

# the *Blastoff*

Official Newsletter of  
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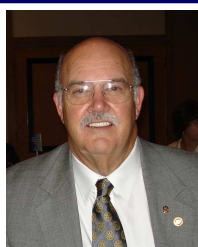
Rotary District 5890  
Governor 2009-2010  
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider  
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center  
District Assistant Governor

## A message from Pres. Jon:

### "February Recap"



Never a dull moment at Space Center Rotary Club. The activities for February were truly amazing.

The first week featured scholarships for Drug Awareness Essays, chaired by Belinda Skloss, followed the next week by an outstanding Floyd Boze Day.

Billy Smith, emcee of the event, conducted an outstanding program, featuring over 250 photos, City of Houston proclamation declaring "Floyd Boze Day" delivered by Councilman Mike Sullivan, capped by testimonials from many Past District Governors and club members.

Then on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> we delivered 400 roses to senior citizens centers in the local area. What a heart warming experience. The following day, Space Center Foundation conducted its fundraiser, Valentine's Breakfast, where fellowship and good food was shared.

While all this is happening, our own Stan Galanski is in Haiti making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. (read enclosed story)

Plus, this week, we will award 6 scholarships to outstanding high school seniors, identified by Belinda Skloss' committee.

**Rotary Awareness Month, You Bet!!!!**

**Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010**

Past District Governors  
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze  
1981-1982



Billy Weseman  
1993-1994

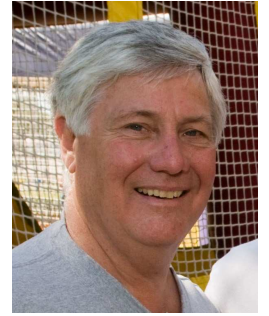


Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

# Programs —

*John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010*



*February 22—Academic Achievement—Scholarships*

*March 1—Int'l Youth Exchange*

*March 8—Holocaust Museum*

*March 15—Trash Bash*

*March 22—TBD*

*March 29—Cuban Revolution*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

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

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

**FEBRUARY IS  
WORLD UNDERSTAND  
MONTH**

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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 20 @ 6:30**

**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>

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### **Our Own AG, Chris Schneider Named District Governor Nominee Designate**

On Saturday, Feb 20th, the District 5890 District Governor Nominating Committee interviewed several very qualified, outstanding and committed Rotarians for District Governor 2012-13. The Nominating Committee announced the District Governor Nominee Designate as our own AG, **Chris Schneider of Memorial / Spring Branch Rotary Club**. Chris currently serves as AG for Alvin, Seabrook and Space Center. He is married to Lori, who is very supportive of Chris as he chooses to commit his time and talents to Rotary.

We at Space Center are so proud of Chris and have been very fortunate to have him serve as our AG for the past 2 years. The outstanding success of Space Center is directly reflective of AG Chris' input, involvement and leadership. Chris' selection serves as affirmation of his selection as "AG of the Year" this past year. Congratulations to Chris and his wife, Lori.

### **District Conference—April 22-24**



This year's District Conference will be held April 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston. Come see all the activities of District 5890. See how to make your club grow and maintain membership. Learn why the Rotary Foundation is important to your Club, District 5890 and the world as a whole. Spend a weekend enjoying downtown Houston, enjoying a Murder Mystery Dinner, A Wine Dinner or a couple of hours enjoying the Museums.

Make new Rotary friends, reconnect with old Rotary friends, connect for new projects with other Rotarians and clubs. See how we help the youth of District 5890 and other Rotary Districts.

You can now register on-line and make hotel reservations by clicking on the links on the District website, [www.rotary5890.org](http://www.rotary5890.org)

### **District Raffle—Grand Prize: 2010 Toyota Prius**



This year, Rotarians have the opportunity to support The Rotary Foundation while at the same time, have a chance to win a 2010 Toyota Prius. One of our annual goals is to support the Foundation with at least \$100 as part of our "Every Rotarian—Every Year" commitment. 100% of the funds generated through the \$20 District Raffle Tickets will go to support The Rotary Foundation. So, contact David Coney, Club Foundation Chair, to fulfill your commitment and purchase your raffle tickets.

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**Floyd Boze Day—An outstanding event, everything went perfect, thanks to Billy Smith and his committee.**

**Photo Gallery (Clockwise)**

City of Houston Proclamation by Councilman  
Mike Sullivan



Floyd, daughter Ann and her family

Floyd and his son

DGN Rhonda Walls-Kerby, DGE Sunny  
Sharma, PDG Floyd Boze, PDG Andy  
Smallwood, PDG Suzi Howe



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### **Message from Haiti—Stan Galanski**

(Sat night, Feb 20) A quick note to give you a view of what I am doing in Haiti since arriving Friday. Besides all the work and focus on trying to get clean, treated water into the many suburbs and damaged neighborhoods, I have stumbled into some other interesting tasks. For example, I got an email from the Dominican Republic Haitian Relief Team asking for my (last minute) help to get a UN flight scheduled to bring RI President Kenny and RI PP Valentin into Port-au-Prince next Monday night and then out again on Tuesday afternoon. It is his intention to meet with the President or Prime Minister of Haiti. I was able to secure him and his entourage seats on a UN flight, but am concerned that he will not have enough time to truly see the level of destruction these people have gone through and the work we (and the rest of the world) re doing here.

My ride to work passes by so many, many buildings and home that have collapsed, as well as thousands of tented neighborhoods. The conditions are horrible and will only get worse as soon as the rainy season gets here (in about 6 weeks). Everyone is missing a loved one, has lost their jobs as business cannot operate any longer, and is always hungry and thirsty. I try to spend some time with the kids in the street during a break, and that is uplifting and depressing at the same time. Last night, I toured a tented camp and a 95+ year old lady came out and saw a white man in her “village” and wanted to hug me. She started to cry and said she has lost everyone of her family (over two generations) and felt all alone. We tried to tell her, show her that all the separated people around her are now her new family and that we must “stay together” to survive.

BTW, the entire tent city in this park was built with Rotary Tent Huts (probably ShelterBox) We ar doing some good here, but it is only a scratch on the surface of years of support needed here.

Tomorrow is Sunday, so we are going to take a day off before resuming our work on Monday. We are planning on visiting an orphanage with Handicapped Children, to give out some stuffed animals I brought, and then head up into the mountains and see some of the real beauty of Haiti, that is the backdrop for all of this unimaginable destruction and poverty.

Editor’s Note: We are so proud of Stan and his efforts to alleviate the pain and suffering of those less fortunate than us. Keep Stan in your prayers.

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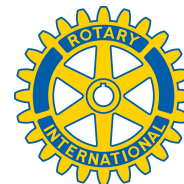
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PETERSON CO**

**Don Kirchoff**

**LD BOWLES  
ASSOCIATES**



## **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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JEWELERS  
Slade Lewis**

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CLEAR LAKE  
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PACKARD**  
  
**Stan Galanski**

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