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The Rotary Club of Space Center
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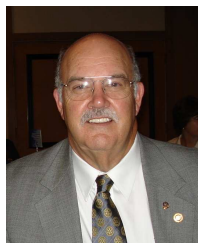


Rotary District 5890
Governor 2009-2010
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
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A message from Pres. Jon:



"District Conference"

Detail planning throughout the year will culminate with the District 5890 Conference, which will be held April 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency Downtown Houston.

Space Center Rotary will host one of the hospitality suites again this year, so seek us out and share the fellowship with other Rotarians.

I know that I procrastinate with the best of them, but I'm registered to attend and enjoy the district wide celebration of another wonderful year. If you have already registered, thank you so much for your participation.

If not, time is almost up. Please register today. Your perception of Rotary will change forever, you will meet new friends and marvel at the reach of Rotary throughout the District and around the world.

Oh, and last call for \$20 raffle tickets, which supports the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. The drawing for the new 2010 automobile will be held during the District Conference. Reach out to David Coney and make your contribution now.

And, good luck in the Space Center Golf Tournament this Monday.

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

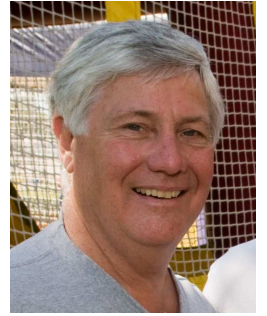


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



April 19—Stan Galanski, Haitian Water Project

April 26—Extreme Makeover—Rotary Edition

May 3—Memorial at Clear Lake Park Senior Citizen Pavilion

May 10—TBD

May 17—David Eagleman “Secrets of the Mind”

May 24—Supris Cherazard “Earthquake Survivor & Update on Haiti Relief Efforts”

May 31—Memorial Day Holiday “No Club Meeting”

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
MAGAZINE MONTH**

<p>AMOCO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION</p>	<p>BAILEY'S AMERICAN GRILL Brad Bailey</p>	<p>BASTION TECHNOLOGIES Mike Hernandez</p>	<p>BELINDA K. SKLOSS, LLC</p>
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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 28	Tommy's Seafood, 2555 Bay Area Blvd

ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<p>Texas Roadhouse/Space Center Rotary Friendswood Classic Golf Tournament—April 19, Bay Oaks District Conference—April 22-24, Hyatt Downtown Houston RNASA- April 30, Hyatt Downtown Houston District Assembly—May 15, San Jacinto Community College Springoree—May 20, Bailey's American Grille</p>	

<p>BEN BRIDGES JEWELER Travis Vermeer</p>	<p>BILLY R. SMITH Attorney at Law Board Certified in Estate Planning, Probate & Real Estate Law</p>	<p>COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS</p>	<p>DELIA STEPHENS ATTORNEY</p>
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Jon McKinnie

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**MIKE
HERNANDEZ**

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DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO CELEBRATE WITH THE STS-131 CREW AT ELLINGTON FIELD

You're invited to Ellington Field Hangar 990 on Tuesday, April 20, at 4 p.m. to honor Commander Alan Poindexter, Pilot James Dutton and Mission Specialists Rick Mastracchio, Dorothy Metcalf-Lindenburger, Stephanie Wilson, Clayton Anderson and Naoko Yamazaki of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency at the STS-131 Crew Return Ceremony.

Along with JSC Director Mike Coats, family, friends, colleagues and public guests are invited to wish the Discovery crew well as they return from a successful mission in space. Gates to Ellington Field will open at 3:30 p.m.

**District Conference—April 22-24 (THIS WEEK)
FINAL APPEAL FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION**



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 which will highlight the participation of Space Center Rotarians & Rotarians throughout the district.

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)

Space Center Rotary had the honor of being the first Rotary Club to host the incoming German GSE Team, which is headed by Team Leader Helmut Munstermann

Team members included:

- Ramona Kiesel
- Tino Jentsch
- Cindy Altkrueger
- Toni Kodantke
- Marion Engelhardt

Hilmar Zeissig and his wife, Rose, were wonderful hosts for their reception for the GSE Team, District leaders and Space Center Rotarians at their town house.



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**REMINDER GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS MONDAY
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

JB Fox receives his Paul Harris Society pin from President Elect David Coney.



PDG Suzi Howe presents Stan Galanski with his Paul Harris Society pin.

Courtney Lindberg promotes the Electronics Waste Collection Event.



Mike Hess promotes the Wine Connoisseur's Club at the Springoree.



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Pam Culpepper

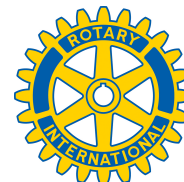
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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities



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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