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A message from Pres. Jon:

"Foundation Activities"

Lots of activities going on with Rotary Foundation, so I want to share these with you.

Space Center Rotary Club has historically exceeded the Rotary Foundation's request for \$100 per club member plus \$20 to combat Polio Plus, but we are not there yet. We are about \$3,000 short and I request that each of you, who have not helped us meet our goal, please step forward before March 31. We are coming down to the wire; please bring your check or credit card and seek out David Coney. Remember for every \$20 contributed, you get a raffle ticket for a new 2010 Toyota Prius.

Second, Tuesday night, Mar 23 at 6pm we will be hosting "Paul Harris and Floyd Boze" Foundation Dinner at Bay Oaks Country Club. And please understand that you don't have to be either to attend and enjoy the event. Tickets are \$25

Third, this weekend at PETS in Dallas, our own PDG Suzi Howe chaired the Rotary Foundation's "Future Vision" Grants Management Training Session for all incoming club presidents and district leadership. Lots of hard work; great job & thanks to Suzi.

Thanks in advance for your Foundation support
Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010

Past District Governors
From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze
1981-1982



Billy Weseman
1993-1994

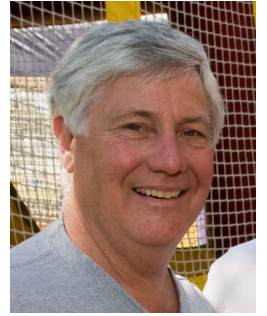


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



March 22—Rick Beverlin

Houston-Galveston Mobility Corridor Analysis

March 29—Cuban Revolution

April 5—TBD

Say Happy Birthday —

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| 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—6:30pm

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

Foundation Dinner at Bay Oaks—March 23, 6:00 pm
Rotary Family Night, Houston Rockets Game—March 25
Texas Roadhouse/Space Center Rotary Friendswood Classic Golf Tournament—April 19, Bay Oaks
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)

Roger Donnelly, lepricon “wana-be”, promoting St Patrick’s Day Family Night at Gilhooleys in San Marcos.



Bay Area Trash Bash presentation.

Space Center Foundation Chair, Bob Wren, encourages everyone to attend the upcoming Paul Harris & Floyd Boze Foundations Dinner, scheduled for Apr 23, 6pmm at Bay Oaks CC



Jon McKinnie, Club President, presents \$2,500 to Club Foundation Chair, David Coney



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YOUTH OF DISTRICT 5890 WINS MULTIPLE AWARDS AT SCRYE CONFERENCE IN OKLAHOMA

District 5890 is so proud of its Youth Exchange program. To validate the strength of our program, District 5890 was selected for District of the Year (out of 36 SCRYE districts) at recent annual SCRYE conference plus 2 other awards.

Major reason is that our program continues to grow:

- 23 Houston area students accepted for long term program
- 16 students accepted for short term program

Our committee has placed 19 inbound students for next year, but still needs host clubs for 3 students:

- Slovakia (male), Poland (female), Belgium (female)

One of incoming Rotary Int'l President Ray Klingensmith's 3 major goals in youth and, in particular, Rotary Youth Exchange

He is one of founders for SCRYE

He has requested that our students to be part of flag ceremony for opening 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans

For more information, contact:

- Tony Sortino
- 281-370-5162 (home)
- 281-351-4040 (work)
- sortino@cdstexas.com

SPACE CENTER GOLF TOURNAMENT APR 19 AT BAY OAKS CC

The 2010 Texas Roadhouse Friendswood Classic will be held on April 19 at Bay Oaks Country Club., Check-in starts at noon, with shotgun start at 1:30pm

The entry fee is \$125 per person which includes greens fees, cart & range balls, boxed lunch, Texas Roadhouse BBQ Rib Dinner and goodie bag. Not to mention all the fun, fellowship and camaraderie.

Sponsors (\$1,000 & up) for Space Center Rotary Club's Shrimpooree this past fall receive a paid admission into this tournament. So take advantage of this opportunity and make plans to participate in this event.

For more info, contact:

- Tony Bloomfield
- 281-461-3800

SEE THE SPACE STATION MARCH 20, 22 and 23

Viewers in the JSC area will be able to see good passes of the International Space Station Saturday, Monday and Tuesday evenings:

Saturday, March 20, 8:46 p.m. (Duration: two minutes)
 Path: 11 degrees above NNW to 35 degrees above NNE
 Maximum elevation: 35 degrees

Monday, March 22, 8 p.m. (Duration: five minutes)
 Path: 11 degrees above NNW to 11 degrees above ESE
 Maximum elevation: 42 degrees

Tuesday, March 23, 8:26 p.m. (Duration: three minutes)
 Path: 28 degrees above WSW to 11 degrees above SSE
 Maximum elevation: 32 degrees

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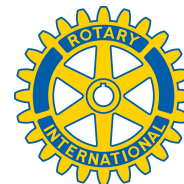
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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities



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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