



# The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
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 Meeting Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club  
 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Clear Lake City  
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## PROGRAMS:

Today ----

- Kim Reed - Builders Without Borders, Texas
- Jan. 29th - Open
- Feb. 05th - 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 [wisewolf@swbell.net](mailto:wisewolf@swbell.net)*

**Officer & Director Elections Today. See the Ballot on page 7.**



## 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

### Financial Update SCRC Endowment Foundation

Net Worth:	Savings.....	\$ 4,295.14
	Investments.....	\$167,319.92
	Total.....	\$171,615.06
Return on Investments	2006.....	41.90%
	2005.....	21.28%
Floyd Boze Fellows.....		67

All members in good standing of SCRC are also members of SCRCEF. It is your foundation. What do you expect of it?



# Gov. Suzi's Calendar

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

**Suzi Howe, District Governor 2006-2007.** E-mail: [suzihowe@earthlink.net](mailto:suzihowe@earthlink.net)  
281.334.7345 (Work & Work Fax); 713.553.5890 (Rotary Mobile);  
281.482.2653 (Home & Rotary Fax); 713.408.0145 (Work Mobile).

**Suzi Says.....**

## **"Every Rotarian, Every Year"**

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

**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).

**No Shoes, A Rotary Shirt, No Problems.**

January is Rotary Awareness Month. Get out the word about Space Center Rotary Club's extensive record of service to the community. Tell media representatives, friends, neighbors, etc., anyone that will listen. Be proud of your service and the good that Rotary does. Talk about international projects such as Polio Plus and various water projects. Inform the community of the support our club gives to various charities so that they may continue serving others. Rotary does great work and SCRC has a long history of helping in the Clear Lake Bay Area. Did you know that we once bought an ambulance for CLEMC and a van for the Seaman's Center at the Port of Houston and one for Communities in Schools?



**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**

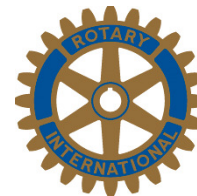
## *The Rotarian*

**Have you read the January issue?**



- ✓ **Rotary Club of Santa Fe, NM raised \$100,000 with a golf tournament (see page 9)**
- ✓ **100 years old and 70 years a Rotarian - R. Powell Majors, Charlotte, NC (see page 10)**
- ✓ **Does your research analyst have a conflict of interest? (check out the article on page 11)**
- ✓ **Coping with Adult Deficit Disorder. (see page 13)**
- ✓ **A Rotarian led tour of Missoula, MT. (see page 15)**
- ✓ **28 years of Hot Air Balloon Festivals of the Rotary Club of Wakefield, RI have raised more than \$1,000,000 for local charities, scholarships and the club's foundation. (see page 19)**
- ✓ **Rotary responds to a 6.3 earthquake in Indonesia. (see page 2)**
- ✓ **Through UNICEF, actress Mia Farrow works with & acknowledges Rotary's Polio Plus project. (see page 45)**
- ✓ **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](mailto: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.**

## **A potential Rotarian may be closer than you realize**

*Rotarian Siri Bergh, the daughter of Rotarian parents, spoke at her zone membership seminar about what makes Rotary attractive to young professional women like herself. Some of her remarks are excerpted below.*

I joined Rotary eight years ago this month, but Rotary was in my life much sooner than that. I visited clubs with my dad as a child, and my mother's club sponsored my Youth Exchange year. When I became a young professional, working for our family business, I was a perfect candidate to be a Rotarian. So which one of my parents' clubs did I join? Neither. Why not? *They didn't ask.*

I was asked to join Rotary by a friend of the family. He saw in me what my parents kept missing. Now he was lucky in that I knew what Rotary was, so I was an easy sell. He asked if I was interested, and less than a month later I was a Rotarian. As we all know, recruitment isn't always so easy. But the real lesson is to *ask*. My parents believed I was a smart, capable person, or I wouldn't have been running the business. What they failed to see was a Rotarian. Thankfully, someone else saw it — not because my parents would never see it, but because I got to become a Rotarian that

Space Center Rotary Club  
Endowment Foundation  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
February 11, 2006 7:30 a.m. 'til 10:00 a.m.  
Nassau Bay Baptist Church  
**\$5.00**  
children age 6 and under eat free

**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.**

much sooner.

