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September is New Generation Month

Message from President Jon: "UHCL Rotaract - We Have Liftoff!!!"



I am proud to report that the Rotaract Club at U. of Houston, Clear Lake is now officially in existence. Another goal attained for Space Center. Yehaa!!

Stavan Vora has completed the Rotaract constitution for acceptance by UHCL, under Ted Cummings' (Space Center Rotarian & Dean at UHCL) leadership. Ted reported that Rotaract at UHCL is now an official club of UHCL and Rotary. Stavan, the first President of Space Center Rotaract, will attend tomorrow's lunch meeting and give a short summary about the new UHCL Rotaract Club and its planned activities.

Rotaract is a Rotary-sponsored service club for young men and women ages 18 to 30. Rotaract clubs are either community or university based, and they're sponsored by a local Rotary club. This makes them true "partners in service" and key members of the family of Rotary.

All Rotaract efforts begin at the local, grassroots level, with members addressing their communities' physical and social needs while promoting international understanding and peace through a framework of friendship and service.

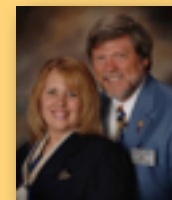
Thanks to Ted, Stavan and everyone involved in youth activities for your combined efforts. Rotary will be in great hands for generations to come.

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



Rotary
International
President
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John Kenny



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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

Tuesday..... September 29th
 Tuesday..... October 6th
 Tuesday..... October 13th

@ JSCFCU
5:30 PM

John Wilson, Chair: jewilson102@comcast.net

Programs

2009



John Nugent, Chair

LifeGift..... September 28th
 TBD..... October 5th
Holiday..... October 12th
 Harris County District Clerk..... October 19th
 Water Well Projects..... October 26th

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

Leipzig, Germany October 2009

Rotary District 5890 has arranged a Friendship Exchange with District 1880, specifically the city of Leipzig, Germany, for a time period of Tuesday – Monday of October 6 -- 11, 2009. Information and arrangements can be made through Phil Cezeaux or Lindsey Kroll at houstonleipzig@gmail.com

There are many activities planned for this period, including a Rotary World Peace Convention and the dedication of a new modern stained glass window above the St. Thomas Church choir loft of where J.S. Bach presided.

The church of St. Thomas was founded in 1212 as the church of the Augustinian Canons' seminary. In the choir chamber lies the grave of Johann Sebastian Bach, who was working here from 1723 to 1750 as composer and choir-master of the world famous Thomas Choir. Bach is buried in the Church Nave. In 1539 also Martin Luther preached here.

The recommended structure is to attend Rotary events with your host Rotarian and to attend other events either together or separately, as you choose. There will be plenty to do, so don't worry about activities. Click below to learn more about the planned events:

[Planned Events...](#)

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

September is New Generation Month



U of H Clear Lake Rotaract Club



The new Rotaract Club at U. of Houston – Clear Lake is now official. Since September is “New Generations” theme month, the timing could not have been better.

Stavan Vora, the first President of Space Center Rotaract, will attend tomorrow's lunch meeting and give a short summary about the new UHCL Rotaract Club and its planned activities.

Rotaract originally began as a Rotary International youth program in 1968 and has now grown into a major Rotary-sponsored organization of over 7,000 clubs spread around the world and 173,000 + members. It is a professional service, leadership and community service organization for young men and women between the ages 18–30. Rotaract focuses on the development of young adults as leaders in their communities and workplaces. Clubs around the world also take part in international service projects, in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the world.

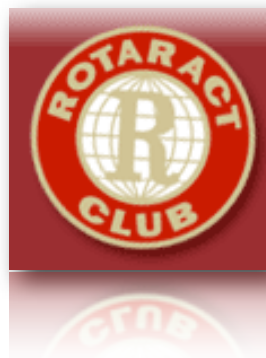
"Rotaract" stands for "Rotary in Action", although the name originally comes from a combination of "Interact" (International + Action), the high school level program created by Rotary International in 1962.

Most Rotaract activities take place at the club level. Rotaract clubs hold formal meetings, usually every two weeks, which feature speakers, special outings, social activities, discussions or visits to other clubs. Club members get together on designated days for service project work, social events, or professional/leadership development workshops.

The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

To be eligible for membership, prospective members must be 18–30 years of age, show that they are committed to Rotaract, and show that they are of good standing in the community. After being approved by the club, prospective members are 'inducted' to become members, also known as 'Rotaractors'.

Rotaract conducts many programs, which are activities with a charitable purpose. The dual roles of Rotaract is for young adults (18 to 30 years of age) and college and university students to "give something back." Many of these programs are fundraisers held jointly with Rotary International. Around the world, many Rotaract chapters are also involved with providing direct community service projects.



Shrimporee! – October 17th 2009

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of Children
is in Our
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EVERYONE
WELCOME
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FREE
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Space Center Rotary's

36th Annual Festival and Auction



SHRIMPOREE



Saturday,
October 17, 2009
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Clear Lake Park
Landolt Pavilion
5001 NASA Parkway

Major Beneficiaries:

Shriner's Childrens Hospital – Providing Play Equipment
Armand Bayou Nature Center – Providing Handicap Accessible Trails

Lots of great fun for your family and friends
Kids activities
Live and silent auctions begin at 1:00 p.m.

Shrimp/Brisket Meal Plate - \$15
Meal plate tickets may be purchased at:
www.spacecenterrotary.org
Or, tickets may be purchased at the park
on the day of the event.



For Information contact:

Shrimporee Chairman, John Wilson at (713) 899-9852
Ticket Chairman, Courtney Lindberg at (407) 252-5193

Please see the back of this page for a listing of our event sponsors (as of 8-29-09)

Thank You !!!



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