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The Rotary Club of Space Center
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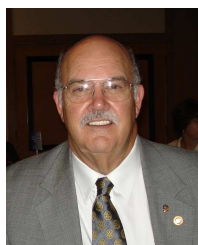


Rotary District 5890
Governor 2009-2010
Ed Charlesworth



Chris Schneider
Alvin, Seabrook, Space Center
District Assistant Governor

A message from Pres. Jon:



"Magic Carpet Ride"

Tomorrow, June 21, will be my "Swan Song", when I will have the pleasure to review our outstanding "End of Year Accomplishments" and present awards to some outstanding Rotarians.

We will end the year with 21 new members, which represents 18.4% growth, which is truly amazing. In addition, Space Center has sponsored 25 local community service projects and 12 International projects, distributing almost \$300,000 to these very deserving projects.

2009-10 has truly been a "Magic Carpet Ride" for me and I will forever cherish the opportunity to have served as President of such a wonderful club, especially with the magical name "Space Center" Rotary Club.

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 new club 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

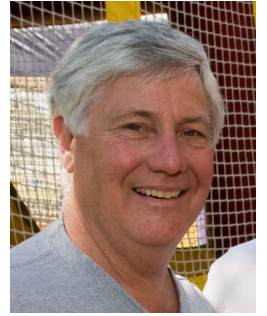


Suzi Howe
2006-2007

Service Above Self

Programs —

John Nugent, Chair 2009-2010



Jun 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.**

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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

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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Photo Gallery

President Jon McKinnie has started making his year end awards presentations, giving rosewood pen sets to AG Chris Schneider and all of his board members.

Jon will continue his presentations at this week's meeting.



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Nicaragua Trip

We will be leaving July 10,2010 for our next trip to Nicaragua. Attached is the Trip Sign-up Sheet and the Trip Itinerary. Please read them completely for details that you would need to know if you would like to go with us.

This will be a great trip with an opportunity for you to see all our projects and see what we are continuing to do through Rotary for the "Children of the Dump" and those people who are living in extreme poverty in Nicaragua. We will visit the School of the Dump, the School for Blind Children, the Trade School, the Hospital, the Home for Pregnant Women, and the three Villages that Rotary has helped these people to build.

If you have never been with us before I guarantee that it will change your life to see what has been accomplished. At the end of the trip we will spend two days at a beautiful resort in San Juan del Sur in the south of Nicaragua called " Villas de Palermo".

PLEASE send in a copy of the sign-up sheet which is available on the district website for EACH person who will be going with us. Mail or fax it to me at the address indicated at the top of the Trip Form. We need this information to make hotel reservations. Please indicate if you are traveling as a couple to help us with this.

Art Rascon, the ABC reporter who did a documentary on our projects (which won an Emmy) has said that he would like to go to do a follow-up story now, but this has not yet been confirmed and his schedule is subject to change depending on what events may be occurring at that time.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail me, Jim Kite, at :
jimkite@sbcglobal.net
 cell# 979-251-0840

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.

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Last Week’s Club Activities (Clockwise)

Incoming President David Coney did a great job conducting the club meeting this past Monday. David said Jon gave him a “Mulligan”, a do-over, in preparation for his coming term.

The two CCISD Teachers of the Year attended our club meeting and shared their experiences with our members:

- Karen Hearn, Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Erika Bondy, Secondary Teacher of the Year

AG & DGN Chris Schneider presented Presidential Citations for

- University of Houston Clear Lake (Dr Ted Cummings)
- Clear Lake Interact (Dr Greg Smith)
- Space Center Rotary Club (Pres Jon McKinnie)



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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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