

# the *Blastoff*

Official Newsletter of  
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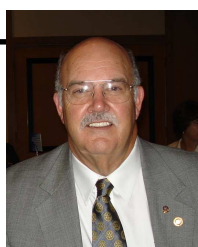
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## A message from Pres. Jon:

"Springoree & CCISD Teacher of Year"

Space Center's spring fundraiser, Springoree, is scheduled for this Thursday, May 20, at 6:30pm, which will be held at Bailey's American Grille again this year.

I know some of us are procrastinators, and I am one of the worst. But it's not too late to attend. Contact Steve Owens, Scott Rainey, Micki Czarnik, or other committee members for tickets.

Springoree Chair, Steve Owens, and his outstanding committee have organized another wonderful event, complete with Connoisseurs Wine Tasting, live and silent auctions and did I mention wonderful food and camaraderie.

Next week, May 25, at Noon, Dr Greg Smith, Clear Creek ISD's Superintendent, will be hosting its "Teacher of the Year" Presentation at South Shore Harbour Resort. Space Center, along with Seabrook and League City Rotary Clubs, will be hosting the event. Be sure to make your plans to attend and support this wonderful community service event.

*Thanks to each of you 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

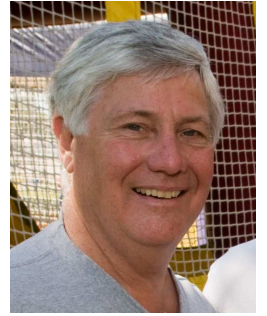


Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

# Programs —

*John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010*



*May 17—David Eagleman  
“Secrets of the Mind”*

*May 24— Kathy Stone, Probate Judge  
“Seven Things You Need to Do Before You Die”*

*May 31—Memorial Day Holiday “No Club Meeting”*

*Jun 7—Excellence in Public Safety*

*Jun 14—Excellence in Education*

*Jun 21—Club Assembly (Year in Review)*

*Jun 28—Installation of New Officers & Directors*

## Say Happy Birthday —

David Coney	May 4th
Laura Godwin	May 9th
Alan Wylie	May 10th
Tom Kloves	May 10th
Bob Wren	May 12th
Jim Hargrove	May 12th
Lu Gaigher	May 14th
Carlos Villagomez	May 20th
Geoff Atwater	May 20th

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

*If you are missing from this list, send birth date to Jon McKinnie*

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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.  
**2010 Springoree ..... Thursday, May 20 @ 6:30**  
**Rotary / CCISD Teacher of the Year ..... Tuesday, May25 @ Noon**

**FAMILY OF ROTARY NIGHT OUT—6:30pm**

**(No Meetings Planned for May)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Springoree—May 20, Bailey’s American Grille**  
**Rotary/CCISD Teacher of the Year—May 25, South Shore Harbour Resort**  
**District Leadership Installation—Jun 11, Safari Texas**

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**Springoree—May 20 2010**

Our spring fling is a great "fun" raiser, an excuse to dress "Spring Casual", get out of the house and have a great time.

This year's event will be held at **Bailey's American Grille, 2320 NASA Parkway, Seabrook, TX, on May 20, 6:30pm.** There will be lots of live & silent auction items, Connoisseurs Wine Tasting, great food and outstanding fellowship.

Some of the auction items include

- Mike & Teri Hernandez's Condo in Cozumel
- Fishing Trip with Johnny White
- Dinner for 30 at Texas Roadhouse
- Last Will & Testaments
- 2 Ladies Jackets
- Dinner for 10 at Bailey's American Grille
- Champagne & Fireworks Dinner Cruise on Earl & Terrylee Maudlin's boat
- Golf and Use of Alan & Gaye Wylie's Condo at Rayburn Country
- Weekend stay at Moody Garden Hotel with Free Use of BMW

We will have a great time while supporting local charities and deserving events. Make sure you have made plans to participate this week.



**BUT, IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT YOUR TICKET, IT'S NOT TOO LATE.** Contact any of the Shrimporee Committee members to get your tickets.

**Space Center's Lost Article Recovered**

It has been long rumored that Rotary Int'l published an article many years ago about the early stages of manned space exploration and its close association with Space Center Rotary Club. But even Rotary International didn't have a copy. We are thrilled that the article has been recovered.

Jon McKinnie was fortunate enough to start working on the coming Rotary year with Linda Caruso, incoming District Secretary, whose friend's father was a Space Center founding member, who had kept the magazine and article. (Follow me??)

A few weeks ago, Jon was honored to be given the original magazine, published in May, 1966, which extolled the formative stages of space exploration and its' close association with Space Center Rotary Club.

Click on the following link: (It's a large article so will take a few minutes to load)  
<http://www.spacecenterrotary.info/links1965-66/May1966Rotarian.PDF>

McKinnie states, "Just reinstates why I am truly honored to have serviced as President of the magically named "Space Center" Rotary Club."



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AUTOMOTIVE**

**Jerrold Dewease**

**TEXAS  
STATE REP  
JOHN DAVIS**

**Photo Gallery (Clockwise)**

Last week's speaker, Joey Wyatt, reminds us of the telltale symptom, signs and consequences of strokes.



We were honored to have Japanese GSE team visit our club and exchange banners with Space Center.



Christi Cherami accepts Space Center's donation to Bay Area Turning Point.

Bob Wren, Space Center Rotary Foundation President, accepts donation from President Jon McKinnie, which is ear-marked for the Foundation's new vocational mentoring recipient.



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### Last Week's Club Activities (Clockwise)

Bob Wren welcomes Billy Smith back to Rotary, after an extended recovery from an ankle injury. I speak for all of us in the Family of Rotary, "We've Missed You, Billy"

Pres Jon presents the distinctive banner of the club, depicting an astronaut in an Extra-Vehicular Activity of "Space Walk" while orbiting the Earth, copy of which was carried by Rotarian Frank Borman on Apollo VIII in Lunar Orbit on December 24, 1968 and which was later presented to Rotary International President To-gasaki in Honolulu, Hawaii, by Col. Borman. The Space Center Club banner is now displayed in R.I. Headquarters in Evanston, IL

Club Banner (Below)



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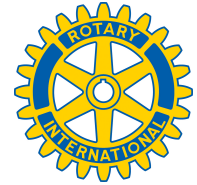
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## **Our 2009—2010 Service Projects and Activities**



### **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  
Water Project Scholarship—Central America  
Water Purification Project—Bolivia  
Engineers Without Borders  
Clinics & Orphanage in Mexico  
International Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange & Ambassadorial Scholars  
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Joey Dupuis**

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ATTORNEYS**

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