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A message from Pres. Jon:

"Mid-Year Report "

It's amazing that our Rotary year is approaching 7 months waypoint. I am so proud of Space Center's accomplishments.

Thanks to Kippy Caraway and her outstanding membership committee, Space Center is currently in first place in net membership growth in the Greater Houston District. Our membership has grown by net 11 members.

Thanks to John Wilson and his large Shrimporee committee, over \$78,000 was raised for our community service projects. Along with the funds generated by the upcoming Springoree, Space Center will have the funds to support our 24 community service and 11 Int'l projects.

As you know, Space Center was extremely involved in the popular ABC show, "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" and I am thrilled to report that in addition to building materials, supplies, food and volunteer labor, we raised over \$100,000 toward the existing mortgage. The initial impact report Rotary's "Humanitarian Footprint" is over \$150,000.

But we have more to accomplish, outstanding local and Int'l service projects yet to be completed. So we must forge ahead and complete another successful year for Space Center Rotary Club.

Thanks so Much for Everyone's Participation!!!!

Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010





Rotary International President 2009-2010



John Kenny



Rotary District 5890 Governor 2009-2010 **Ed Charlesworth**



Chris Schneider Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center District Assistant Governor

Past District Governors From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze 1981-1982





Billy Weseman 1993-1994



Suzi Howe 2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



January 25—Club Assembly, Mid-Year Report

February 1—Drug Awareness Essay—Scholarships

February 8—Floyd Boze Day (Wear your Medallion)

February 15—President's Day, No Club Meeting

February 22—Academic Achievement—Scholarships

March 1—TBD

March 8—TBD

Jack Lister January 4th Vissett Sun January 4th Lamar Bowles January 5th January 7th Travis Moebes Becky Reitz January 10th Micki Czarnik January 17th Jean Walker January 18th Billy Smith January 18th Mike Brown January 21st January 24th **Bob Mitchell**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL. WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.

JANUARY IS
ROTARY AWARENESS
MONTH

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THE "EXTREME MAKEOVER: KEMAH EDITION"

The old house was demolished, down to the dirt. New home construction started immediately, forms layed, plumbing done, slab poured, framing raised, room & interior completed, all in 7 days. Whew!!!!

Follow the progress of the new home makeover on the following links:

Video Gallery—http://blushieldsextreme.com/the-build/video-gallery Photo Gallery—http://blushieldsextreme.com/the-build/photo-gallery

FAMILY OF ROTARY SOCIALS [6:30 p.m.]

To Be Announced Shortly

Contact Roger Donnelly.

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Volunteers Build New Kemah 'Beach' Home in 106 hours By Mary Ann Hellinghausen The Citizen Newspaper -Jan 20 2010



As hundreds of blue-shirted volunteers and spectators chanted, "Move that bus!" the huge RV blocking the Beach family's view of their new home pulled away and the Kemah family gasped in surprise as their fairy tale continued.

Before them rose a two-story, 6,340-square-foot home, painted pale teal with white trim, white pillars, Bermuda shutters and palm trees swaying in the yard.

The grand "beach-style" home was built by more than 5,000 volunteers and more than 600 skilled laborers working round the clock for a week.

The Beach family, who had been living in trailers and tents since Hurricane Ike flooded their home, saw the new house for the first time last Thursday. "It's just beautiful. I can't wait to see it!" said Jackie Beach as she watched her son, Larry, his wife, Melissa, and their 13 biological and adopted

children enter the house.

"I can't think of anybody more deserving than they are," said the proud grand-mother.

The Beach's new house, with eight bedrooms and 4 1/2 baths, is the largest house built for "Extreme Makeover-Home Edition" in its 174 shows. The show is to air on ABC in March-April.



Extreme Rotarian Involvement

In just four days, Houston-area Rotarians were able to raise almost \$100,000 to help offset the \$140,000-plus mortgage the Beach family carried on their old demolished home.

"It's just amazing," said Space Center Rotary President Jon McKinnie. "Between Monday morning and Thursday, we raised \$86,000 that I was able to deposit into their account." The group has at least another \$14,000 in pledges, he said.

The majority of the money came from business and individual members of Rotary clubs in District 5890 throughout the Houston area.



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Photo Gallery (Clockwise)

Charles Foster gave presentation on Immigration Issues Facing America

Stan Galanski presents check to support rebuilding of playgrounds at St Vincent's—Galveston.

New member, Cindy Harreld's induction.

New Member, Marsene Boldt's induction









THE CITIZEN NEWSPAPER Mary Alys Cherr	GENE & DONNA TROMBLEE	UNIV OF HOUSTON CLEAR LAKE Ted Cummings	WALDRON & SCHNEIDER ATTORNEYS Marc Schneider
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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
Clear Lake Food Pantry

Communities in Schools

Extreme Makeover—Kemah Edition

Health, Safety & Environmental Projects

Interact & Rotaract

Interfaith Caring Ministries

Senior Citizens

Shriner's Childrens Hospital (Galveston & Houston)

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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