

the *Blastoff*

Official Newsletter of
The Rotary Club of Space Center
P O Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058
Meetings Monday 11:45 at Bay Oaks Country Club
Clear Lake City Ph. 281.488.7888
Chartered 1964

Mar 29 2010

www.SpaceCenterRotary.org

Editor: Jon McKinnie

Photographer: Bob Mitchell

Ass't Photographer: John Lee



Rotary International
President 2009-2010



John Kenny

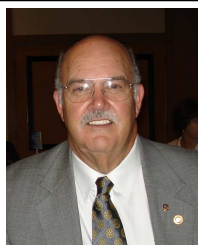


Rotary District 5890
Governor 2009-2010
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

A message from Pres. Jon:



"Bay of Pigs Invasion"

Our speaker today is Emilio de Cardenas, who will make a presentation on the Cuban Invasion on Bay of Pigs and its Betrayal.

Best I remember, this invasion occurred in spring of 1961. I was a junior in high school and my world view was limited to about 30 miles back in the Louisiana swamps. But as I got a bit older and into college, I was amazed to find out that Fidel Castro and his Cuban army knew the invasion was coming. And the US supported invasion went forward anyway.

Our Past President Mike Hernandez was directly involved in the lead-up to this event. I am looking forward to hearing Mr Cardenas & Mike's presentation.

Again, I make an appeal for your \$100 support of the Rotary Foundation, plus \$20 to combat Polio Plus. We are about \$2,000 short and I request that each of you, who have not made your annual contribution, 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.

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

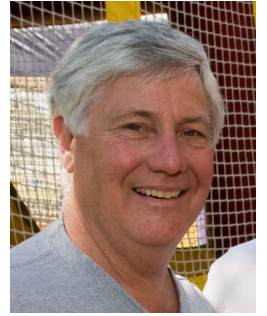


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



March 29—Cuban Revolution

April 5—TBD

April 12—TBD

April 19—TBD

April 26—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.**

**MARCH IS
CLUB OPERATIONS
MONTH**

**AMOCO FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION**

**BAILEY'S
AMERICAN GRILL**

Brad Bailey

**BASTION
TECHNOLOGIES**

Mike Hernandez

**BELINDA K.
SKLOSS, LLC**

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

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

**BEN BRIDGES
JEWELER**

Travis Vermeer

BILLY R. SMITH
Attorney at Law
Board Certified in
Estate Planning, Probate &
Real Estate Law

**COMMUNITY
MANAGEMENT
SOLUTIONS**

**DELIA
STEPHENS
ATTORNEY**

**MCKINNIE &
ASSOCIATES**

Jon McKinnie

**MRI
TECHNOLOGIES**

Tim Kropp

**MIKE
HERNANDEZ**

**MIKE
PORTERFIELD**

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.

**MIKE
SULLIVAN
CITY
COUNCILMAN**

**NORMAN FREDE
CHEVROLET**

**ONE STOP
PARTY SHOP**

**PROSPERITY
BANK**

SAIC

Gary Johnson

**SEABREEZE
EMBROIDERY**

Marilyn Watkins

**SPACE CENTER
AUTOMOTIVE**

Jerrold Dewease

**TEXAS
STATE REP
JOHN DAVIS**

Photo Gallery (Clockwise)

Speaker Rick Beverlin gave presentation on Houston-Galveston Railway Corridor Project



New member, Shannon Kmiec (pronounced Commish), is Territory Manager for Sterling Payment Technologies

New member, Dr Raquel Mena, is a Pediatrician at TX Gulf Coast Medical Group



Foundation Dinner was very enjoyable. Pres-Elect David Coney gave an update on current fundraising efforts for Rotary Foundation and Pres Jon McKinnie reviewed the history of Rotary Foundation and the importance of our continued support. David and Jon are joined by District Governor Ed Charlesworth and District Governor Nominee Designate & AG Chris Schneider



**STATE FARM
INSURANCE**

Johnny White

**TEXAS CITIZENS
BANK**

Mike Cornett

**TEXAS
ROADHOUSE**

Tony Bloomfield

**TEXAS WEALTH
MANAGEMENT**

Mike Hesse

**THE CITIZEN
NEWSPAPER**

Mary Alys Cherr

**GENE & DONNA
TROMBLEE**

**UNIV OF
HOUSTON
CLEAR LAKE
Ted Cummings**

**WALDRON &
SCHNEIDER
ATTORNEYS
Marc Schneider**

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 Shrimptoree 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

Scott Rainey
713-724-8595

St Patrick's Day Celebration during Family of Rotary Night Out. Thanks to Roger Donnelly for organizing the event.

(Clockwise)

Bill & PDG Suzi Howe

Bill Geissler

Micki Czarnik



AQUASTARS

JACOBS

**JSC FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION**

Mike Brown

**J. PAMELA
PHOTOGRAPHY**

Pam Culpepper

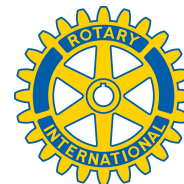
**KIRCHOFF
PETERSON CO**

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
Support for the Rotary Int'l Foundation

**LAS COLINAS
CUSTOM
INTERIORS
Rae DeCastro**

**LEWIS
JEWELERS
Slade Lewis**

**LEXUS OF
CLEAR LAKE
Joey Dupuis**

**EARL
& TERRILEE
MAUDLIN**

**FELDMAN,
ROGERS, MORRIS
& GROVER
ATTORNEYS**

**GREGG &
GREGG
ATTORNEYS**

**GURRY
MECHANICAL, LP**
Ken Gurry

**HEWLETT
PACKARD**
Stan Galanski

SPACE CENTER CORPORATE SPONSORS 2009-2010

The community projects that Space Center Rotary Club delivers each year would not be possible without the support of our wonderful sponsors.

Please patronize our sponsors every chance you get, and tell them how much you appreciate their support. When you do business with our sponsors, tell them "thanks" from Space Center Rotary Club.

Amoco Federal Credit Union
Aquastars
Bailey's American Grille
Bastion Technologies
Bay Area Magazine
Belinda K. Skloss, LLC
Ben Bridge Jeweler
Billy R. Smith - Attorney at Law
Braun's Roofing, Inc
Community Management Solutions
Congressman Pete Olson
Delia Stephens, Attorney at Law
Ed Hubbard Campaign
Feldman, Rogers, Morris & Grover LLP
Gregg & Gregg
Gurry Mechanical
Hewlett Packard
HomeTown Bank
Hopping Eye Associates
Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery
Icon Bank
JACOBS
JSC Fed. Credit Union
J. Pamela Photography
Kirchoff Peterson Company

L D Bowles Associates
Las Colinas Custom Interiors
Lewis Jewelers
Lexus of Clear Lake
Earl & Terrilee Maudlin
MRI Technologies
McKinnie & Associates
Mike Hernandez
Mike Porterfield
Mike Sullivan, Houston City Councilman
Molly Maid of Greater Clear Lake
Norman Frede Cheverolet
One Stop Party Shop
Prosperity Bank
SAIC
Seabreeze Embroidery
Space Center Automotive
State Representative John Davis
State Farm Insurance - Johnny R. White Agent
Texas Citizens Bank
Texas Roadhouse
Texas Wealth Management
The Citizen
Gene & Donna Tromblee
University of Houston - Clear Lake
Waldron & Schneider,LLP

**HOMETOWN
BANK**

Mike Duckworth

**HOPPING EYE
ASSOCIATES**

Vissett Sun

**HYDROCARBON
RESOURCE
RECOVERY**
Scott Rainey

ICON BANK

Ralph Kramer