



The Blastoff

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PROGRAMS:

Today —

Dr. Wm. Staples
President of University of Houston
Clear Lake Campus

Sep. 18th: Nick Lampson,
Candidate for U. S. House of
Representatives

Sep. 25th Dr. Ken Black UH-CL Professor of
decision sciences & director for the
Center for Economic Development &
Research

Oct. 16th Shrimporee Round-up before the event

Agenda



Luncheon Begins.....11:45
Call to Order.....12:00
Song.....Debby McBride
Invocation.....Carlos Villagomez
PledgeDelia Stephens
4-Way Test.....Roger Donnelly
Introductions.....Vissett Sun
Announcements.....12:10
Program.....12:30
Adjourn.....1:00

DEBBY'S DITTY

Just whistle while you work (whistle)
Put on that grin and start right in
to whistle loud and long
Just hum a merry tune (hum)
Just do your best and take a rest
and sing your self a song

When there's too much to do
Don't let it bother you, forget your
troubles,
Try to be just like a cheerful chick-a-dee

And whistle while you work (whistle)
Come on get smart, tune up and start
to whistle while you work

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?

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You, too, can be a sponsor & help Rotary help the community. You will receive 2 tickets to the VIP Boots & Black Tie Ball, an ad in this newsletter for 1 year, Shrimporee tickets and entry in the Texas Roadhouse golf tournament. If you are a sponsor & your name is not listed above, contact Scott Rainey.

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THANK YOU SHARON FOR YOUR HARD WORK & SERVICE TO ROTARY AS BLASTOFF EDITOR. YOU SET A NEW STANDARD & WILL BE MISSED!!!

Say Happy Birthday to ---

John Wilson	Sep 8th
Scott Rainey	Sep 8th
Bill Lowes	Sep 14th
Stan Galanski	Sep 17th
Steve Hartstein	Sep 19th
Joan Skellenger	Sep 22nd
Denise Platt	Sep 26th

**Is your September birthday not included? Email the Editor:
billys@sbeglobal.net**

Sunshine

** Alan Wylie has a new grandson*

Email your good news to the Editor so that we all can celebrate with you.

Examples: Births, Graduations, Awards, Anniversaries, new job, vacations, hole-in-one, victory, completed the marathon, etc.

A note from the Editor:

My belief and position is that the purpose and mission of this newsletter is to communicate to the members; to keep them informed, in tune and included in the activities of this club and Rotary International. This is not a one-person task. Your assistance is solicited, sought and requested. Email your input. Let me announce your committee meetings, solicit help and ideas. Tell me what you think is good and what is not. Each addition should deserve more than a quick glance.

Let's do it together.

Showers

** Pres. Geoff's mother died in Sarsota, FL
* Micki Czarnik had successful surgery to remove a tumor from her lip*

Email your bad news, dissappointments, etc. to the editor so that we can consol you, pray for you or otherwise offer our support.

Examples: Deaths, illness, hospital stay (past, present or future) job loss, derailments, etc.



THIS IS ROTARY



DID YOU KNOW?

Q. *How do I make up a missed meeting?*

A. A member may make up for an absence if, within 14 days before or after the regular meeting, the member (1) attends at least 60% of the regular meeting of another club or of a provisional club; or (2) attends a regular meeting of a Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship or of a provisional Rotaract or Interact club, Rotary Community Corps, or Rotary Fellowship; or (3) attends a convention of RI, a council on legislation, an international assembly, a Rotary institute for past and present officers of RI, or any other meeting convened with the approval of the board of directors of RI, a Rotary multizone conference, a meeting of a committee of RI, a Rotary district conference, a Rotary district assembly, any district committee meeting held by direction of the district governor, or a regularly announced inter-city meeting of Rotary clubs; or (4) is present at the usual time and place of a regular meeting of another club for the purpose of attending such meeting, but that club is not meeting at the time or place; or (5) attends and participates in a club service project, e.g. the Shrimporee, building benches, etc., or a club-sponsored community event, e.g. Boots & Black Tie Gala, or meeting authorized by the board; or (6) attends a board meeting or, if authorized by the board, a meeting of a service committee to which the member is assigned; or (7) participates through a club Web site in an interactive activity requiring an average of 30 minutes of participation. There are other special rules that pertain when a member is outside the USA for more than 14 days.

