



The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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PROGRAMS:

Today —

Oct. 2nd – Judge Janice Law, former Texas criminal court judge & journalist; her just released book, *Yield, A Judge's First Year Diary* takes readers behind the bench, into chambers & into the courtroom.

Oct. 16th – Shrimporee Round-up before the event

Oct. 23rd - Shelley Sekula Gibbs, candidate for Houston City Council and U. S. House of Representatives

Oct. 30th – Barbara Ann Radnofsky, candidate for U. S. Senate



Agenda

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Luncheon Begins | 11:45 |
| Call to Order | 12:00 |
| Song..... | Debby McBride |
| Invocation..... | Carlos Villagomez |
| Pledge..... | Sheila Self |
| 4-Way Test | Vince Lipovsky |
| Introductions..... | Mark Humphrey |
| Announcements | 12:10 |
| Program..... | 12:30 |
| Adjourn..... | 1:00 |

DEBBY'S DITTY

Waltzing Matilda

Once a jolly swagman sat beside the
billabong,

Under the shade of a coolibah tree,
And he sang as he sat and waited by
the billabong

You'll come a waltzing matilda with me

Waltzing matilda, waltzing matilda
You'll come a waltzing matilda with me
And he sang as he sat and waited by
the billabong

You'll come a waltzing matilda with me.

ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



Gov. Suzi's Calendar

www.rotary5890.org/DistEvents/PostEvents.htm

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Suzi Says....

Clubs are getting their list together for the ALL CLUB MEETING with RI President William "Bill" Boyd. Let's give a "Texas" welcome to President Bill Boyd.

Mark your calendars now for these other important events:

October 3, 2006 – Reception honoring William B. Boyd and Lorna

18802 Point Lookout Drive – Nassau, Bay, Texas 77058

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Business Attire

RSVP with \$15 per person to: Barbara Franklin, 53 Canyon Court,
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

October 4, 2006 – All-Club Luncheon Meeting – Hilton Americans

1600 Lamar, Houston, Tx 77010, 713-739-8000

Featured speaker is RI President William "Bill" Boyd.

Project/Club Expo 10:30 AM.

Lunch 12:00 Noon.

See www.rotary5890.org.

April 26-29 – District Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

All Rotarians Invited. Reserve NOW for fun, fellowship, and a wealth of Rotary information. Registration form, airline information available at www.rotary5890.org.



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Say Happy Birthday to ---

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|---------------------|----------|
| Earl Maudlin..... | Oct 1st |
| Mike Hernandez..... | Oct 19th |
| Marilyn Musial..... | Oct 23rd |
| Mike Moliere..... | Oct 30th |

Is your October birthday not included? Email the Editor:
billys@sbcglobal.net

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

Your Rotarian Magazines are needed for orientation of new members. Leave them at the check-in table.

Addie Wiseman

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DID YOU KNOW?

Q. May a member be terminated for nonattendance?

A. Yes. A member must attend or make up at least 60% of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year; and must attend at least 30% of this club's regular meetings in each half of the year. If the member fails to attend as required, the member's membership shall be subject to termination unless the board consents to such non-attendance for good cause. Further, unless otherwise excused by the board for good and sufficient reason, a member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings shall be informed by the board that the member's nonattendance may be considered a request to terminate membership in this club. Thereafter, the board, by a majority vote, may terminate the member's membership. There is an exception for any excused absence.

Shrimporee Tickets

Please pick up your tickets from David Coney and pay \$300 by cash, check or credit card. The club is counting on you.

"Every Rotarian, Every Year"

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

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 Farimoot 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.**



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| Pianist | Job Open |
| Laura Hale | Red Badgers |

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| Billy Weseman | 1993-1994 |
| Floyd Boze | 1981-1982 |

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| 1993-94 | Victor Maria |
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The Rotary Club Of Space Center



Keep Our Club Alive & Healthy Infuse New Blood & Offer To Others The Opportunity to Serve

Do you know a friend or colleague who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? If you do, then consider proposing them for membership. Every Rotarian has the privilege and obligation of seeking qualified Rotary Club members. In this way, all Rotarians can help the club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of this community. A full roster of dedicated member enhances fellowship and helps our club carry out our worthwhile service projects. Think about the expertise you can add to the club's profile. Ever new Rotarian brings a range of personal and professional resources that can greatly strengthen this club's ability to serve throughout the greater Clear Lake - Bay Area and the world. General Qualifications: Rotarians are adults of good character and good business or professional reputation, who hold or have an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

