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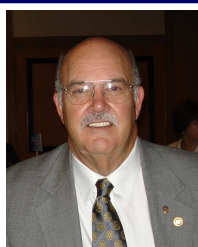


Rotary District 5890
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Ed Charlesworth



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A message from Pres. Jon:



"PETS"

One of the joys in life is having a pet, one that gives unconditional love, despite our fallacies. An old joke is "Lock your wife and your dog in the trunk of your car. After an hour, open the trunk and see who is glad to see you"!!!! Sorry ladies, bad joke.

I have been honored to have shared my life with some of the greatest Labrador Retrievers, most current is Daisy (my granddaughter named her after "Driving Miss Daisy")

Sorry, I got sidetracked, meant to talk about another Rotary acronym, PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar) David Coney, our President-Elect is off to Dallas this week to attend 3 days of intense training in club leadership, setting and accomplishing our goals, meeting member's expectations.

I am so proud that David will be leading our club next year. He will do a great job. No one can match his passion and enthusiasm. Just wait until he returns from PETS, he will really be amped up.

Oh, and your truly has been selected as Chief of Staff for incoming District Governor Sunny Sharma. I too will be attending PETS and am "amped" up to face this new challenge.

Don't forget, buy your tickets for the upcoming Foundation Dinner at Bay Oaks on March 23 at 6:00 pm

Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010

Past District Governors
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze
1981-1982



Billy Weseman
1993-1994

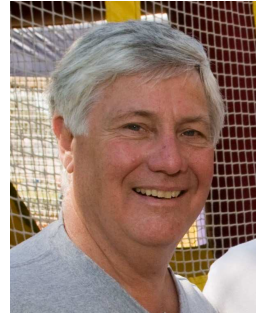


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



March 15—Trash Bash

March 22—TBD

March 29—Cuban Revolution

April 5—TBD

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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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—6:30pm

Good Ole Irish Holiday Celebration

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
Foundation Dinner at Bay Oaks—March 23, 6:00 pm
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. This is the best bargain, because the District Conference will be held right here in our back yard, downtown Houston. So don’t procrastinate any longer, register now.

Come see all the activities of District 5890. We have a great agenda this year, many of the sessions are lead by our own Space Center members, including PDG Suzi Howe, Alan Wylie, Stan Galanski, Courtney Lindberg, Jack Bacon and Jon McKinnie. Jon will present a video of Extreme Makeover—Rotary Edition.

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)

Zoly Zamir, WWII holocaust survivor, discussing old war stories with Vince Lipovsky and John Lee.



Stan Galanski receives special recognition for his efforts to provide play equipment to Shriners's Childrens Hospital and for his humanitarian efforts in Haiti



Kippy Caraway reminds us all Space Center is leading the District in net membership growth, but not to lose sight of our ongoing membership drive. We only have until March 31 to achieve our goals.



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POLIO PLUS UPDATE

This past week, for the first time in the past 1,000+ years, only one Polio case was reported worldwide! That one case was a Type 3 Polio case in Swat, Pakistan. Congratulations to each of you who have personally participated in Polio Plus by giving of your cash to The Rotary Foundation, by collecting funds from the public, by publicizing our Polio Eradication effort, or by attending an immunization event here or abroad.

Thanks to the help of Rotarians worldwide and our Polio Plus partners, we are headed in the right direction to end this centuries old disease. But we are not done yet. This past weekend, 400,000 volunteers joined with Polio Survivor Desmond Tutu to immunize 85 million children under age 5 in 19 countries in Central and West Africa.

Please consider doing your part by joining the Polio Plus Society. To join, just agree to give \$100 or more to The Rotary Foundation for Polio Plus each year until this disease is eradicated. Yes, your spouse, children and friends can also be members. Just Email me with your name and club name and I will email back the instructions on how to make your donation - which can be made any time between now and July 1, 2010. We already have 206 Polio Plus Society Members in our District who will be receiving their unique Polio Plus Society pins at the 2010 District Conference.

Thanks to you all,
Terry Ziegler, District 5890 Polio Plus Committee Chair
Email bigzlumber@aol.com
713-748-1730

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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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