



# the Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
P. O. Box 58862, Houston, Texas 77058  
Meetings Monday Noon at Bay Oaks Country Club  
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## Programs:

Today —	Robert Smith, III, VP Federal Reserve Bank
May 21st	Walter Branson, Brazosport RC with an update on the work in Guerrero, Mexico
May 28th	NO MEETING
June 4th	Texas Veterans Museum
June 11th	Firefighter of the Year Award
June 18th	Andy Hardwick, Social Security Admin.
June 25th	Installation of Officers & Directors '07-'08

## Meeting Agenda



Luncheon Begins. ....	11:45
Call to Order. ....	12:00
Song. ....	Debby McBride
Invocation.. ....	Carlos Villa gomez
Pledge.. ....	
4-Way Test.. ....	
Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests. ....	
Announcements. ....	
Program. ....	12:30
Adjourn. ....	1:00

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Alan Wylie. ....	May 10
Tom Klovis. ....	May 10
Bob Wren. ....	May 12
Jim Hargrove. ....	May 12
Luciano Gaigher. ....	May 14
Carlos Villa gomez. ....	May 20
Geoff At water. ....	May 20

### SCRC Fellowships

All @ 6:30 p.m.

May 15. ....	Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.
May 29. ....	Bailey's NASA Pkwy
June 12. ....	Buffalo Wild Wings 528 Bay Area Blvd.
June 26. ....	Star Fire Grill 2412 Bay Area Blvd.

### Shrimporee Planning Committee Meetings

May 21st; June 25th; July 9th, August 6th & 20th;  
September 10th, 17 & 24th; October 1st, 9th, 15th & 22nd

*All at JSCFCU @ :15 p.m.*

*For information on the Guerrero, Mexico Eye Clinic Project, go to the following site.*

*It is well worth the look.*

*Also, ask Johnny White & Pat Doughty about their experience.*

<http://guerreroclinic.org/>



# Gov. Suzi's Calendar

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

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**"Every Rotarian, Every Year"**

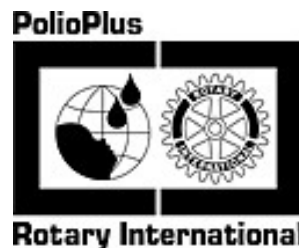
*Support the **Rotary Foundation** as a sustaining member by donating \$100 each year.*

## Suzi Says . . .

### 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; and*
- 4. Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.*



## The Rotarian

**Hav e you read the May issue?**

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

### *Events Calendar*

- Club Board of Directors . 3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees  
..... 2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Rotary Foundation Comm. . last Wed of mo.
- RI Convention, Salt Lake City... June 2007
- Shrimporee..... October 27th
- Springoree..... TBD

**Support your Foundation.  
Become a Floyd Boze Fellow.**



## MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

### Tuesday

**Pearland @ noon**  
Gofcrest Country Club  
2501 Country Club Drive

**La Porte @ 12:10 p.m.**  
St. John Episcopal Church  
Broadway @ Ave. G

### Wednesday

**Pasadena South @ noon**  
Baywood Country Club  
5500 Genoa Red Bluff

**Friendswood @ noon**  
Village on the Park Retirement Center  
400 E. Parkwood

### Thursday

**Seabrook @ 7:00 a.m.**  
Lakewood Yacht Club  
2425 NASA Parkway

**League City @ noon**  
Estaban's Fiesta Shack  
1313 Main Street

### Friday

**Pasadena @ noon**  
First United Methodist Church  
1062 Fairmont 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)

## 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 Svc — Art Wood

## OTHERS

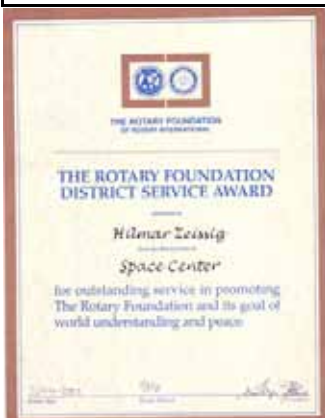
Bill Lowes — Programs  
Murray Epstein — Attendance  
Bulletin Editor — Billy Smith  
Photographer — Bob Mitchell  
Song Leader — Debby McBride  
Red Badgers — Laura Hale

## DISTRICT GOVERNORS

Floyd Boze — 1981-1982  
Billy Weseman — 1993-1994  
Suzi Howe — 2006-2007

## DISTRICT POSITIONS

Suzi Howe, District Directory Chair  
Suzi Howe, Finance Comm. Chair  
Suzi Howe, DG Nom. Comm. '09-'10 Ex Officio  
Hilmar Ziessig, Co-Chr International Service  
Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Co-Chr  
Art Wood, Youth Exchange Treasurer



