



The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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PROGRAMS:

Today ----

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

Below are the officer & director nominees approved by the Board of Directors. If you wish to nominate someone or volunteer yourself, please contact Dick Gregg, III. Do not nominate anyone unless you have obtained the consent the nominee. All officer & director positions are open for additional nominations. Nominations from the floor will be accepted on the date of the election, January 22, 2007.

Officers:

President Elect : Mike Hernandez

Secretary: Gary Johnson

Treasurer: _____ **

Sgt at Arms: Jon McKinnie

Directors (3 will be elected):

David Coney

Roger Donnelly

Brian Ellis

Belinda Skloss

Peter Wuenschel

** Rafael Lugo has chosen not to stand for election to the position of Treasurer. At this date, no one has agreed to be nominated.



Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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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.

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.

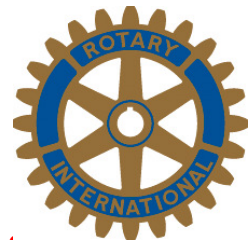
PolioPlus



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

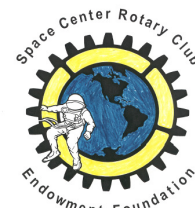
This is your space. Use it or lose it. Thanks to those few who have made contributions. If the editor does not receive your input, he will take that as an indication that this space is being wasted and the page will be discontinued as was the Sunshine and Showers section.

SOME ZEN SARCASM

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt & leaky tire.
- It's always darkest before dawn. If you're going to steal your neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Don't be irreplaceable. If you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- Always remember that you are unique; just like everyone else.
- Never test the depth of water with both feet.

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

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!!



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 ---

Vissett Sun.....	Jan 4th
Lamar Bowles	Jan 5th
Mark Keesler.....	Jan 7th
Travis Moebes.....	Jan 7th
Mary Ann (Micki) Czarnick.....	Jan 17th
Jean Walker.....	Jan 18th
Billy Smith.....	Jan 18th
Mike Brown.....	Jan 21st
Bob Mitchell.....	Jan 24th

See page 6 for other notable birthdays and January events.

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

Experience RI Interactive, a new digital publication.
www.rotary.org/interactive

The Rotary Foundation's Permanent Fund, established in 1985, has grown to over \$500 million. \$4.9 million of spendable income was available in 2006.

Rotary on the Web
www.Rotary.org

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
Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Co-Chair
Art Wood, Youth Exchange Treasurer
Stan Galanski, Volunteer Service Grants Chair

The Blastoff Staff

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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.

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

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.

Some notable historical events that happened in January: The birth of Louis Braille who developed a writing and printing system for the blind; Samuel Morse's 1st successful demonstration of the telegraph; Albert Schweitzer, an honorary member of Rotary Clubs of Colmar, France & Passau, Germany, was born; Martin Luther King was born; prohibition in the US went into effect; National Popcorn Day, the 19th; US Army General, Douglas MacArthur, honorary member of Rotary Clubs of Manila, Philippines, Melbourne, Australia, Milwaukee, Wisconsin & Tokyo, was born. In what years? See page 60 of the January Rotarian.

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.



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	
Total Income		23,291	22,961	31,568	28,026	29,276	22,645	30,400
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
Total Expense		30,931	31,671	19,552	31,439	26,148	10,223	29,481
Surplus/(Deficit)		(7,640)	(8,710)	12,016	(3,413)	3,128	12,422	919

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>	
Fundraising Income		53,507	51,467	51,845	57,195	70,562	53,000	60,000
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
Grants/Expenses		45,415	60,960	43,016	43,420	65,699	7,963	54,750
Surplus/(Deficit)		8,092	(9,493)	8,829	13,775	4,863	45,037	5,250

Notes:

- 1 The Rotary fiscal year runs from July 1 through the next June 30.
- 2 Administrative accounts are kept separate from Service to demonstrate that no donations were used for club expenses.
- 3 The Current year shows activity for six months only with preliminary Shrimporee results.
- 4 Dues were increased in FY 2005 from \$180 to \$210.
- 5 The Service surplus in FY 2006 does not include \$6,000 pledged to Bolivia projects.
- 6 The SCR Board decided in FY 2004 to "catch-up" from prior deficits and commit to managing to a small surplus every year.

Presidents:	2002-2003	Laura Hale
	2003-2004	Sheila Self
	2004-2005	Vissett Sun
	2005-2006	J. B. Fox
	2006-2007	Geoff Atwater