Rotary has the reputation of being an old man's group. We have to change that to keep Rotary around and to make it stronger. Rotary didn't start with an old man. Paul Harris was 37 years old when Rotary was founded. He created a successful business while laying out the foundation of the Rotary organization. He incorporated Rotary into his life; he didn't add it later.

That is how a young Rotarian does it. It's a part of life. I include it, and as my life gets busier, Rotary is already established. Fellow Rotarians my age see Rotary as a way to round out their community life. They build relationships that will help them and give back to the community that has made them successful.

By recruiting young professionals, clubs grow stronger earlier, and members remain committed longer. If someone is a good Rotarian at 40, imagine what they would have been if they had joined at 25. Good Rotarians do not have a race, gender, or age. They have a commitment to community, both local and global. So taking a look at a potential candidate means considering whether they meet the qualifications of Rotary.

And that means it could even be your daughter!

## *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 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 ---

Mary Ann (Micki) Czarnick.....Jan 17th  
Jean Walker.....Jan 18th  
Billy Smith.....Jan 18th  
Mike Brown.....Jan 21st  
Bob Mitchell.....Jan 24th

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

On January 8th, Jon McKinnie & Phil Sandlin advanced from Red Badge member to Blue Badge status, having completed all items of their indoctrination into SCRC. Congratulations to both for accomplishing this in a very short time. They truly demonstrated the ideals of Rotary.

**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.**

## 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](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.

On Jan 8th, the subject of our program was school safety and was presented by our long-time member, John Wilson, Sr. Consultant to The Center for Safe & Secure Schools, Harris County Dept. of Education. It was very enlightening. Before retirement, John was Superintendent of CCISD. Thanks, John for a very interesting & informative program.

**DISCARDED EYEGLASSES  
(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. Please support this project and join us for a great meal and fellowship. It is unbeatable!! Workers are needed.**

### **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.*



# Shrimporee

## \$5,000 Sponsors



Tony & Sharon  
Bloomfield

## \$2,500 Sponsors

- \* Maudlin & Sons
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- \* Woodhill Financial Group, Ltd.
- \* The Citizen
- \* Mike J. Moliere Security Services
- \* Bay Area Houston Magazine
- \* Lexus of Clear Lake

## \$1,000 Sponsors

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- \* Lockheed Martin
- \* Cimarron
- \* 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

## Sample Ballot

Officer & Director Election January 22, 2007

Vote for any 3 of the following for Director to serve a term of 3 years beginning July 2007. Voting for more than 3 will invalidate your ballot.

\_\_\_\_\_ David Coney                      \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Ellis                      \_\_\_\_\_ Belinda Skloss  
\_\_\_\_\_ Peters Wuenschel                      \_\_\_\_\_

Vote for 1 for each office. Voting for more than 1 for any office will invalidate you ballot.

President Elect:        \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Hernandez        \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:            \_\_\_\_\_ Gary Johnson            \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer:           \_\_\_\_\_ Roger Donnelly

\_\_\_\_\_ Marilyn Musial

Sgt. @ Arms:        \_\_\_\_\_ Jon McKinnie

## 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.



### SCH Blane Grant Immunization with Interfaith Caring Ministries

A fourth Immunization Event sponsored by SCRC was held January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Interfaith Caring Ministries in League City. The funding for this event is a continuation of SCRC Blane Grant award. Jennifer Keller serving as project lead collaborated with Interfaith Caring Ministries and the Galveston County Health District for sponsoring these four events. The following SCRC Rotarians, Micki Czarnik, Bill Giesler and visiting Rotarian Ted Keller from Effingham Rotary Club, assisted nurses and screening and educational staff to provide 30 immunizations to special needs children. Two more immunization events are being planned for Summer '07. Based on our continued support, approximately 350 immunizations have been administered this year for special needs children. With our support, ICM will continue their outreach program that along with the Galveston County Health District, will provide more special needs children with the required immunization for disease prevention.