The Rotary Motto: *Service Above Self*

Events Calendar

- ☉ District 5890 Conference in Puerto Villarta, MexicoApril 26-29, 2007
- ☉ All Club MeetingOct 4th
- ☉ **Shrimporee**.....**Oct 28**
- ☉ RI Convention, Salt Lake CityJune 2007
- ☉ Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees.....
Oct 10th @ 7a.m.
- ☉ Club Board of Directors Oct 3rd @ 7a.m.
- ☉ Shrimporee Com JSCFCU Thursdays @
5:30p.m. beginningSep 14th
- ☉ Rotary Night @ the Astros v. Cardinals
.....Sep 22nd
- ☉ Pancake BreakfastNov 18th
- ☉ S. Galv. Co. YMCA groundbreakingOct 19th
- ☉ National Space Award BanquetApr 20,2007
- ☉ Boots & Black Tie EventFeb or Mar 2007

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The Object of Rotary:

The object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster —

- ★ The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- ★ High ethical standards in business and professions;
- ★ The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations;
- ★ and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- ★ The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- ★ The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.



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Eun Hye Kong, Korea (sponsored by Rotary District 3640), hosted by Space Center RC, will attend University of Houston and study architecture. Rev. Matt Tittle will be her host counselor. Shown here with Matt Tittle ® & John Kennedy (L).

Photo by Bob Mitchell



Becky gets pinned by Mary Alys.

Photo by Bob Mitchell

**IS YOUR NAME MISSING & SUPPOSED
 TO BE HERE & ISN'T?
 EMAIL THE EDITOR.**

Do you want to know more about Paul Harris Fellowships, how to become one or how to honor someone else with a fellowship? Maybe you are interested in becoming a "sustaining member", a "benefactor" or a "major donor". Remember, it is Gov. Suzi's goal for every Rotarian in District 5890 to become a Paul Harris Fellow this Rotary year. For more information, contact David Coney.



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Judge Louis Ditta, Pct. 8 Pos. 2

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County Commissioner, Sylvia Garcia

Council Person Addie Wiseman

**for their help in making our
Shrimporee a Success**

Every member has a job to do at Shrimporee. Do you know what yours is?

*If not, contact Al Ligrani or
Jerrold Dewease.*

*Everyone is counting on every member's
participation.*

*Shrimporee is not work, it is fellowship
at its best.*

*Shrimporee is not just a fund raiser;
it is a FUN raiser.*

**Our
exchange
student from
Sweden,
Sara
Malstrom**



**District Conference
Puerta Villarta
April 7, 2007**

Monday's program, Dr. Ken Black, UHCL presented statistics about the Clear Lake - Bay Area to answer the question "Who are we & how many of us are there?"

Photo by Bob Mitchell



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The Following Members Have Purchased Their Shrimporee Tickets:

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|------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Billy Smith | Richard Hergert | Rae DeCastro | Gary Johnson | Vissett Sun | Debby McBride |
| Patricia Doughty | Micki Czarnik | Mike Brown | John Kennedy | Rafael Lugo | Dave Sincox |
| Dick Gregg III | Christopher Gregg | Suzi Howe | | | |

Shrimporee

by Dick Gregg, III, Chairman

The Space Center Rotary Shrimporee will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006 at Clear Lake Park. The Shrimporee Committee meets every Thursday at 5:30 p. m. at JSC Federal Credit Union (Saturn & Gemini Streets) to plan the event. There are approximately 20 subcommittees, including auction, soft drinks, children's activities, parking, different food items, tickets, sponsors, clean up, equipment, logistics, serving lines, etc. The success of the Shrimporee directly corresponds with the participation of the club. There are numerous ways you can get involved. If you are interested in a subcommittee, please contact the Shrimporee chairman, Dick Gregg III at 281.480.1211x11 (work) or 281.701.7735 (cell) or Jerrold DeWease, who graciously has helped in placing members on committees. The current most critical need is accumulating auction items to sell. If you have a contact with a business which may donate an item for the auction, please ask them. We have a storage facility to house items for the auction. This event is our primary fundraiser for the year. The monies raised support our projects through the year. Every dollar we raised goes to service projects; no money raised is spent on club administrative costs. The primary beneficiaries this year are the North Galveston YMCA, Katrina Projects, Engineers without Borders, and Habitat for Humanity. As a member of the club, you have a responsibility, at a minimum to purchase 20 tickets for a total cost of \$300.00. Please contact David Coney regarding your tickets. This year we are pre-selling cooked, whole briskets (delivered packaged and frozen) for \$30 each or 4 for \$100. You must place your order & pay by October 16th. Briskets will be available for pickup at the Shrimporee.