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



The Rotary Club Of Space Center



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OTHERS

Bill Lowes	Programs
Attendance	Murray Epstein
Bulletin Editor	Billy Smith
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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

PAST PRESIDENTS

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1965-66	Ivan Brown
1966-67	Martin Gracey
1967-68	Richard Allen
1968-69	Jerry Hammack
1969-70	Robert Hobart
1970-71	Gene Lindquist
1971-72	Robert K. Scott
1972-73	Frank Morgan
1973-74	Rex Bailey
1974-75	Dick Chandler
1975-76	Don Kirk
1976-77	Lionel Garcia
1977-78	Jim Wyatt
1978-79	Marvin Mathews
1979-80	Al Ligrani
1980-81	Pete Gist
1981-82	Al Jowid
1982-83	Chuck Jacobson
1983-84	Bill Webb
1984-85	Charles Hartman
1985-86	Robert Wren
1986-87	Jim Hargrove
1987-88	Jim McNatt
1988-89	Billy Weseman
1989-90	John Watson
1990-91	Billy Smith
1991-92	Jack Lister
1992-93	Terry Hesson
1993-94	Victor Maria
1994-95	David Taylor
1995-96	Lamar Bowles
1996-97	Bill Lowes
1997-98	Donnie Johnson
1998-99	Dick Gregg, Jr.
1999-00	Bill Geissler
2000-01	Dave Baldwin
2001-02	Suzi Howe
2002-03	Laura Hale
2003-04	Sheila Self
2004-05	Vissett Sun
2005-06	J. B. Fox

The Blastoff Staff

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The Rotary Club Of Space Center



A Message From The President

Following are my goals for the Club this Rotary year:

General Goals

- Establish a meaningful & flexible budget.
- Preliminary commitment to these beneficiaries:
- \$5k minimum for commitment to the North Galv. County YMCA capital campaign.
- \$10k to Katrina projects.
- \$5k to Habitat for Humanity project.
- \$1k each to two projects in concert with JSC chapter of Engineers Without Borders (Uganda & Costa Rica).
- Have fun & interesting programs.
- Commit to principles of "Lead the Way" & sincere recognition of volunteer efforts.
- Employ interactive & collaborative decision making methods as a Board that is representative of SCR.
- Integrate new committee structure into how we do business.

Specific Goals

Membership:

- Add a net one new members for the year.

The Rotary Foundation:

- Strive to meet the challenge for 100% Paul Harris Fellows.
- Commit to raising \$12k for The Rotary Foundation @ \$100/member.

Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service & Club Service:

- Continuation of the many fine programs in these area.

Public Relations:

- Establish an energetic & active Public Relations Committee.
- Establish methods to distribute press releases on worthy Rotary activities.

Fund Raising:

- Sponsor successful fund raisers (Shrimporee in late 2006 & B&BT in Feb or Mar 07).
- Improve grant writing resources.

Youth Exchange/ Ambassadorial Scholar:

- Host Swedish exchange student & involve her in meaningful activities.
- Serve as host club for Korean Ambassadorial Scholar at U of H.

Interact & Rotaract

Support the re-establishment of local Interact & Rotaract clubs.

In Attendance Jeopardy

No Submission

The Editor would like your opinion about publishing this information.

**Mr. Rotary, Floyd Boze,
57 years of perfect attendance.**

District Conference

Puerta Villarta

APRIL 7, 2007

Make your reservation!!

Dues Past Due

No Submission

The Editor would like your opinion about publishing this information.



The Rotary Club Of Space Center



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

**The Rotary Motto:
*Service Above Self***

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.

Discarded eyeglasses (Rx or not) & cases and Hotel toiletries are needed. Bring them to a meeting and deposit them in the baskets provided by Vic Maria.

Events Calendar

- ☺ District 5890 Conference in Puerta Villarta, Mexico .. April 26-29, 2007
- ☺ All Club Meeting Oct 4th
- ☺ RI Convention, Salt Lake City June 2007
- ☺ Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
Sep 12th @ 7a.m.
- ☺ Club Board of Directors
Sep 14th @ 7a.m.
- ☺ Shrimporee Com JSCFCU Thursdays @ 5:30p.m.
beginning Sep 14th
- ☺

Your Event or Committee Meeting can be advertised here.

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.

STOP WAR!! MAKE EVERYONE JOIN ROTARY.



Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation

The Rotary Centennial Pavilion Project

Officers:

Chairman & President: Bob Wren
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 J. B. Fox Vic Maria
 Financial Advisor: Richard Hergert

Pavilion Project Task Force Co-Chairmen:

Ken Gurry & Chuck Jacobson

Club Members Who Are Floyd Boze Fellows

Robert J. Wren	A. L. Brady
Floyd D. Boze	Earl T. Maudlin
Vince Lipovsky	Dennis N. Dillon
Owen G. Morris	Alfred J. Ligrani
Jack R. Lister	Gerald P. Smith
Alan D. Wylie	Joseph Hang
William H. Geissler	Susan C. Howe
Michael W. Hesse	Sheila Self
Billy R. Smith	J. W. Lowes, III
James Wyatt	Robert W. Mitchell
Michael Brown	Charles A. Jacobson
Roger C. Donnell	Laura Hale
Michael Cornett	Hector Marin
Kenneth J. Gurry	Scott Rainey
Vissett S. Sun	Johnny White
Tony Bloomfield	Carlos Villa gomez
Richard Hergert	Marilyn Musial
Mark Humphrey	Gene L. Tromblee



History: When Billy Weseman was president (1988-1989), Floyd Boze and Bob Wren urged the establishment of an endowment foundation by our club. Although this was a new concept for us, many clubs had already established such foundations with which both Floyd and Bob were familiar. Since Billy was a strong supporter of the Rotary International Foundation and believed that a local foundation would compete for funds, he did not support the idea and nothing came of it. The next year (1989-1990) John Watson was president and the idea of a foundation was again discussed by the Board. This time the Board unanimously supported the idea and resolved to establish the Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation. John asked Billy Smith to obtain a charter from the Texas Secretary of State for a non-profit corporation and David Hamblin was asked to obtain approval from the Internal Revenue Service so that the Foundation was classified as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. After considerable research and discussions with members of other Rotary clubs who had long-established foundations, both were accomplished. The corporate charter was issued on February 15, 1991 and 501(c)(3) status was granted on April 9, 1993. The purposes for which the Foundation is organized are stated in Article I of its bylaws.

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. **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.



The Rotary Club Of Space Center



Members Who Are Paul Harris Fellows

- Lamar Bowles
- Floyd Boze
- Al Brady (Benefactor)
- Ted Cummings
- Dennis Dillon
- Murray Epstein
- J. B. Fox (Benefactor)
- Stan Galanski
- Bill Geissler
- Dick Gregg, Jr.
- Ken Gurry (Benefactor)
- Jerry Hammack
- Joe Hang (Benefactor)
- Jim Hargrove
- Dick Hergert
- Suzi Howe (Major Donor)
- Chuck Jacobson
- John Lee
- Al Ligrani
- Vince Lipovsky
- Jack Lister
- Bill Lowes
- Roger Lyons
- Vic Maria
- Bob Mitchell
- Bob Montgomery
- Owen Morris (Benefactor)
- Mike Porterfield
- Billy Smith (2 stones)
- Delia Stephens
- David Taylor
- Gene Tromblee
- Carlos Villagomez
- Art Wood
- Bob Wren (___ stones)
- Jim Wyatt
- Alan Wylie
- Wayne Young
- Olive Murphy-Riker
- Don Krichoff

If your name is not listed and should be, email the editor.

MEET OUR RED BADGE MEMBERS

Pat Doughty, sponsored by Alan Wylie; works for USA as a software project manager; married with children and grandchildren; lives in Taylor Lake Estates; has volunteered for the Guerro Mexico eye clinic project.

- Pat Doughty**
- Phil Sandlin**
- Bob Taggart**
- Ray Smiley**
- Rudy England**

Have you met these newer members? If not, please seek them out and introduce yourself.

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 _____

**I'm confused.
No wait...
Maybe I'm not.**

**Don't take life
so seriously.
It isn't permanent.**



Rotary Is International



**Rotary International President
2006-2007**

Bill Boyd, a member of the Rotary Club of Pakuranga, Auckland, New Zealand. Club President 1977-78; District Gov. 1983-84; RI Director 1998-2000; RI Treasurer 2000-01; Recipient of The Rotary Foundations Citation for Meritorious Service and its Distinguished Service Award.

RI FOUNDATION FACTS

Major Donors: 7,286
Bequest Society Members: 4,828
Benefactors: 69,899
Paul Harris Fellows: 996,536

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Spread The Word!!!

Invite someone so become a Rotarian today.

Know someone who would make a great Rotarian? Complete a Membership Form 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.



**Rotary Theme
2006-2007**

PolioPlus



Rotary International





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Photos by Bob Mitchell: Clockwise from top left, Assistant Governor, Tricia Scott talks about the RI President's theme for 2006-07 "Lead the Way"; Debbie McBride leads the singing as Dick Gregg, III tries to follow; Pres., Geoff Atwater, presents the new member packet to inductee, Pat Doughty, sponsored by Alan Wylie; Scott Rainey updates the Shrimporee sponsors; Dick Meyer (left) and Art Wood (right) are bookends to our Swedish exchange student, Sara Malmstrom. Sara is with her first host family, Pat and Jané Brant 281-326-1863. Sara's Counselors are Jennifer