SCR Administrative Accounts

	<u>FY 02</u>	<u>FY 03</u>	<u>FY 04</u>	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>FY 06</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dues	27,345	23,715	23,247	23,400	23,616	19,620	24,150
New Members/Other	1,096	1,040	3,526	3,419	957	2,505	3,250
Net from Meals	(5,150)	(1,794)	4,795	1,207	4,703	520	3,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,291</b>	<b>22,961</b>	<b>31,568</b>	<b>28,026</b>	<b>29,276</b>	<b>22,645</b>	<b>30,400</b>
Dues Inatl/District	10,721	9,842	9,217	10,659	10,408	6,925	11,031
District Activities	8,693	6,121	1,576	3,319	2,957	797	5,000
International Conference	2,413	3,260	2,258	1,500	3,707	0	2,000
DG Nominee/Designee	0	0	0	9,000	3,000	0	0
Pres Contingency	2,058	3,448	0	2,000	809	200	2,000
General Admin	2,171	3,877	1,574	2,083	1,999	645	2,500
Other	390	3,299	1,080	1,866	1,418	513	2,200
Club Service Comm	4,485	1,824	3,847	1,012	1,850	1,143	4,750
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>30,931</b>	<b>31,671</b>	<b>19,552</b>	<b>31,439</b>	<b>26,148</b>	<b>10,223</b>	<b>29,481</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(7,640)</b>	<b>(8,710)</b>	<b>12,016</b>	<b>(3,413)</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>12,422</b>	<b>919</b>

SCR Service Accounts

	<u>FY 02</u>	<u>FY 03</u>	<u>FY 04</u>	<u>FY 05</u>	<u>FY 06</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Fundraising Income</b>	<b>53,507</b>	<b>51,467</b>	<b>51,845</b>	<b>57,195</b>	<b>70,562</b>	<b>53,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>
Grants							
Nicaragua	15,000	5,000	5,037	500			
Polio Plus		10,000					
Library		5,000	5,000	5,000			
Boivia Projects			5,000				
YMCA Capital				5,000	10,000		5,000
Katrina projects					5,000	5,000	10,000
SCR Rainy Day					5,000		
Habitat for Humanity							5,000
Other	2,500	3,058	2,000	5,400	2,040	500	2,000
Vocational Service	5,728	3,015	4,166	2,200	6,627	0	6,500
Community Service A	5,650	3,850	1,691	2,560	3,048	12	1,500
Community Service B	6,470	3,900	7,750	13,400	18,419	0	10,000
International Service A	3,500	19,500	6,067	1,000	2,500	1,000	8,500
International Service B	6,567	7,637	6,305	8,360	13,065	1,451	6,250
<b>Grants/Expenses</b>	<b>45,415</b>	<b>60,960</b>	<b>43,016</b>	<b>43,420</b>	<b>65,699</b>	<b>7,963</b>	<b>54,750</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>8,092</b>	<b>(9,493)</b>	<b>8,829</b>	<b>13,775</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>45,037</b>	<b>5,250</b>

Notes:

- 1) The Rotary fiscal year runs from July 1 through the next June 30.
- 2) Current year presents activity for six months only and preliminary Shrimporee results (no VIP event).
- 3) Dues were increased in FY 05 from \$180 to \$210.
- 4) Service surplus in FY 06 does not include \$6,000 pledged to Bolivia projects.
- 5) The SCR Board decided in FY 04 to "catch-up" from prior deficits and commit to managing to a small surplus every year.