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MEET OUR RED BADGE MEMBERS



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become a Rotarian
today.**

**Know someone who would
make a great Rotarian?
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you can obtain from the check-
in table. Ask Murray Epstein.**

Paul Harris (1868-1947) Founder of Rotary

Born in Racine, WI; the 2nd of six children; Bachelor of Physical Culture & L.L.D degrees for the University of Vermont & L.L.B. Degree from the University of Iowa; honorary Ph.D. From the University of Vermont; newspaper reporter, business teacher, stock company actor, cowboy, international seller of marble & granite, Lawyer. In 1900, after dinner with a lawyer friend, Paul Harris was impressed by the fact that his friend stopped at several shops and introduced him to proprietors who were his friends. This made him wonder about organizing a club which would band together a group of representative business & professional friends in fellowship. On Feb. 3, 1905, he formed the first club with three law clients. He named the club "Rotary" because the members met in rotation in their respective places of business.



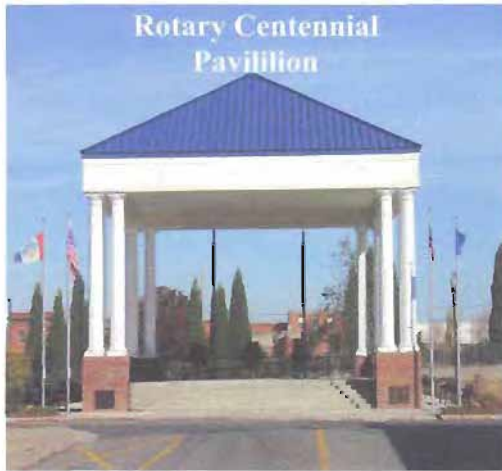
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Our Mission: Our mission is to build a *foundation* upon and with which the Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, Texas will be financially enabled to meet and satisfy many of the needs of the Clear Lake Community.

Our Vision: Our vision is to create and grow an essentially untouchable fund which will earn and produce funds for the "bricks and mortar" of places, organizations, and community groups which will identify and satisfy some of the needs of our community. Needs may range from those of the underprivileged to those of the whole community relating to the arts, science and education.

Intent of Founders: Not desiring to diminish the importance of or to detract from the work of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International or to interfere with or compete for support, through its members, of Space Center Rotary Club, and, while acknowledging the worthiness of the Club's attaining the highest possible level of member participation in financially supporting The Rotary Foundation through Paul Harris Fellowships, Paul Harris Sustaining Members, and Benefactors, the founders of The Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation believe that there will be those among its members, both present and future, as well as relatives and friends of members, who, desiring to foster and promote the ideals of Rotary, wish to do so within the local community and through the control, management, and administration of members of Space Center Rotary Club. Therefore, this Foundation has come into existence and shall strive to nurture, encourage, and advance the development of effective programs, activities, undertakings, and projects of a philanthropic, charitable, educational, humanitarian, and eleemosynary nature. To achieve this intent, the founders believe that it will be important and desirable for the Trustees of the Foundation to resist the temptations to distribute all available funds, but, at least in the early years, to concentrate on the building of a sizable trust corpus, accumulating as much of the income as possible and adding it to the principal until the Foundation has the means and resources to offer financial assistance to worthy projects of a far greater dimension than it would otherwise be able to consider.

Interested in becoming a Floyd Boze Fellow? Talk to Bob Wren, Ken Gurry, Billy Smith, Jerrold Dewease, Vic Maria, Jack Lister, Al Ligrani, Bill Lowes, David Coney, Geoff Atwater, Vissett Sun.