

# the *Blastoff*

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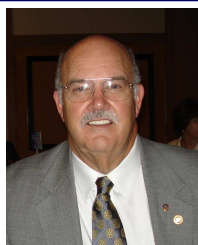


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## A message from Pres. Jon:



### "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

Past District Governors  
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze  
1981-1982



Billy Weseman  
1993-1994

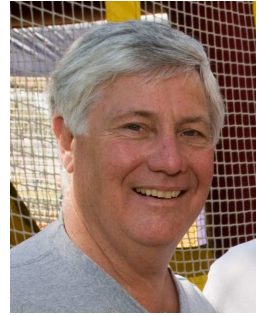


Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

# Programs —

*John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010*



*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*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Owen Morris	February 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Peter Wuenschel	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Floyd Boze	February 7 <sup>th</sup>
John W. Tenini	February 8 <sup>th</sup>
Don Kirchoff	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Hale	February 12 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Bloomfield	February 12 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Swint	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
Bill Geissler	February 16 <sup>th</sup>
David Taylor	February 16 <sup>th</sup>
Steve Owens	February 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Brian Ellis	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Chris Gregg	February 25 <sup>th</sup>

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.  
WE WISH YOU MANY MORE.**

**FEBRUARY IS  
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### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Endowment Foundation Board** ..... **2nd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.**  
**Club Board of Directors** ..... **3rd Tuesday @ 7 a.m.**  
**RNASA Committee** ..... **3rd Thursday @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**2009 Springoree** ..... **Thursday, May 6th**

#### **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 grandmother.

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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AUTOMOTIVE**

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STATE REP  
JOHN DAVIS**

**Photo Gallery Jan 11 2010 (Clockwise)**

Charles Foster gave presentation on Immigration Issues Facing America



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

Induction of new member, Cindy Harrel (President of Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce) induction.



Induction of new member, Marsene Boldt (Owner of At Your Side Home Care)



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**Photo Gallery Jan 25 2010 (Clockwise)**

Newly election officers & directors for 2010-11 Mike Dennard PE, Marilyn Musial Secretary, Sheryl Berg Treasurer, Scott Rainey Sgt-at-Arms, Kippy Caraway Director, Steve Waldner Director, David Coney, Director (not shown)



Induction of new member Mike Duckett, SVP Sterling Bank



Presentation of support for Communities in School.

RNASA President, Rodolpho Gonzalez gives overview of RNASA activities leading up to event.



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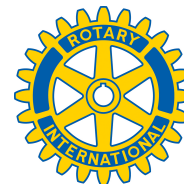
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## **Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities**



### **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  
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