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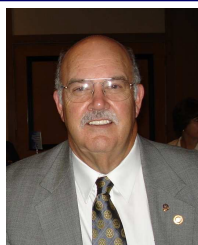


Rotary District 5890
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Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
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A message from Pres. Jon:



"March Madness"

We all connect March Madness to NCAA basketball tournament. Which team has accomplished enough to get in, who is left out?

Well the same kinda holds true for each Rotary Club. Who achieves their goals and who comes up short?

We at Space Center have always ranked at the top in every measurable area. In fact, last year, Space Center was selected "Large Club of the Year" for the Greater Houston Area. Our goals and expectation should put us right there again.

But we need your help; we are not there yet and we have only 3 weeks to accomplish our goals, specifically in Foundation Giving and support for Polio Plus.

Our Foundation goal of at least \$100 per member in support of Every Rotarian, Every Year and our Polio Plus goal of at least \$20 per member have not been met yet. Yet is the key word; we will reach our goals, because the outstanding Space Center Rotarians always come through.

So now it's crunch time. If you haven't made your contribution, bring your check or credit card within the next 3 meetings and help us "help those less fortunate than us"

Thanks for Being Great Rotarians!!!!

Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010

Past District Governors
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze
1981-1982



Billy Weseman
1993-1994

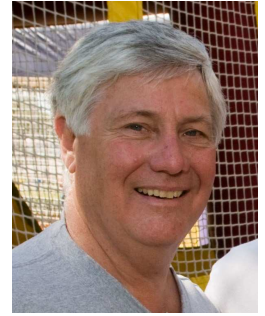


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



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.**

**MARCH IS
CLUB OPERATIONS
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

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
Good Ole Irish Holiday Celebration
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)

Last Monday was International Youth Exchange Presentations. Dr Jack Bacon introduces Leonardo, who makes presentation of his homeland, Ecuador.



Jen makes presentation of her homeland, Thailand.



Art Oswald promotes the Paul Harris and Floyd Boze Fellowships Dinner. Be sure to purchase your tickets, \$25 each.



A very impressive overview given by Builders without Borders.

Space Center makes donation of \$1,200 to Builders without Borders to support their scholarship program.



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DISTRICT CONFERENCE KICKS OFF ITS ACTIVITIES ON EARTH DAY—APRIL 22

Protecting the environment has always been central to Rotary service. From the organization's earliest days up to the present, Rotarians have planted millions of trees, created parks, and carried out recycling activities in communities all over the world.

Since our district conference begins on April 22, the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day, one of our themes this year will be environmental responsibility. We are aware that many clubs have focused on this cause in recent years and have decided to applaud them for their efforts. **Hence we have created an award for achievement in this area.**

Through the efforts of 1990-91 RI President Paulo V.C. Costa, Rotary International adopted the program Preserve Planet Earth which has the following goals:

- Focus attention of all Rotarians on taking action to protect and preserve the planet;
- Increase the number of environmental service projects undertaken by Rotary clubs;
- Promote awareness among Rotarians and Rotary clubs of environmental issues; and
- Foster an image of Rotary clubs as dedicated to Preserving Planet Earth

If your club has engaged in a project in the past year that furthers the cause of environmental responsibility, please take a moment to see that your members' efforts do not go unnoticed. The club that is chosen by the committee will be recognized at the District Conference.

Any efforts your club has made to be more environmentally responsible can qualify. Even if your club has not already completed a "green" project, you might be able to modify an existing project such as using biodegradable bags for a road clean-up or donating books about conservation to an elementary school and still qualify before the deadline. It's not too late to honor a local science teacher for his/her efforts to teach students about sustainability or to help students plant a spring garden at a local elementary school or daycare. Many nursing homes have such gardens and may need help preparing them for spring planting.

Projects from the past that would qualify include delivering compact fluorescent light bulbs with Meals on Wheels, planting a community garden, and the planting of trees in a community area. Get creative and find a way to promote sustainability and emphasize the importance of earth sciences in your community and schools.

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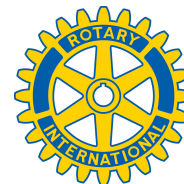
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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities



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
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Shriner's Childrens Hospital (Galveston & Houston)
St. Vincent's House—Galveston
Still Water Sports Camp
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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
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