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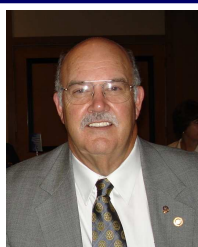


Rotary District 5890
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Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

A message from Pres. Jon:



"Int'l Youth Exchange"

Today is a very special day, when members of the International Youth Exchange bring their message of hope, peace and caring, one person at a time.

We are so proud of the combined efforts of the IYE committee, chaired by Dick Meyer. Thanks to each of you that has been a host family, shuttled the kids around and made life enjoyable for them. This is a life altering experience for each of them. Y'all do a fantastic job every year.

The end of March is the deadline for submission of reports to the District and Rotary International for achievement awards at District Conference. And we still have much to accomplish.

Most pressing is fulfilling our commitment to support the \$100 Every Rotarian, Every Year. And we have a win-win situation this year. By donating \$100 to the Rotary Foundation, we not only meet our commitment, but we get 5 chances to win a new 2010 Toyota Prius. So, if you are still procrastinating, now is the time to contact David Coney, Foundation Chair and get your tickets.

Be sure to read Stan Galanski's journal of his continuing Haitian experiences, including coordinating RI President John Kenny's visit to Haiti.

Thanks for Being Great Rotarians!!!!

Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010

Past District Governors
From SCRC

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1981-1982



Billy Weseman
1993-1994

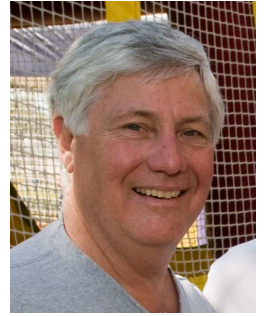


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Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



March 1—Int'l Youth Exchange

March 8—Holocaust Museum

March 15—Trash Bash

March 22—TBD

March 29—Cuban Revolution

Say Happy Birthday —

Nanci Rutledge	March 1st
Travis Vermeer	March 4th
Wayne Young	March 5th
J B Fox	March 9th
Dick Kidder	March 12th
Pam Culpepper	March 14th
Jerry Smith	March 16th
Tim Kropp	March 17th

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

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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

FAMILY OF ROTARY NIGHT OUT

Mar 10 Mely's Seabrook, 3659 NASA Road 1 (281) 532-3260
Mar 17 Gilhooley's, 229 9th Street, San Leon (281) 339-3813
Mar 31 Italian Café, 4322 NASA Parkway (281) 326-1618
Apr 14 BJ's, 515 West Bay Area Blvd (281) 316-3037
Apr 28 Tommy's Seafood, 2555 Bay Area Blvd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PETS—March 19-21, Hyatt DFW, Dallas
Rotary Family Night, Houston Rockets Game—March 25
District Conference—April 22-24, Hyatt Downtown Houston
District Assembly—May 15

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Host Families Needed for Visiting German GSE Team Members

“Needed: Space Center Rotarians interested in hosting one of the six members of the German Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) team members during six days of their one month visit to District 5890 in April. The commitment will be to provide accommodation and transportation to the one of the GSE team members from 11 to 16 April while they are the responsibility of Space Center Rotary Club. You will not be expected to participate in their daily activities. All speak some English so knowledge of German is not a prerequisite. If interested, contact Mike Dennard at 713-927-4425 or email at Michael-dennard@utulsa.edu.”

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

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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Photo Gallery (Clockwise)

Scholarship Recipients with Clear Creek ISD Supt. Dr Greg Smith



Still Water Sports Camp is Recipient of Support from Club President John McKinnie and Pres-Elect David Coney



As part of our Valentines for Senior Citizens project, Bob Wren & Jack Lister deliver roses to Bay Wind Senior Citizen Center on April 12

Newly selected District Governor 2012-13 Chris Schneider encourages everyone to attend District Conference on April 22-24 at Hyatt Downtown Houston



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Message from Haiti—Stan Galanski

There have been a lot of things our district has done, should know, and be proud of, e.g., our many "water related" MGs (especially our \$18K+ to the Clean Water for the Children of the DR - Bio-Sand Project), direct contributions to key "water related" agencies, and some personal Rotarian involvement on "water related" humanitarian projects.

Personally, I have just finished by my 6th day on the ground here in Haiti, each day proving to be different and challenging beyond my expectations. (Believe it or not) Yesterday, I spent the entire day with:

- #1 John Kenny, President, Rotary International, USA
- #2 Roberto Valentin, RI Past Vice President, Puerto Rico
- #3 Charles Adams, International Coordinator, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #4 Ruben Goico, National Coordinator, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #5 Raymundo Alvarez, 4060 Past District Governor, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #6 Ramiro Sanchez, 4060 District Governor. District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #7 Aura Basilis, 4060 District Governor Elect, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #8 Alexandra Martinez, 4060 District Governor Designate, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #9 Limel Mena, 4060 District Secretary Elect, District 4060 Haiti Disaster Relief Team
- #10 Dick McCombe, Chairman, District 7020 Disaster Relief Team

Because of my knowledge of Haiti, friendship with the Dominican Republic Rotarians, and (most importantly) being in Port-au-Prince this week, I was asked to help coordinate all their air and ground transportation with the UN and local police. In addition, I set up meetings for RI President John Kenny to meet the Director of Shelter Box (housing all the post-op patients), and tour the hospital facilities here at the Port-au-Prince Airport, run by Medishare and the Univ. of Miami. Afterwards, I was invited to sit in on his meetings with:

- a) Rotary Leaders across the Caribbean, as we try and plan what the "grand" Rotary response project(s) will/should be,
- b) The UN Director of Haitian Relief, where we heard what their most ardent challenges/needs are today,
- c) The Haitian Red Cross Director and Staff, as they talked about how to rebuild more permanent housing (after the "tent" phase comes to an end), and
- d) The Haitian Minister of the Interior, as they outlined their operations and thanked Rotary for past service and future proposals.

Lastly, we put a motorcade together that took the group throughout the city, where RIP Kenny got to see the destruction "up close". Note: If you see any pictures of this visit in future Rotary Publications, you will not see me as I was the one taking many of the photos.

Today, I got back to my real mission for being down here, i.e., installing water tanks and purification systems in the slums and camps throughout city. Putting aside some of the riotous scenes and crowds out-of-control, due to lack of water and desperation, it has been quite moving to see the Haitians offer their thanks and gratitude for our help. FYI - I came down here because I knew Pure Water for the World was short handed ... and I wanted to return to the place that affected me so, last year. I get back Saturday Night, see my family on Sunday, and then have to get back to "HP" work ... flying off to Montreal for the week.

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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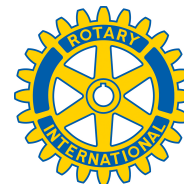
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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities



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
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