

# 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

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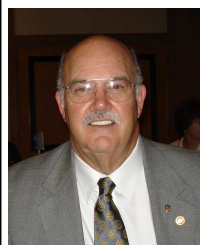
Rotary District 5890  
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Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider  
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center  
District Assistant Governor

## A message from Pres. Jon:

### "Teachers of the Year"



On May 25, the Clear Creek ISD "Teacher of the Year" Awards Luncheon was sponsored by Space Center, Seabrook and League City Rotary Clubs. I was really impressed with the proceedings, which was hosted by Space Center Rotarian Dr Greg Smith, CCISD Supr.

At Monday's club meeting, Dr Smith will recount the proceedings and introduce the "Teacher of the Year" winners, Karen Hearn, Landolt Elementary Teacher and Erika Bondy, Creekside Intermediate Teacher.

Plus, you will have a bonus. Incoming President, David Coney, will be conducting the club meeting, and I will get to set in audience for first time in 4 years. Yeeha.

On June 21, I will have the pleasure to review our "End of Year Accomplishments" and present awards to some outstanding Rotarians. And finally, on June 28, incoming District Governor Sunny Sharma will conduct the installation of David Coney as President and the 2010-11 Officers and Directors.

Be sure to make every effort to attend these meetings of celebration and show your support for our wonderful community leaders.

*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*



*Jun 14—Excellence in Education*

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

*Jun 28—Installation of New Officers & Directors*

*Jul 5—No Club Meeting (4th July Holiday)*

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Chuck Jacobson	June 2nd
David Hamblin	June 2nd
John Lee	June 13th
Alissa Sammons	June 16th
Dan Weber	June 18th
Jamie Scaffidi	June 19th
Olive Murphy-Riker	June 20th
Gene Tromblee	June 26th
Hilmar Zeissig	June 29th

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

**JUNE IS  
ROTARY FELLOWSHIP  
MONTH**

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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.**

**FAMILY OF ROTARY NIGHT OUT—6:30pm**

**Bay Oaks Pool Party—June 18 6:30 Bay Oaks Country Club**  
**(There will be many prospective members in attendance. Make every effort to participate.)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Club Assembly (Club Awards & Year in Review) - Jun 21, Bay Oaks**  
**Installation of New Officers & Directors—Jun 28, Bay Oaks**

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HERNANDEZ**

**MIKE  
PORTERFIELD**

**District Leadership Installation Dinner—June 11**



The installation ceremonies for incoming District Governor Sunny Sharma, District Leadership Team & Club Presidents was held at Safari Texas in Richmond, TX on Saturday night. This was a great event, attended by over 400 Rotarians and guests.

Our own incoming President David Coney and District Chief of Staff Jon McKinnie were installed by Past RI Director Don Mebus. What an honor.



I am so proud to report that 22 Space Center Rotarians and spouses attended. When Space Center's Past District Governor Suzi Howe was introduced, she received the loudest and most vocal response of all dignitaries. A tribute to the respect for Suzi throughout the district and for her tremendous contribution time, energy and effort to Rotary.



**MIKE  
SULLIVAN  
CITY  
COUNCILMAN**

**NORMAN FREDE  
CHEVROLET**

**ONE STOP  
PARTY SHOP**

**PROSPERITY  
BANK**

<b>SAIC</b> <b>Gary Johnson</b>	<b>SEABREEZE EMBROIDERY</b> <b>Marilyn Watkins</b>	<b>SPACE CENTER AUTOMOTIVE</b> <b>Jerrold Dewease</b>	<b>TEXAS STATE REP</b> <b>JOHN DAVIS</b>
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**Request for Assistance during NASA Competition**

At the end of July, the NASA will attend the finals of International Space Settlement Design Competition.

Young students of a secondary school of a small city inserted in our District was the winner group between all Latin-American finalist, therefore they will travel to compete with contestants from the rest of the world. To assist to that event, they need to make expenses that they cannot afford.

Knowing how much it would represent for a small middle-class population and for local Rotary Club to support the trip of High-School Center delegation, parents and youth involved, as District governor we wish to ask for your cooperation by the way of providing-being possible-room in Rotarian houses or near facilities to host for 2 weeks a group of fourteen persons. They are distributed in the following way: 6 female students

- 6 male students
- 1 female mother or teacher
- 1 male father or teacher

Dear President, you may, understand the importance of this kind of experience in young students; because of that, we wait you will comprehend the expectancy students and parents have and de frustration that no-assistance would cause. For that reason, wishing you may do something to accomplish our request, I'm sending you and your Rotarian Club my best regards,

Bruno Spremolla  
Governor

**(Editor's Note: If you have interest in home hosting one or more of these individuals, please contact Alan Wylie or Dick Meyer)**

**Rotary License Plates Now Available in Texas**



The Texas Rotary Licenses Plates are finally available. We want to thank Tom Plumb for his tireless work and never giving up, despite all the hurdles that he was required to jump.

Let's all show our to be a Rotarian and support Tom's efforts by ordering one of the initial issue of the Texas Rotary License Plates. Click on or copy and paste the following link into your web browser and share your pride to be a Rotarian.

<http://rts.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/txdotrts/SpecialPlateOrderServlet?gpid=60&pltid=335>

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**THE CITIZEN  
NEWSPAPER**

**Mary Alys Cherry**

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TROMBLEE**

**UNIV OF  
HOUSTON  
CLEAR LAKE  
Ted Cummings**

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ATTORNEYS  
Marc Schneider**

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

New member, Alan Wilson, was inducted as a Space Center Rotarian, making him the 19th new member this year.

Firefighter of the Year awards were given at last week's club meeting. Unfortunately I do not have the individual names.



**AQUASTARS**

**JACOBS**

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CREDIT UNION**

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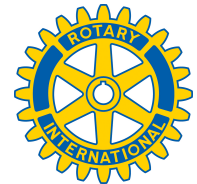
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ASSOCIATES**



## **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 “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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Support for the Rotary Int’l Foundation

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Rae DeCastro**

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Slade Lewis**

**LEXUS OF  
CLEAR LAKE  
Joey Dupuis**

**EARL  
& TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN**

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ROGERS, MORRIS  
& GROVER  
ATTORNEYS**

**GREGG &  
GREGG  
ATTORNEYS**

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**Ken Gurry**

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PACKARD**  
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