



The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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PROGRAMS:

Today ----

Evan Thomas (JSC) Engineers Without Borders will talk about their project in Rwanda

Feb. 12th - **Dist Gov's Official Visit**

Feb. 19th - NO MEETING

Feb. 26th - **Bo Brinkman - solutions to malaria problems in East Africa**

Mar. 5th - Open

Mar. 12th. - **Dick Meyer** - Exchange Students

Mar. 19th - **Scott Rozell of Texans for Lawsuit Reform**

Mar. 26th - Open

Apr. 2nd - **Paul Waldner**, Pres. Of Texas Trial Lawyers Assn.

Apr. 9th - Open

Apr. 16th - **Robert Smith, III**, VP Federal Reserve Bank

Apr. 23rd - Open

Apr. 30th - Open

May 7th - **Excellence in Education Awards**

May 14th. - Open

May 21st - Open

May 28th - Open

June 14th - Open

June 21st - **Firefighter of the Year Award**

June 28th - Open

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

Make an effort to meet, greet and get to know our newest member, Laura Calderon-Godwin, sponsored by Carlos Villagomez. GIG-EM LAURA! Picture not yet available.

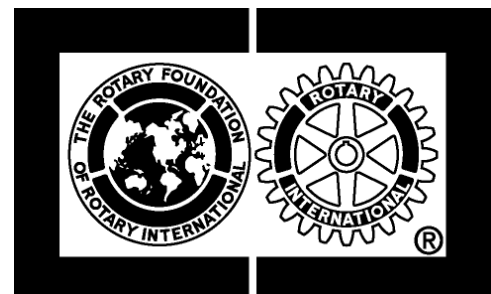
At the meeting on January 29th, SCRC presented scholarships to graduating seniors of the CCISD High Schools. See pics on pg 9.



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

Sorry for the holes in this issue. I couldn't find enough to fill them. Send me some information.





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 can not believe that the year is half over! I look forward to the remaining half of the year. We still have MANY projects to complete: membership growth, *Casa de los Ninos Barbara Bush* (Montessori classroom and the establishing of a Rotary Park), Group Study Exchanges, and District Conference, just to name a few. As you can see we still have a long way to go. Gosh, I can hardly wait!

Mark your calendars now for these other important events:

February 10 – Mid-Winter Conference; 9:00 a.m. – noon; San Jacinto College North

Club Leadership Team needs to attend. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center Building. San Jacinto College North, 5800 Uvalde@Wallisville 77049. Parking lot is off the Wallisville side in Parking Lot D and E. For more information go to www.rotary5890.com

February is World Understanding Month.



**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

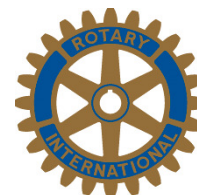
The Rotarian

Have you read the February issue?



- ✓ **Matthew McConaughey, actor & Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Australia, pg 9**
- ✓ **Choosing a financial advisor, pg 11**
- ✓ **Warding off dementia, Alzheimer's, etc., "Mind Games", pg 13**
- ✓ **Could you run 150 miles in the desert? pg 17**
- ✓ **The Peacemakers, pg 23**
- ✓ **Inventor, Thomas Edison, honorary member of Orange, NJ Rotary club, was born Feb. 11, 1847.**
- ✓ **Chinese New Year, Feb. 18th - Year of the Pig 4075**
- ✓ **102nd Anniversary of the founding of Rotary Feb. 23rd**
- ✓ **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 billys@sbcglobal.net

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.

Smile. Bob Mitchell needs your picture for the membership roster. Please pause as you enter the meeting area and give him a moment. It is relatively painless. So far, he has pictures of the following:

Mike Moliere	Micki Czarnik
Earl Maudlin	John Kennedy
Rae	Sheila Self
Jack Lister	Jerrold Dewease
Art Wood	David Coney
Peter Wuenchel	Dick Kidder
Billy Smith	Suzi Howe
Bill Lowes	Mike Cornett
Rafael Lugo	Geoff Atwater
Roger Donnelly	Art Oswald
John Lee	Bob Handy
Mike Brown	Mike Hernandez
Floyd Boze	Dick Meyer
Bob Wren	Alan Wylie
Laura Hale	WayneYoung
Bill Taylor	Dennis Dillon
J. B. Fox	Sandra Mossman
John Wilson	Bill Geissler
Lamar Bowles	Mike Dennard
David Hamblin	Keith Huff
Pam Culpepper	Phil Sandlin
Becky Reitz	Jon McKinnie
Jim Hargrove	Johnny White
Scott Rainey	Dick Hergert
Tom Kloves	Mary Alys Cherry
Joe Hang	Chuck Jacobson
Charles Milby	Mike Hesse
Dave Sincox	Dick Gregg, Jr.
Pat Doughty	Dick Gregg, III
Vissett Sun	Owen Morris
Mark Humphrey	David Taylor

Rotary on the Web
www.Rotary.org

Bob Richmond
Steve Waldner
Olive Murphy-Riker
Ken Gurry
Frank Perez
Jim Sax
Al Ligrani
Stan Galanski
Steve Owens
Gene Trombley
Tony Vincent
Don Kirchoff
Alyssa Simmons
Bob Swint
John Tinini

Events Calendar

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

Say Happy Birthday to ---

Are we missing your special day.
Won't you share.

