mike rounded up \$800 out of his budget and donated to the cause.

Dear Rotary Club of Space Center,  
Thank you so much for  
your very generous \$800  
donation for our swim program.  
Your help enabled children  
who may never learn to swim -  
now forever will be safe  
around water thanks to you.  
You are Awesome!  
Patsy Parker  
West U Rotary

# One More Thank You...



Submitted by Marilyn Musial...



Wednesday, September 16, 2008

Rotary Club of Space Center  
Mr. Jon McKinnie  
P.O. Box 58862  
Houston, TX 77258

Dear Mr. McKinnie and Rotary Members,

Greetings! On behalf of Volunteer Houston Bay Area, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for the generous donation from the Rotary Club of Space Center for the 2009 Commanders Program.

Volunteer Houston is a nonprofit organization with a mission to develop, support and promote volunteerism. The agency connects individuals and groups with meaningful volunteer opportunities at over 1,000 Houston-area organizations. The Bay Area office serves Clear Lake and surrounding areas.

The Commanders program was created to meet a community need: to provide a forum for teens to learn about specific volunteer opportunities in their community and to make community service integral to their lives. The program is still in its infancy, but has proven to be a popular summer opportunity for Bay Area teens that we would like to continue for many years to come. With your support, that opportunity became a reality in 2009!

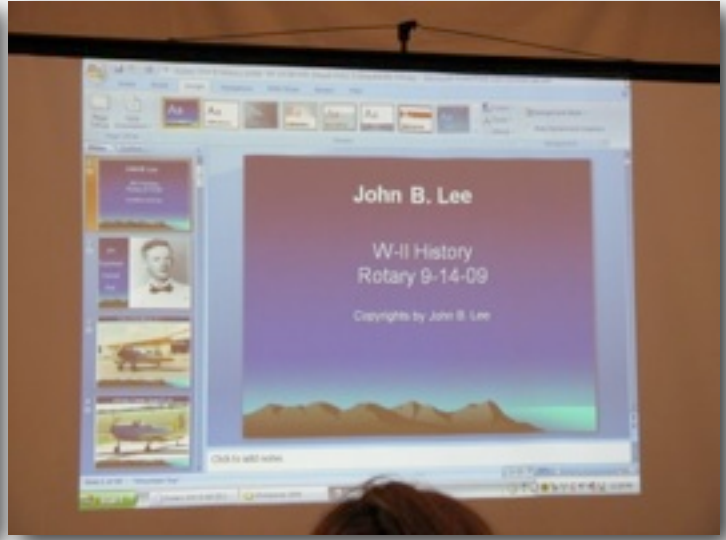
Again, thank you for your continued support for the Commanders Program!

Warm Regards,

Tina Brown  
Director, Volunteer Houston Bay Area

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# Last Week's Meeting Gallery...



**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  
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[wright.away@att.net](mailto:wright.away@att.net)



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

[patricesutherland@mac.com](mailto: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](http://www.nasa.gov)



Thank You !!!



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