



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
 Phone: 281.488.7888 * Chartered 1964
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PROGRAMS:

- Today --- Carol Stephens - Boys & Girls Harbor of La Porte
- 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 ---

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

PROGRAMS CHAIR 2007-2008

P. E. Dick Gregg, III is looking for anyone interested in being programs chair. If you are interested, please contact

Mark Humphrey, Director in charge.

*This space is available
 for your
 announcement.*

Wine to Water!

(for People)

The Haak Winery, April 1st, 2-5pm

Your help can bring clean water to communities in need worldwide.

Donation is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door
Wine and Italian hors d'oeuvres provided; Tours given 3:00, 3:30, 4:00

Great local award winning Texas wine! Vineyards in bloom!
Come enjoy a pleasant Sunday afternoon at the
winery and learn more about Water for People.

The Haak Winery and Vineyards are located at
6310 Avenue T in Sante Fe, TX
(1.8 miles south of Hwy 6 between Alvin and Galveston)
For directions www.haakwine.com

Please RSVP to David Van Riper: dvanriper@cityofwebster.com;
W:281-316-3718; C:281-669-6396
or purchase advance tickets from your local WFP representative.
TAWWA: Chris Varnon: 713-423-7300
WEAT: Evelyn Zapata: 281-493-5100

Water For People helps people in developing countries improve their quality of life by supporting locally sustainable drinking water, sanitation, health and hygiene.

Our vision is a world where all people have access to safe drinking water and sanitation; a world where no one suffers or dies from a water-related or sanitation-related disease.

Hosted by Texas Section of Water for People Houston Chapter.





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.

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.

PolioPlus



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 Puerta
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 Raney, 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

President: Geoff Atwater
President Elect: Dick Gregg, III
Secretary: Mike Hernandez
Treasurer: Gary Johnson
Sgt @ Arms: Rafael Lugo

DIRECTORS

Club Administration:	Mark Humphrey
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Community Svc B	Pam Culpepper
International Svc A	Jerrold Dewease
International Svc B	Dick Kidder
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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
Hilmar Ziessig, Co-Chair International Service
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.



Our speaker Scott Rozelle talking about Texans for Lawsuit Reform on March 19, 2007.

Photo by Bob Mitchell.



Earl Maudlin & Nance Rutledge.
What are they holding & why?

Photo by Bob Mitchell

If this is not PC, send the editor something more suitable.

The old priest lay dying in the hospital. For years he had faithfully served the people of the nation's capital. He motioned for his nurse to come near. "Yes, Father?" said the nurse. "I would really like to see Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton before I die," whispered the priest. "I'll see what I can do, Father" replied the nurse. The nurse sent the request to the Senate and waited for a response. Soon the word arrived. Kennedy and Clinton would be delighted to visit the priest. As they went to the hospital, Clinton commented to Kennedy "I don't know why the old priest wants to see us, but it will certainly help our images." Kennedy couldn't help but agree. When they arrived at the priest's room, the priest took Kennedy's hand in his right hand and Clinton's hand in his left. There was silence and a look of serenity on the old priest's face. Finally Senator Kennedy spoke. "Father, of all the people you could have chosen, why did you choose us to be with you as you near the end?" The old priest slowly replied "I have always tried to pattern my life after our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." "Amen" said Kennedy. "Amen" said Clinton. The old priest continued..."He died between two lying thieves. I would like to do the same."

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.



Picture by the Hand Painter

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District Conference April 26-29th