



The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
P. O. Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058
Meeting Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club
14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Clear Lake City
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PROGRAMS:

- Today --- Scott Rozell of Texans for Lawsuit Reform
Mar. 26th - Carol Stephens - Boys & Girls Harbor of
La Porte
4- Apr. 2nd - Paul Waldner, Pres. Of Texas Trial Lawyers
Assn.
Apr. 9th - EunHye Kong - Ambassadorial Scholar
from Korea & Jeff Thiebert - The Concord
Coalition
Apr. 16th - Ken Cox - The Future of Humans in Space
Apr. 23rd - David Coney - Presentation of Paul Harris
Fellowships
Apr. 30th - Lisa Hamilton - Arts Alliance Center at
Clear Lake
May 7th - Excellence in Education Awards
May 14th. - Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve
Bank
May 21st - Walter Branson, Brazosport RC - update on
the work in Guerro, Mexico
May 28th - **NO MEETING**
June 4th - Texas Veterans Museum
June 11th - Firefighter of the Year Award
June 18th - Rice & U of H Football coaches
June 25th - Installation of Officer & Directors

Say Happy Birthday to ---

Tim KroppMar 17
Roger LyonsMar 22
Dick Gregg, III.....Apr 4
Ken Gurry.....Apr 15
Dennis Dillon.....Apr 24
Dick Meyer.....Apr 30

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



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

COURTEOUS BEHAVIOR

Fellowship is essential to Rotary and there is not enough time at our meetings for it. Nevertheless, it is important that we are courteous and respectful of those that participate in the program, especially our speakers. The sound system at the meeting place is barely adequate and often it is difficult to hear if you are not close to the head table. Please do your part in keeping competitive conversation and laughter to a minimum. This plea is not intended to stifle the fun and fellowship, but merely to assure a meeting with proper decorum. Thank you for your consideration.

Geoff Atwater, President



Suzi Says.....

Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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"Every Rotarian, Every Year"

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

GARDEN WITH THE GOVERNOR AT THE ROTARY GROVE

a District 5890 Rotary Event

Sunday April 1st 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hermann Park 100 yards west of the Zoo entrance

The day will start with a short interdenominational service at the Grove.

Then Gov. Suzi will preside over fun & gardening projects.

Bring the family, friends and prospective Rotarians.

Celebrate Rotary Centennial Grove Park with improvements to bring the park alive with Rotary spirit and fellowship.

Wear light clothing & bring gloves, garden trowels, hand rakes and shovels.

Bottled water will be provided. Bring a picnic lunch and games.

Free parking is available in the Hermann Park central lot in front of the main Zoo entrance.

Register for Email updates at suchers@uhd.edu.



**Rotary Theme
2006-2007**



What can you do?

Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

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Rotary International

The Rotarian

Have you read the March issue?



- ✓ Remember, when you are finished reading, turn your issue into the check-in desk for use by the Red Badge Committee.

**Rotary on the Web
www.Rotary.org**

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
- Gardening with the Governor.....Apr 11
- Springoree.....Mar 29th
- National Space Award Banquet.....Apr 20,'07
- District 5890 Conference in Puerto
Villarta, Mexico April 26-29, 2007
- RI Convention, Salt Lake CityJune 2007

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**

Get your tickets while they last.

Limited availability .

\$70.00 each, tables of 8 @ \$560.00.

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

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DIRECTORS

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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
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Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Co-Chair

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

SCRC Fellowships all @ 6:30 p.m.

Mar 27BJ's 515 West Bay Area Blvd.
Apr 10 Panera Bread 19305 Gulf Fwy - NE Cnr
Apr 24 Topwater Grill 815 Ave O San Leon
May 08 Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.
May 22 Bailey's NASA Pkwy
Jun 05 Buffalo Wild Wings 528 Bay Area Blvd.
Jun 19 Star Fire Grill 2412 Bay Area Blvd.

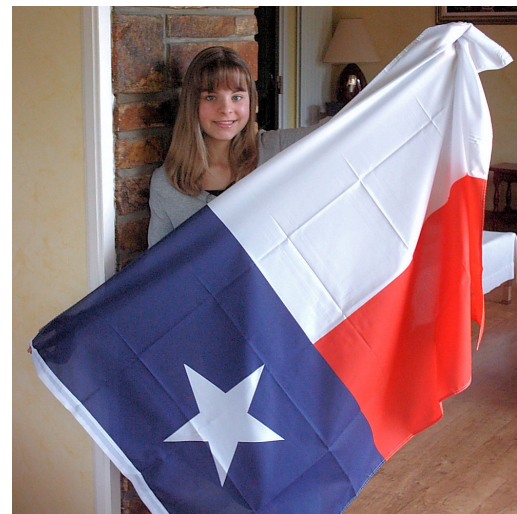


Photos by Bob Mitchell

Exchange student, **Julie Davis**, sent by SCRC to Chamental, La Rioja, Argentina (pop. 5,000) for a year (Jan. 06 - Jan. 07), shared her experiences with the club. She had become so proficient in Spanish that she had difficulty with English.



Roger Donnelly becomes a Paul Harris Fellow, shown here with family members. Congratulations!



Are you ready? She is! Viva la France.

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

Ben Bridge Jewelers

Baybrook Mall



Raffle

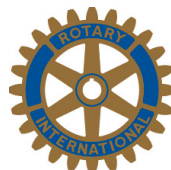
***Ben Bridge Jewelers
has donated a
women's Omega
Constellation
wristwatch with
diamond bezel
Value = \$3,000
Thanks Travis Vermeer***

***See Becky Reitz
for Tickets***

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.*



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

SCRC a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

By the next meeting, it is expected that Jerrold Dewease will announce accomplishment of the club's goal of every member becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

A big thanks to AMOCO FCU who will supply bottled water for the Springoree -- \$600 worth.

Mike Hernandez, Shrimporee Chm. for 2008, will hold the first planning meeting Tues 3/20 @ 5 p.m. @ JSCFCU.

Do you have something to say or to share? Why not use the Blastoff? This newsletter desperately needs your news, good or bad. Maybe you have a favorite Rotary makeup experience, fellowship story, etc. We learned so much about Roger Donnelly in Al Ligrani's PHF presentation last week that we didn't know and it was very interesting. Most of us are reluctant to toot our own horn, but all can be reporters for the Blastoff. Help us get to know our fellow Rotarians better by sharing. This information shouldn't be reserved for obituaries and awards.

Shrimpo^{re} Sponso^{rs}

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District Conference April 26-29th