



The Blastoff

Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Space Center
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PROGRAMS:

Today ----

- Dr. Ken Black** UH-CL Professor of decision sciences & director for the Center for Economic Development & Research
- 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. 30th – **Barbara Ann Radnofsky**, candidate for U. S. Senate



Agenda

Luncheon Begins	11:45
Call to Order	12:00
Song.....	Debbie McBride
Invocation.....	Carlos Villagomez
Pledge.....	Don Kirchoff
4-Way Test	Jean Walker
Introductions.....	David Coney
Announcements	12:10
Program.....	12:30
Adjourn.....	1:00

DEBBY'S DITTY

Home on the Range

Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam
Where the deer and the antelope play
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
And the skies are not cloudy all day

Home, home on the range
Where the deer and the antelope play
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
And the skies are not cloudy all day

How often at night when the heavens are bright
With the light from the glittering stars
I've stood there amazed and asked as I gazed
If their glory exceeds that of ours

Home, home on the range
Where the deer and the antelope play
Where seldom is heard a discouraging word
And the skies are not cloudy all day

ROTARY 4-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

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3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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Say Happy Birthday to ---

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@sbcglobal.net



Sunshine

Tony Bloomfield received a certificate of training from Gov. Suzi for his help with evacuees of Hurricane Katrina. Congratulations, Tony.

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.

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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

No. Submissions.

Email your bad news, disappointments, 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. What types of prayers and invocations should be used at Rotary meetings?

A. Rotary clubs throughout the world include members who have many religious beliefs and values and are united in service to humanity. Each Rotary club, being autonomous, should use its own good judgment in conducting its meetings in a manner that reflects Rotary's basic principle of tolerance and encourages Rotarians' participation in humanitarian service projects.

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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

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



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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 Puerta Villarta, MexicoApril 26-29, 2007
- ☉ All Club MeetingOct 4th
- ☉ 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 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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 MISSING & SUP-
 POSED TO BE**



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MEET OUR RED BADGE MEMBERS

Pat Doughty [United Space Alliance]
Phil Sandlin [Chief Deputy to Constable
 Bill Bailey]

Bob Taggart

Ray Smiley [Webster Chief of Police]

Rudy England

Bob Handy

Jon McKennie [Vetinary Consultant,
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Do you know these newer mem-
 bers? Please seek them out and
 introduce yourself.

*Do you want to know more about Paul Harris Fellowships,
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 lowship? 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 be-
 come a Paul Harris Fellow this Rotary year. For more infor-
 mation, contact David Coney.*

District Conference
 Puerta Villarta
 April 7, 2007
 Make your reservation!!



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*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**



**Monday's program, former U S Congressman, Nick
Lampson, candidate.**

Photo by Bob Mitchell



The Rotary Club Of Space Center



Gulfport, Mississippi Playground

As its Hurricane Katrina project, The Rotary Club of Space Center donated \$15,000 (\$5k from the club, \$8k from the District & a private donation of \$3k) for playground equipment at Pass Road Elementary School, a K-5 elementary school with 275 students. During the storm, three pine trees fell on the existing equipment rendering it unusable. This was a joint project with the Rotary Club of Gulfport.





