



# 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  
 14545 Bay Oaks Blvd., Clear Lake City  
 Phone: 281.488.7888 \* Chartered 1964  
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## Programs:

**Today — ..... Firefighter of the Year Award**  
**There will be a special entertainer.**

June 18th . . . . . Andy Hardwick, Social Security Admin.  
 June 25th . . . Installation of Officers & Directors '07-'08  
 July 2 . . . . . GSE Team (Mike Dennard)  
 July 9 . . . . . Shrimporee ( Mike Hernandez  
 Sept 3 . . . . . Labor Day  
 Oct 8 . . . . . Columbus Day  
 Nov 12 . . . . . Veteran's Program  
 Dec 24 . . . . . Christmas Eve  
 Dec 31 . . . . . New Year's Eve  
 Jan 21 . . . . . Martin Luther King's Birthday  
 Feb 18 . . . . . President's Day  
 May 26 . . . . . Memorial Day

## Say Happy Birthday to —

Chuck Jacobson . . . . . June 2  
 David Hamblin . . . . . June 9  
 John Lee . . . . . June 13  
 Oliver Murphy-Riker . . . . . June 20  
 Gene Tromblee . . . . . June 26  
 Hilmar Zeissig . . . . . June 29

**Shrimporee Planning Committee Meetings**  
 June 25th; July 9th, August 6th & 20th; September  
 10th, 17 & 24th; October 1st, 9th, 15th & 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

**Gene Tromblee was scheduled for heart surgery on June 5th.  
 Send him a note or card to let him know we care & are praying  
 for a speedy and successful recovery.**

## 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

## SCRC Fellowships

All @ 6:30 p.m.

June 12 . . . Buffalo Wild Wings 528 Bay Area Blvd.  
 June 26 . . . . . Star Fire Grill 2412 Bay Area Blvd.  
 July 04 . . . . . Rotary at the Astros  
 Contact Roger Donnelly for ticket info.

*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  
 & Suzi Howe*

*about their experiences.*

<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

**Have you read the June 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 17-20
- Shrimporee . . . . . October 27th
- Springoree . . . . . TBD
- RI Convention, Los Angeles . . . . . June 2008

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### **Sponsor Benefits for \$1,000:**

- \* 20 tickets to the Shrimporee
- \* 2 tickets to the Springoree
- \* 2 entries to the golf tournament
- \* Ad in the Blastoff until July 1st 2008

*Sign up today & take advantage of the full year of recognition.*

**Contact Scott Rainey**

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*Hopefully, Gov. Suzi will tell us about this experience at a District Conference in Portugal.*

*Do you have an idea for a program. Please share it with Delia Stephens, Program Chair for 2007-2008. Speak up or forever hold your peace. Let's help Delia & her committee continue the tradition of outstanding programs at the meetings of SCRC. Our programs are a great attraction of club as a make-up opportunity.*

*President Geoff handed out awards of thanks & appreciation for the service of the Club's officers & directors for 2006-2007. Bill Lowes was recognized for his service as program chair & Billy Smith for his support of the president in Rotary. information and procedures. Also shown are Sara Malstrom, our Swedish Exchange student with family and friends.*

Monday's speaker, Malcom Brown of our community, described plans for the Veterans Museum of Texas and memorial to be constructed on land at I-45 & Scarsdale Blvd. He pointed out that there are 2.5 million veterans in the U. S., 1.7 million in Texas & 250,000 in Harris County. Groundbreaking on the memorial is

**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/download\\_center/pdfs/eclub\\_list.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/download_center/pdfs/eclub_list.pdf)



**D - 6th of June 1944**

**Neither the date, the events, the sacrifices nor the results should ever be forgotten. With deepest gratitude we salute all that served and guaranteed freedom for so many. Heroes all. The greatest generation. Men and women responding to the highest sense of duty to country and willingness to give all, including their lives, so that unknown and uncountable others might live in peace.**

**THANK YOU!**

*Following is a submission by our own hero of the South Pacific, Vince Lipovsky:*

**THE FINAL INSPECTION**

The Marine stood and faced God,  
Which must always come to pass.  
He hoped his shoes were shining,  
Just as brightly as his brass.  
"Step forward now, Marine,  
How shall I deal with you?  
Have you always turned the other cheek?  
To My Church have you been true?"  
The soldier squared his shoulders and said,  
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.  
Because those of us who carry guns,  
Can't always be a saint.  
I've had to work most Sundays,  
and at times my talk was tough.  
And sometimes I've been violent,  
Because the world is awfully rough.  
But, I never took a penny,  
That wasn't mine to keep...  
Though I worked a lot of overtime,  
When the bills got just too steep.  
And I never passed a cry for help,  
Though at times I shook with fear.  
And sometimes, God, forgive me,  
I've wept unmanly tears.  
I know I don't deserve a place,  
Among the people here.  
They never wanted me around,  
Except to calm their fears.  
If you've a place for me here, Lord,  
It needn't be so grand.  
I never expected or had too much,  
But if you don't, I'll understand.  
There was a silence all around the throne,  
Where the saints had often trod.  
As the Marine waited quietly,  
For the judgment of his God.  
"Step forward now, you Marine,  
You've borne your burdens well.  
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,  
You've done your time in Hell."

It's the Soldier, not the reporter  
who has given us the freedom of the  
press.

It's the Soldier, not the poet,  
who has given us the freedom of speech.

It's the Soldier, not the politicians  
that ensures our right to Life, Liberty ,  
and the Pursuit of Happiness.

It's the Soldier who salutes the flag,  
who serves beneath the flag,  
and whose coffin is draped by the flag.



**Thursday, June 14th  
is Flag Day.  
Proudly fly  
the colors.**



Malcom Brown, Texas Veterans Museum.  
*All photos in this issue were submitted by  
Bob Mitchell.*