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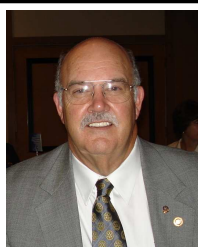


Rotary District 5890  
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## A message from Pres. Jon:



### "German GSE Team"

Today marks the beginning of the German GSE team visit to America and Space Center Rotary Club. Typically, Space Center gets the GSE team late during their busy schedule, but this year we get them first. In fact they just hit the ground from Frankfurt on Saturday & will present at our club Monday.

Mike Dennard and Hilmar Zeissig are coordinating their reception and activities while visiting our area. Mike and Hilmar will do a wonderful job, but we need each of you to participate in their scheduled activities and make the German GSE team believe their visit to Space Center area will be a chance in a lifetime.

Monies continue to roll in for the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. But if you have not made your \$100 contribution to the Foundation and \$20 contribution to Polio Plus, it's not too late. Reach out to David Coney and make your contribution now.

We have some exciting activities coming up (including Golf Tournament next Monday & District Conference Apr 22-24), so stay tuned and stay involved. After the coldest winter during my tour of duty in Houston, has the weather lately been great or what???

*Thanks for your support as always*  
*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*



*April 12—Mike Dennard, German GSE Team*

*April 19—Stan Galanski, Haitian Water Project*

*April 26—Extreme Makeover—Rotary Edition*

*May 5—TBD*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Dick Gregg III	April 4th
Ken Gurry	April 15th
Dennis Dillon	April 22nd
Dick Meyer	April 30th

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

**APRIL IS  
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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**

**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, San Jacinto Community College**

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**Glen Langford**

Space Center Rotarian Glen Langford has had some medical issues and is currently in Methodist Hospital—Downtown. Please keep Glen and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Contact Art Oswald for more information.

**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 year, 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](http://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)**

PDG Floyd Boze and his Granddaughter at Club Foundation Dinner



Space Center Foundation Chair Bob Wren, PDG Floyd Boze and Floyd Boze Fellow Micki Czarnik at Foundation Dinner



Congressman Pete Olson visits with his constituents (John Lee & Sheryl Berg) at Space Center Rotary

New member, Becky Parker, is Past President of Anchorage, Alaska Downtown Club



Returning member, John Zarcaro, is welcomed back into the club.



Alan Wilson is inducted into Space Center Rotary Club

Kathy Dooley is welcomed into our club



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### **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 Shrimporee 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

**Bob Mitchell, Bay Area Economic Partnership, described their efforts to save Johnson Space Center and NASA's many employees from government cut-backs.**

**Emilio de Cardenas, presented personal experiences captured in his new book, "Cuban Revolution & It's Betrayal"**

**Interactor Robert Brumbaugh, Clear Lake High School, spoke about his experiences in camp.**



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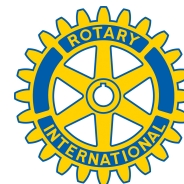
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## **Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities**



### **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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