



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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Congratulations President Geoff for a great Rotary year!!
Under your leadership, assisted by the other officers, directors, committee chairs and members, Space Center Rotary Club has proven in many ways that it is a premier club with a can-do attitude dedicated to Service Above Self.

Programs:

- Today — ... 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 —

- Oliver Murphy-Riker June 20
 Gene Tromblee June 26
 Hilmar Zeissig June 29

Meeting Agenda



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| Luncheon Begins | 5 |
| Call to Order | 0 |
| Song | Debby McBride |
| Invocation | Carlos Villa gomez |
| Pledge | |
| 4-Way Test | |
| Introduction of Visiting Rotarians & Guests | |
| Announcements | |
| Program | 12:30 |
| Adjourn | 1:00 |

In Memoriam:

Long time member of SCRC, Dr. Roger Lyons, passed away on June 18th.
Former NASA flight director during Apollo flights, Phil Shaffer passed away on June 14th.
Marge Jacobson, wife of Chuck for 60 years, and mother of Joan & Bob, passed away June 22nd.
Our condolences and prayers go out to their families and friends.

Shrimporee Planning Committee Meetings
June 25th; July 9th, August 6th & 20th; September 10th, 17 & 24th; October 1st, 9th, 15th & 22nd
All at JSCFCU @ :15 p.m.



Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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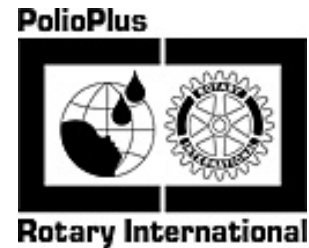
Support the Rotary Foundation as a sustaining member by donating \$100 each year.

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

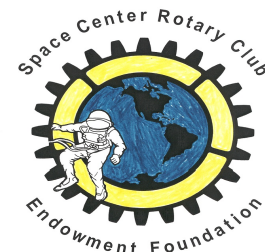
Have you read the June issue?

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.
- 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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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.

Andy Hardwick presented the program on June 18th about the Social Security Administration. Some bullet points:

- The SSA was started under the administration of Pres. Roosevelt in 1935 with Retirement Insurance and was modeled after Germany's Pension Program.
- In 1939 Survivor's Insurance was added.
- In 1956 Disability Insurance was added.
- Medicare was added in 1965.
- Social Security Income benefits were added in 1972.
- Medicare Part D (for prescription drugs) was added in 2003.
- When started, the average life expectancy was 65 and most recipients were expected to receive only a few checks before death. The average life expectancy for a person age 65 in 2007 is 82 to 84.
- In 2007, it takes the payments of 3 workers to pay the benefits for one person.
- By 2017, there will be more outflow than intake. It will take all contributions plus interest.
- By 2027, use of principal will be required.

For more information go to www.socialsecurity.gov

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>

DUES ARE DUE FOR 2007-2008

Annual club dues in the amount of \$210 are due on July 1st and delinquent if not paid by July 31st. Dues may be paid in two installments of \$105 each on July 1st and January 1st if total payment would be a financial hardship. Make your checks payable to Space Center Rotary Club.

\$25 gift cards may be purchased at the club meetings to be given to returning veterans as a token of thanks for their service. Gov. Suzi has pledged \$1,000 in gift cards from our club. Your support will be greatly appreciated and a way to show our appreciation for their sacrifices. Let's exceed expectations and demonstrate the generosity of Space Center Rotary members.

LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING ROTARY YEAR (JULY 2006 – JUNE 2007)

submitted by Geoff Atwater

Attainment of goals

SCR attained 100% Paul Harris Fellow status, achieved by only 2% of mostly smaller clubs made possible by Jerrold Dewease and David Coney
54 Paul Harris Fellows inducted this year, more than any previous year at SCR, mass induction ceremony attended by past and future District Governors and Noel Bajat, the Regional Representative for The Rotary Foundation
SCR raised over \$28,000 of new money for the Rotary Foundation
Had many fun and interesting programs under committee chair Bill Lowes
Held fun and successful Shrimporee headed by Dick Gregg III and a fun and successful Springoree headed by Mike Hesse
Mike Hernandez conducted an opinion poll of SCR members to provide strategic input into next year's Shrimporee
SCR hosted both an Ambassadorial Scholar and a Youth Exchange participant
The SCR board adopted the new committee structure recommended in the RI model bylaws
The SCR board adopted a flexible and responsible budget that enabled support to a wide variety of projects and continuing activities
Made a presentation to the club explaining five years of financial information

Projects

Successfully won a first-ever, joint grant with the Armand Bayou Nature Center from the United Way to build nature trails for the blind thanks to outreach efforts by Mike Cornett
Hosted four immunization days to protect hundreds of disadvantaged children enrolled in CCISD under the leadership of Jennifer Keller
Established a partnership with the JSC chapter of Engineers Without Borders to fund third-world water projects
Paid off the five-year commitment to the YMCA Capital Campaign two years early
Continued support to water projects in Bolivia coordinated by Stan Galanski
Supported Katrina projects through donations to the Pass Christian Rotary Club and the Habitat for Humanity
Increased scholarship awards to \$6,000 for college-bound CCISD students

Other activities

Hosted Suzi's inauguration at Space Center Houston chaired by Pam Culpepper
Hosted the District Training Seminar chaired by Gary Johnson and the District Mid-year Leadership meeting chaired by Jon McKinnie
Changed the Monday meeting place to the Bay Oaks Country Club
Upgraded the Blastoff under new editor Billy Smith
11 SCR members attended the District Conference in Puerto Vallarta
Received the Governor's Cup for outstanding support to the District Governor
Improved the new member process under the leadership of Bill Taylor



Pictures, l to r, Jennifer Keller receive award from Pres. Geoff; Dick Kidder receives award from Pres. Geoff & our speaker from the Social Security Administration; all by Bob Mitchell.