



# The Blastoff

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## PROGRAMS:

**Today ----**

Carol Stevens re: Boys & Girls Harbor in  
La Porte

Dec. 11th - Charlie Jenkins, Dir. Planning &  
Development, Port of Houston Authority

Dec. 18th - Clear Creek & Clear Lake basketball  
coaches (not yet confirmed)

Jan. 8th - John Wilson re: School Safety

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

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

Feb. 12th - Dist Gov's Official Visit

*If you have a program to suggest, contact our program  
chair, Bill Lowes at [wiseowl@swbell.net](mailto:wiseowl@swbell.net)*



## 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



Stan Galanski telling us about a Rotary water project in Bolivia. Our club is a significant contributor to this project, not just with money, but through Stan's involvement. Please let Stan know how much you appreciate what he is doing to make the lives of others better.

*Photo by Bob Mitchell*



# Gov. Suzi's Calendar

[www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm](http://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.

Please join me in my vision to support a Montessori program in the *Casa de los Ninos Barbara Bush*—a state of the art literacy center that will be part of a major expansion for the Community Family Center and make a huge difference for East End families. This multi-club project will equip a **Montessori classroom** and also establish a **ROTARY PARK** in the *St Luke's playground* that adjoins the *Casa de los Ninos Barbara Bush* and the *John D. McGovern Gymnasium*. I have already pledged \$25,000 from District funds and am asking interested Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians to also contribute funds. Donations of \$1,000 and higher from Rotary Clubs and individual donors will be recognized on a plaque in the **ROTARY PARK**. Pledge your support NOW!

**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](http://www.rotary5890.org).



**Rotary Theme  
2006-2007**

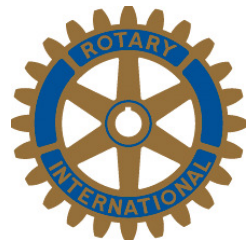
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## *The Rotarian*

**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.**

# 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 [Billlys@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Billlys@sbcglobal.net)

## Briskets

If you ordered a Shrimporee brisket, you may pick it up at the club meeting on December 11th. 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](mailto: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.**

## Invocations & Prayers

*"Rotary clubs throughout the world include members who have many religious beliefs and values and are united in service to humanity. Each Rotary club, being autonomous, should use its own good judgment in conducting its meetings in a manner that reflects Rotary's basic principle of tolerance and encourages Rotarians' participation in humanitarian service projects. " [from the Rotary Manual of Procedure]*

Certainly, Space Center Rotary Club is not a religious organization, but the club bylaws (Art. XIII) set forth the order of business for meetings. #3 in order is the "invocation". What is an "invocation"? Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary provides the following definition: *"the act of calling upon God for blessing, help, inspiration, support, or the like; a formal prayer."* It is not a time for a speech, political or otherwise. Nor is it a time for a moment of silence or any statement that is not intended as an invitation to God to be present at the meeting and to invoke his blessing upon our activities. The dictionary does not tell us who "God" is and the invocator is given the freedom to determine to whom the invocation is directed. The three major world religions (Judaism, Islam & Christianity) claim the same God, Yahweh, Allah, God the Father. It is this members belief that the invocator should pray to the God of his or her religion and not attempt or pretend to speak or pray to a God or other Deity in whom the invocator does not believe just to be "politically correct". When you pray, pray sincerely, not just for show or piety or attempting to not offend someone. A person of faith will expect you to be honest in your prayer, even if their faith is different from yours. Rotarians should respect the right of everyone to believe as he or she chooses. We are a country of religious freedom --- that is a founding tenet of America. However, this should not be a freedom to "fake it". If it is not your custom to pray or if you are uncomfortable with public prayer, decline to give the invocation. *This is merely the personal opinion of one member. You are free to disagree.*

### *Events Calendar*

- Christmas Party ..... Dec. 15th
- 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 Event .....Feb 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 City .....June 2007

### *Say Happy Birthday to ---*

Ava Lunsford.....3-Dec  
 Debby McBride.....4-Dec  
 Rafael F. Lugo.....4-Dec  
 Mike Cornett.....12-Dec  
 John Nugent.....15-Dec  
 Dick Gregg Jr.....19-Dec  
 Keith Huff.....23-Dec  
 Art Oswald.....25-Dec  
 Richard Hergert.....30-Dec

### **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**  
**Retirment 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](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdfs/eclub_list.pdf)

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<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Bob Mitchell</b>
<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Debby McBride</b>
<b>Pianist</b>	<b>Job Open</b>
<b>Laura Hale</b>	<b>Red Badgers</b>

### **DISTRICT GOVERNORS**

<b>Suzie Howe</b>	<b>2006-2007</b>
<b>Billy Weseman</b>	<b>1993-1994</b>
<b>Floyd Boze</b>	<b>1981-1982</b>

## **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](http://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  
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**5:00 p.m. Wednesday**  
**Distribution via email on Friday**

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A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied, "No ma'am, they're all dead."

### **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. Every 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 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.*



### **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.

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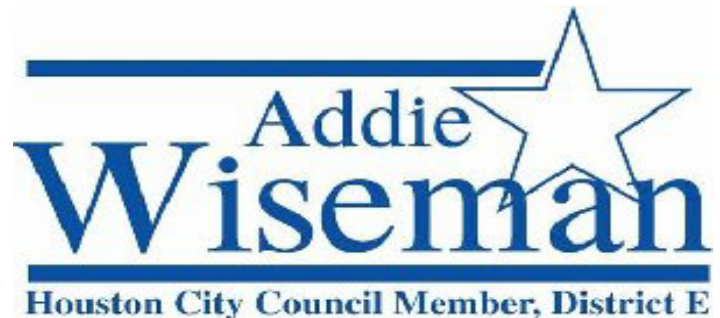
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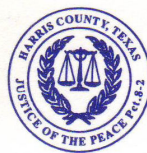
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