Hilmar Zeissig received this award for serving 10 years as International Chairman of Rotary District 5890 and was asked by DG Jeff Tallas to continue as Co-Chairman for 2007-2008

**Congratulations, Hilmar.**

### District Officers and Committee Chairs – 2007-2008

Position	Volunteer	Rotary Club of
Governor	Jeff Tattai	Sugar Land
Governor Elect	Rhonda Kennedy	Sweeny
Gov. Elect Nominee	Ed Charlesworth	Willowbrook
Training Officer	Andy Smallwood	Gulfton Hobby Airport
Secretary	Barbara Franklin	Brazosport
Treasurer	Bill Ballieu	Northshore
Membership Chair	Ann Wright	Galleria
International Co-Chair	Hilmar Ziesig	Space Center
International Co-Chair	Angel Jimenez	Houston
Alumni Chair	Barbara Clemmons	Seabrook
District Foundation Chair	O'Lisa Simmons	Galleria
Public Relations Chair	Charlie Thorpe	Heights
Immunization Chair	Vicki Brentin	Houston
Youth Exchange Co-Chair	Alan Wylie	Space Center
Youth Exchange Co-Chair	Nick Gannon	Brazosport
Literacy Chair	Charlie Clemmons	Seabrook
GSE Chair	Mike Denard	Space Center
Ambassadorial Scholarship Chair	Bill Barboore	Pasadena

### Assistant Governors – 2007-2008

A.G.	Club Assignments
Jackie Barbone	North Shore, Highlands, Baytown, Galleria Park/Jacinto City
Evelyn Eiche	Washington County, Houston Westchase, West Houston, Brenham
Chuck Finelli	Space Center, Houston, Seabrook, Harburg
Judy Lee Gardner	Katy, Katy Sunniss, Sharpstown
Nick Gannon	Pearland, 288 Corridor, Seaway
Bill Haglund	Fl. Bend County, Oyster Creek
Judy Harwell	River Oaks, Galleria Area, West U, University Area
Jackie Hayes	Brazosport, Wharton, El Campo, Eagle Lake
John Hirojosa	Pasadena, Pasadena South
Eric Kennedy	Weimar, Angleton, Columbus, Bay City
Rebecca Maddux	Astrondome-Houston, Gulfton/Hobby Airport, Brass Bayou, Champions Sunrise
Mike Maroon	Boer Creek Copperfield, Cypress-Fairbanks, Tomball
Ken Marsh	Humble/Intercontinental, Kingwood, Greenspoint, Willowbrook, Memorial Spring Branch
Billie Jones	Palacios, West Columbia
Mary Ellen Morris	Sugar Land, Rosenberg, Richmond, Ballars S.W. Houston, Seely
Terry Sam	Dier Park, La Porte, Heights, Alvin

### A Member Submission —

Did you know many hospitals in the Houston area have blood centers where it is not necessary to go through a middle entity such as Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. Going directly to the hospital's blood center reduces the cost to the hospital that escalates the cost of healthcare especially when the hospital is incurring the expense for charitable cases. Some insurance carriers do reimburse for blood but it does not include reimbursement coverage for purchasing blood from another entity. Did you know that hospitals located at the Houston Medical Center are running at 100% bed occupancy? With a growing elderly population, there will be a shortage of beds and blood. Did you know that 95% of individuals who reach the age of 72 will be a blood recipient in their life time. Did you know that 60% of individuals living in the Houston area can donate but only 5% do. St Luke's imports their blood from other cities in Texas and Louisiana and have to frequently purchase it since there is not enough blood to supply Houston. Did you know that St. Luke's Episcopal, MD Anderson, The Methodist Hospital and UTMB have their own blood centers and they serve as sister centers when blood demand is critical. Typically, when one facility runs at a critical status they all do and this seems to be occurring frequently. If you ever have an opportunity to give blood, consider going directly to one of the hospital mentioned, it is a safe place to give! Log on to American Association of Blood Banks [www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org) and learn about blood donation, safety.

Jeniffer Keller

May 8, 2007

### Endowment Foundation Update May 8, 2007

**Total Assets \$188,144.13**  
**Increase for month = \$2,401.76**

### New Paul Harris Fellows



### Teacher Awards

*Photos by Bob Mitcehl*





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