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PROGRAMS:

Today ----

CCISD High School basketball coaches

Jan. 08th - John Wilson re: School Safety

Jan. 15th - Scott Rozell of Texans for Lawsuit Reform

Jan. 29th - Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve Bank

Feb. 05th - Tom Evans (JSC) Engineers Without

Borders will talk about their project in
Rwanda

Feb. 12th - Dist Gov's Official Visit

*If you have a program to suggest, contact our program
chair, Bill Lowes at wiseowl@swbell.net*

January 22nd Election of Officers & Directors.
Contact Dick Gregg, III to propose someone for
nomination, but get permission from your nominee
first.



Agenda

Luncheon Begins	11:45
Call to Order	12:00
Song	Debby McBride
Invocation ..	Carlos Villagomez
Pledge	
4-Way Test	
Introductions	
Announcements	12:10
Program	12:30
Adjourn	1:00

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Baybrook Mall

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***Our very own Travis Vermeer who
has been such a strong financial
supporter of SCRC by donating a
very expensive watch for raffle
and nice jewelry for the Shrimpor-
ree. They support us, show them
we appreciate it -- Check them out
for that special Christmas gift.***

*At right, Charlie
Jenkins, Director of
Planning & Devel-
opment, Port of
Houston Authority
presented a very
interesting update
on their Bayport
Facility. The Port
of Houston is cur-
rently the 10th larg-
est port in the
world.*





Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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Suzi Says.....

"Every Rotarian, Every Year"

Support the **Rotary Foundation** as a sustaining member by donating \$100 each year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. What a great time to share with loved ones and your Rotary family. May we also reflect on the year 2006, where we want to go and what we want to achieve in the year 2007. This has been an outstanding year for me and Bill. Our Rotary family has shown us their love in every way. We look forward to the a new Year and know we will grow in Rotary love and fellowship. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!!!!

April 26-29 – District Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Fiesta Americana Hotel.

All Rotarians Invited. Reserve NOW for fun, fellowship, and a wealth of Rotary information. Registration form, airline information available at www.rotary5890.org.

No Shoes, A Rotary Shirt, No Problems.



**Rotary Theme
2006-2007**

Mark your calendar. Suzi's official governor's visit to SCRC will be on February 12th. Honor her with perfect attendance and a standing "O" for her service and dedication to the ideals of Rotary and the motto of Service Above Self. Being District Governor is a tremendous sacrifice of time and talent.

PolioPlus



Rotary International

The Rotarian

Have you read the December issue?



- ✓ This issue is full of good stuff. The cover tells that it is all about the *Joy of Rotary, a celebration of the lighter side of Rotary.*
- ✓ **Remember, when you are finished reading, turn your issue into the check-in desk for use by the Red Badge Committee.**

January is Rotary Awareness Month. Consider how the Rotary Centennial Pavilion project will raise awareness of Rotary in this community.

Members' Voice



This page is devoted to the opinions, suggestions, gripes, inquiries, concerns, advisories, etc. of the members of SCRC. This is your voice. Email submissions to the Editor at Billys@sbcglobal.net

Briskets

If you ordered a Shrimporee brisket, you may pick it up at the club meeting on December 18th. They will be frozen and wrapped in foil. If you will not be able to claim yours, please ask someone to get it for you and notify Jerrold Dewase about whom that person will be. jgdjmd@aol.com

This is your space. Use it or lose it. Thanks to those few who have made contributions. If the editor does not receive your input, he will take that as an indication that this space is being wasted and the page will be discontinued as was the Sunshine and Showers section.



Rotary is present in China. This picture was taken by Hilmar Zeissig during a recent trip. Rotary and its ideals are universal. It would not surprise me if Rotarians could solve the middle-east problems. What do you think? Rotarians look for the best in everything and everyone. Rotarians do not seek praise or insist on their own way, they only want to serve humanity and make the world a better place for all.

What do you think about our Endowment Foundation awarding scholarships to deserving students who will attend San Jacinto Community College and University of Houston - Clear Lake. If you think this would be a good project, email the editor with your thoughts re: selection criteria and amount of sustenance. Your input will be passed on to the club's board and the EF Trustees.

Events Calendar

- Club Board of Directors..1st Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
.....2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Rotary Foundation Committee ... last Wed. of
month
- Pancake Breakfast.....Feb 3rd '07
- Boots & Black Tie EventFeb or Mar '07
- National Space Award Banquet.....Apr 20,'07
- District 5890 Conference in Puerta
Villarta, Mexico April 26-29, 2007
- RI Convention, Salt Lake CityJune 2007

Say Happy Birthday to ---

Dick Gregg Jr.....19-Dec
Keith Huff.....23-Dec
Art Oswald.....25-Dec
Richard Hergert.....30-Dec

Highlights of the SCRCEF Board of Trustees Meeting December 12th

- Due to absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was presented.
- The City of Nassau Bay's proposed project to the State of Texas for beautification of NASA Parkway from Space Center Blvd. to Saturn Lane was not approved due to a shortage of funds. The Rotary Centennial Pavilion which was to be included in the project will now go forward, hopefully as a joint project of SCRC, the City of Nassau Bay and Space Center Houston; the proposed location is on Space Center Houston land adjoining Talon Park (where the T33 Talon jets are displayed).

MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

Tuesday @ noon

Pearland
Golfcrest Country Club
2501 Country Club Drive

LaPorte @ 12:10 p.m.
St John Episcopal Church
Broadway @ Ave. G

Wednesday @ noon

Pasadena South
Baywood Country Club
5500 Genoa Red Bluff

Friendswood @ noon

Village on the Park
Retirement Center
400 E. Parkwood

Thursday @ &:7:00 a.m.

Seabrook
Lakewood Yacht Club
2425 NASA Parkway

Thursday @ noon

League City
Estaban's Fiesta Shack
131 League Street

Friday @ noon

Pasadena
First United Methodist Church
1062 Farimont Pkwy

Make up @ an E-club

http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/eclub_list.pdf

Mr. Rotary, Floyd Boze,
57 years of perfect attendance.

The Rotary Motto:
Service Above Self

OFFICERS

President: Geoff Atwater
President Elect: Dick Gregg, III
Secretary: Mike Hernandez
Treasurer: Gary Johnson
Sgt @ Arms: Rafael Lugo

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International Svc B	Dick Kidder
Vocational Service	Art Wood

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Bill Lowes	Programs
Attendance	Murray Epstein
Bulletin Editor	Billy Smith
Photographer	Bob Mitchell
Song Leader	Debby McBride
Pianist	Job Open
Laura Hale	Red Badgers

DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Suzie Howe	2006-2007
Billy Weseman	1993-1994
Floyd Boze	1981-1982

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5890 RAFFLE

Win a trip to South Africa!

The trip includes:

- ◆ round trip airfare from Houston.
- ◆ accommodations furnished by the Rotary Club of South Africa.
- ◆ 3-day pass to Kruger National Park.
- ◆ Total value \$7,500.
- ◆ Drawing on April 28, 2007 (you need not be present to win).
- ◆ Tickets are \$10 each or \$100 for a book of 10.
- ◆ Your purchase of a book of tickets will make you a Paul Harris Sustaining Member.

Rotary on the Web
www.Rotary.org

**Meal Tickets for 10 meals are available at the check-in table.
The price is \$150.**

The Blastoff Staff

Editor: Billy Smith
Photographer: Bob Mitchell
Deadline for submission of material for publication:
5:00 p.m. Wednesday
Distribution via email on Friday

DISCARDED EYEGASSES (RX OR NOT) & CASES & HOTEL TOILETRIES ARE NEEDED. BRING THEM TO A MEETING & DEPOSIT THEM IN THE BASKETS PROVIDED BY VIC MARIA.

The next SCRCEF Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday February 7th. Jack Lister and his team will be selling tickets at each prior meeting beginning Dec. 18th. Please support this project and join us for a great meal and fellowship. It is unbeatable!!

Keep Our Club Alive & Healthy Infuse New Blood & Offer To Others The Opportunity to Serve

Do you know a friend or colleague who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? If you do, then consider proposing them for membership. Every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation of seeking qualified Rotary Club members. In this way, all Rotarians can help the club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of this community. A full roster of dedicated member enhances fellowship and helps our club carry out our worthwhile service projects. Think about the expertise you can add to the club's profile. Ever new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources that can greatly strengthen this club's ability to serve throughout the greater Clear Lake - Bay Area and the world. General Qualifications: Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

The Mission of the Rotary Foundation:

The Mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's Mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs. Specifically, the R I Board and the Trustees are committed to achieving the goals of eradicating polio through the completion of the PolioPlus program; to emphasizing and strengthening educational and cultural programs, which enhance goodwill and understanding; to making grants which fulfill humanitarian needs in all areas of the world; and to expanding programs intended to strengthen peaceful relations among people.

The Object of Rotary:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster —

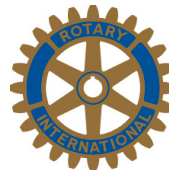
- ★ The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- ★ High ethical standards in business and professions;
- ★ The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
- ★ and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- ★ The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- ★ The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.

**STOP WAR!! MAKE EVERYONE
JOIN ROTARY.**

Definition of an Effective Rotary Club:

Effective Rotary Clubs

1. *Sustain and/or grow their membership base.*
2. *Implement successful service projects in their community & communities in other countries.*
3. *Support The Rotary Foundation, both financially and through program participation.*
4. *Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.*



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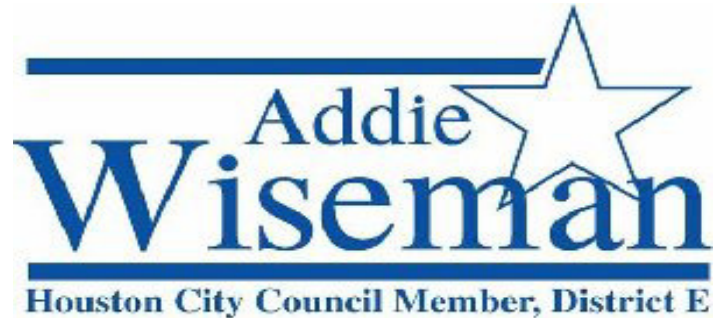
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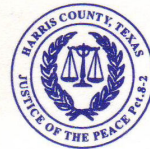
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