The Rotary Club Of Space Center



Board of Directors Meeting September 19, 2006 Highlights

- Discussed procedures for processing and inducting new members. Procedures will be reviewed and revised as necessary to shorten the time required.
- Hilary DiRenzo was proposed for membership by Bill Taylor and approved.
- President Geoff suggested that each Director prepare an article for publication in The Blastoff highlighting the responsibilities and activities of their respective areas of service and committees. One such report will be presented in each issue of the newsletter. All agreed that this is a good idea and committed to a schedule.
- The Board resolved to donate \$5,000 to the Pass Christian, Mississippi Rotary Club which has been meeting on a bare slab since their meeting place, along with most of the city, was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Plans are to obtain these funds from the Spring Boots & Black Tie event.
- A Paul Harris banner displaying the names of Paul Harris Fellow members will be created and purchased for approximately \$500. This banner and a similar one which has been obtained by the Endowment Foundation will be displayed at all club meetings.
- Favorable comments were made about the new meeting place and the food. Full meal with drink and dessert is \$15 and a drink and either salad or dessert are \$5.
- President Geoff presented a check to the Treasurer in the amount of \$8,000 from Rotary International for matching funds for the Katrina project (playground equipment featured on the previous page).
- Publication in The Blastoff of the names of members in attendance jeopardy and those who are delinquent in paying dues was proposed and discussed. Consideration will be given to this and other ideas for improving attendance and collecting dues, but no specific action was agreed upon.
- Dick Kidder reported that group outings by the Golf Committee can be held at Bay Oaks since the club is meeting there.
- Mike Hesse has been approached to chair the Boots & Black Tie event. Mike is considering, but desires less formal attire.
- Discussions continue with Armand Bayou Nature Center to present a grant request for making the nature trails more accessible to the activity impaired visitors.
- New member, Pat Doughty, has agreed to chair the Interact committee.
- Jennifer Keller is chairing the scholarship committee and the recipient selection process is underway.
- Dick Kidder reported that Dr. Abdel Fustok is considering helping with the Guerrero, Mexico Clinic. Johnny White and his wife plan to work at the next clinic session in October.
- Treasurer, Gary Johnson, reported that many members have not paid their dues. It was noted that, according to the club's bylaws, dues are due on July 1st and delinquent after July 31st, unless paid in two installments making the due dates July 1 & Feb 1 and delinquency on July 31 & Feb 28.
- Sgt-at-Arms, Rafael Lugo, will work on having a sign placed outside the meeting place indicating that the Rotary Club of Space Center meets there.
- The board meeting was attended by all except one member. Five visitors also were in attendance.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16, 2006 at 7 a.m. at Bay Oaks.

Editor's Note: These highlights have been lifted by the Editor from a draft of the Secretary's minutes which will not be presented to the Board for approval until the next meeting. Any errors in these highlights are the responsibility of the Editor who will print corrections as necessary when notified.



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.

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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**

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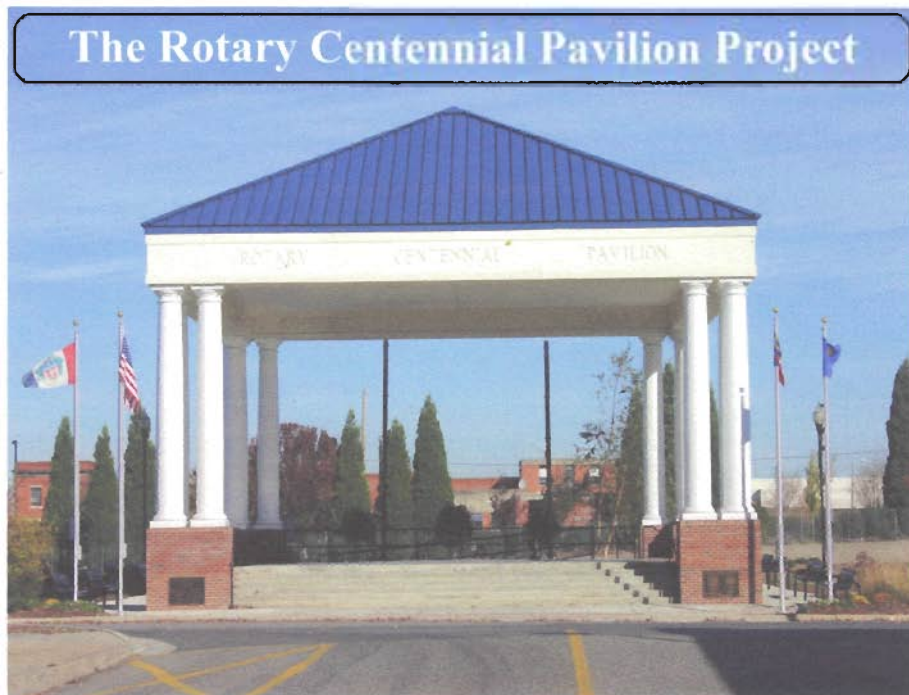
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Our newest member, Jon McKennie
Photo by Bob Mitchell

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.