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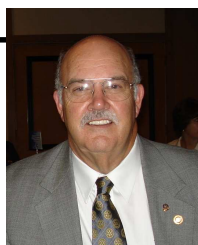
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A message from Pres. Jon:

"Mega Club of the Year & Service Above Self Award"

WOW!!! Space Center Rotary Club was selected "Mega Club of the Year", for the second year in a row. With so many wonderful clubs in the district, I didn't think statistically we had a chance. But I should have had more faith in the District's ability to recognize the outstanding effort of our very special club. This is truly amazing.

After Mike Hernandez's outstanding year, I asked myself, "What can you do to top this?" I thought, "Just more M&M's—more Membership and more Money". And did we ever.

We have +16 net member growth (14.3%) is unheard of in a large club. Plus, this year, Space Center is supporting 25 local community service projects and 12 Int'l projects (including Stan Galanski's new Haitian Water Project), totaling \$289,750.

Earlier in the conference banquet, our own Stan Galanski received the "Service Above Self" award which is given to only 150 outstanding Rotarians worldwide. Truly a rare achievement, and couldn't have gone to a more deserving individual, Space Center's "Stan the Man".

Thanks to each of you for your support as always
Jon McKinnie President 2009-2010



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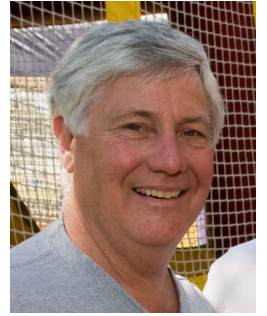


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



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—

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.**

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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

**RNASA- April 30, Hyatt Downtown Houston
District Assembly—May 15, San Jacinto Community College
Springoree—May 20, Bailey's American Grille**

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District Conference

This year's District Conference was held April 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Houston. Space Center's presence was everywhere. Many of the sessions were lead by our own Space Center members, including presentations by:

Courtney Lindberg—Earth Day Conference Chair

Jack Bacon—Futurist's View of Our Planet Presentation

PDG Suzi Howe—Future Vision Training: Navigating Through the Newness

Alan Wylie—Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony & Future of Rotary: Youth Services

Stan Galanski— Clean Water for All Presentations (2)

Jon McKinnie— Video presentation of Extreme Makeover—Rotary Edition which highlighted the participation of Space Center Rotarians & Rotarians throughout the district.



I took the opportunity to set back and just absorb their quality presentations and feel their passion for community and Int'l service. Space Center Rotarians are truly an outstanding group of caring, giving individuals. Not just these speakers, but each and every Space Center Rotarian.

I had the opportunity to set with RI President's Rep Dianne Cammarata during some of our presentations, and I'm telling you, she was blown away by Space Center Rotary Club's presenter after presenter after presenter.

Stan Galanski's passion for "Paying it Forward" was validated when he was presented Rotary Int'l prestigious "**Service Above Self**" award.

Each year, only 150 Rotarians receive this award worldwide. Could not have been a more deserving individuals than our own Stan Galanski and his wife, Susan.



Later in the night, I had the honor to accept Space Center's "**Mega Club of the Year**" award from District Governor Ed Charlesworth. This award is a tribute to each and everyone of you for your contribution of time, energy, effort and money to help those less fortunate than us. We all know, "You Stand Tallest When You Stoop Down to Lift Someone Less Fortunate to Their Feet"



When my wife, Kay, was recognized for her support for Rotary and my passion to help others was the icing on the cake.

Thanks so much to our enthusiastic group of Space Center Rotarians who were present to enjoy the festivities and support each and everyone of us.

I have come to appreciate that it's not about who stands before you as Club President. It's about every member willing to go beyond the call of duty, doing what's right, with no consideration for recognition. Thanks again to each and everyone of you for supporting Space Center Rotary Club and participating in it's efforts to "Pay it Forward". God Bless!!



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Photo Gallery (Clockwise)

Space Center's Exhibit which highlighted some of our outstanding projects

Kay McKinnie brought outstanding center pieces for Space Center's tables

Some of the Attendees:

Gary & Karen Johnson

Teri Hernandez & Wayne Musial

Gene Tromblee & Marilyn Musial

Jon & Kay McKinnie

Marilyn & Wayne Musial

Roger Donnelly

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Last Week's Club Activities (Clockwise)

Stan Galanski make moving presentation on his Haitian Relief Efforts.

In response, Earl Maudlin presents \$5,000 check to support Stan Galanski's Haitian Water Project. WOW!! Isn't it great to be a Rotarian.

Cindy Harreld exchanges her Red Badge for a permanent badge. "Whew, glad that's over"!!

Al Ligrani receives his winnings from Club Treasurer Marilyn Musial. "See, it does pay to come to Rotary."

Pres Jon McKinnie and his new golf instructor, John Zarcaro, enjoyed participating in the Space Center Rotary Golf Tournament.



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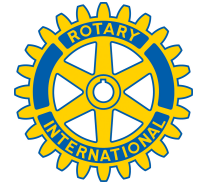
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Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities



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 “Valentine Day”
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
Water Project—Haiti
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