Space Center Rotary

"Springoree"



A VIP Dinner, Party, and Auction
Thursday March 29th, 2007
6:30-pm-10:30pm
Butler's Courtyard
League City

Contact- Mike Hesse, Earl Maudlin,
Scott Ranney, Geoff Atwater
Nanci Rutledge

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

DIRECTORS

Club Administration:	Mark Humphrey
Public Relations:	Scott Rainey
Membership	Bill Taylor
Fundraising	Mike Cornett
Community Svc A	Tony Bloomfield
Community Svc B	Pam Culpepper
International Svc A	Jerrold Dewease
International Svc B	Dick Kidder
Vocational Service	Art Wood

OTHERS

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

DISTRICT POSITIONS

Suzi Howe, Dist Directory Chair
Suzi Howe, Finance Comm. Chair
Suzi Howe, DG Nom. Comm'09-'10 Ex Officio
Hilmar Ziessig, Friendship Exchanges
Hilmar Ziessig, Asian Disaster Relief Chair

The Blastoff Staff

Editor: Billy Smith
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material for publication:
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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.

More Zen Sarcasm

- *Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.*
- *There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither works.*
- *Duct tape is like "the Force". It has a light side and a dark side, & it holds the universe together.*

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

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

**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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- * Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys
- * Shelley Sekula Gibbs, Houston City Council
- * Bill Bailey, Constable Pct. 8, Harris County
- * Steve Phelps, Port of Houston Commissioner
- * Louie Ditta, Justice of Peace, Pct. 8, Pos. 2
- * John & Suzanne Urbanek
- * Benson's Wheel Alignment
- * Vertex Energy

Welcome back to regular attendance, Jerry Smith, who has been officing on the other side of town for several months. Jerry's energetic participation in Rotary Service through SCRC will be most welcome.



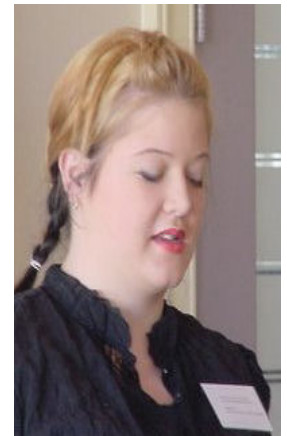
District Conference April 26-29th

Ideas for Recruiting and Retaining Younger Members:

- **Induct several young members at once, instead of recruiting them one at a time.** If your club has no younger members, inducting several at the same time gives these new members an immediate peer group in the club.
- **Conduct service projects that are likely to appeal to younger members.** The Australian Bureau of Statistics found that volunteers in two age groups, 25-35 and 55-65, do the same amount of service work. But the younger volunteers were more likely to focus on areas such as education, sports, and family matters.
- **Recruit Rotaractors, GSE team members, and other Rotary program alumni.** Their participation in RI and Foundation programs shows that they already know about Rotary's ideals and are interested in pursuing its mission.
- **Consider lowering the total cost of membership in your club.** Some younger members have trouble meeting the financial obligations of club membership. To combat this problem, some clubs have lowered their fees or have a meal only once or twice a month instead of every week.
- **Consider waiving certain fees or expenses for the first year or two.** Younger members who aren't yet fully invested in Rotary may be more apprehensive about committing to all of the financial obligations of club membership. Once they become involved in your club and dedicated to Rotary's mission, they may be more willing and able to pay the full amount.
- **Make sure meetings are efficient and productive.** Younger members, who often have competing priorities, are more interested in attending meetings that are conducted efficiently. Also, make sure your club has an appropriate balance of meetings and hands-on projects and activities.
- **Recruit "up-and-comers."** Managers who are on their way to becoming important business and professional leaders are often interested in the networking and professional development benefits of Rotary. Getting them invested in Rotary while young can help ensure their dedication to Rotary when they reach top-level management, executive status, or ownership positions.
- **Be open to the new ideas of younger members.** Maintaining the status quo in your club may bore and discourage them. Younger members will be more likely to stay in your club if their opinions are valued and appreciated — and if they aren't treated like junior members.



Ask Suzi what this is about.



Scholars without names or schools. Although they represented CCHS, CLHS, SBHS and 2 from CBHS.

Photos by Bob Mitchell.

World suffering, and why Me?

Our everyday lives are mainly concerned with our health, happiness and survival in general. It is safe to say that we seldom give any thought of those who are less fortunate than we. Our thoughts stray from ourselves only during periods of unusual happenings e.g. Tsunamis, or events such as Katrina or Rita and the like.

We are willing to extend ourselves to offer help in such times.

However, disaster is happening everyday all over the world albeit of a lesser magnitude. People are suffering from hunger, depravation, disease and ignorance.

The Rotary International is concerned with these everyday "Minor" disasters. Unfortunately, to respond to World suffering and ignorance, requires money. The Paul Harris Fellowship is a vehicle through which all of us can contribute to the Rotary International Foundation.

Becoming a "Fellow" isn't about getting a Medallion and Ribbon, or a piece of paper as a reward, but the obligation we undertook on becoming a Rotarian. That obligation isn't satisfied with just becoming a Paul Harris Fellow, it continues by individual involvement in committees dedicated to relief of suffering and ignorance.

The obligation continues throughout the individual's life in Rotary. There is a deep feeling of satisfaction on giving to an organization whose sole purpose in life is to relieve suffering and enhance education throughout the World.

We should be very proud of Space Center Rotary, for we are on the brink of becoming 100% Paul Harris Fellows. To reach our goal depends on all of us.

Article by J. B. Fox