

Director's Summary of Committees 2000 – 2001

Club Service A Director - J.B. Fox

Fellowship: The committee consists of Bill Taylor (Chair), Bill Lowes and Dennis Dillon

The usual outings were had. The Rotary night at the Rodeo, a get-together at Armand Bayou, Christmas party, and a planned fun outing at Putt Putt. This event has yet to happen, but will take place when Jim Saxe can have it. It has already been agreed to by Jim. My thanks to Jim for his kindness.

Public Relations: The Committee consists of: Mary Alys Cherry, Rick Clapp, Pat Patton, The Citizen, The Bay Comber, Born Wild Innovative Promotions.

Space Center Rotary has been put before the public on two Government Access Channels, Channel 66 of Nassau Bay, and Channel 64 of Seabrook. The Channel 66 has a coverage of Nassau Bay, Seabrook, League City, and El Lago. The Sea-brook Channel has a coverage in reverse to Channel 66, so the Rotary events e.g. the Shrimporee were covered no matter which channel a person was watching. Events were published in the local newspapers.

During the Month of May, our club's presence has been made known Worldwide by creating an Internet "Page." Space Center Rotary received a special price from GHG Corporation. Access to the "Page" is obtained by <http://www.spacecenterrotary.org>.

The organization Officers and Directors are listed. Each Club Service is listed with their organizational responsibilities. Club Activities for the upcoming months are listed. The Blastoff publication is available through a link process. It is proposed to update on a regular basis. As with any new process, there are some minor problems to be resolved, but they will be resolved in the next few weeks.

The URL (Internet access listing) has been registered, and will be shown to all who search the subject Rotary. Our Club is now one of the few who has a dedicated Internet page. We have made a link to Rotary International, and to District 5890. District has, in turn, linked to our page. We can be found then in several ways, either by search engine, or through the District. We have included a guest book and an e-mail facility for visitors. A count box will tell how many persons have visited our page.

Golf: Bill Predmore (Chair). The golf committee is a group of golfers who play in tournaments. The proceeds from the tournaments are given to the Rotary foundation. Golf has been traditionally scaled back during our summer months and plans are to get going again with our more pleasant weather. Look for SCR golfing info and teams soon!

Club Service B - Director Sheila Self

The Blastoff: Editor - Sheila Self Weekly bulletins were prepared, printed and distributed on a weekly basis with up to date info from our club, district and international levels, along with current and community events as needed with inputs from club members along with the Space Center Women of Rotary news. We started placing ads in The Blastoff. The business card size ads ran each week and cost \$200.00 for six months. All funds raised from ads went directly to our clubs service account and were available for our various community and international charitable projects. This year, we had twelve members that ran ads and have continued to run ads Thank You Beverly Baldwin, Jim Barry, Mike Cornett, Jerrold Dewease, Mike Hesse, Sam Marullo, Marc Schneider, Bob Struzinski, Hattie Thurlow-McKinley, Ronnie Weiss, Johnny White, and Rolfe Young !! (Apropos Interior Designs, AG Edwards & Sons, Ability Transmission, Clear lake Psychotherapy and Diagnostics, Texas Wealth Management, Inc., Excel, State Farm, Waldron, Schneider & Todd - Attorneys at Law, Space Center Tire and Auto, First Community Bank, Family Solutions, Doctor Cool/ Professor Heat). We are still looking for a back up editor if or when needed. Remember -I didn't know anything about newsletters until I became The Blastoff editor (and I'm still learning)! And a special thanks to

Bob Mitchell our club photographer who took photos, downloaded them, and sent them to the editor! Your inputs and comments are appreciated!

Programs: Dick Gregg, III (Chair). Everyone has enjoyed the informative, entertaining topics and very current programs /speakers each week since July 2000. Dick has done an excellent job of securing our speakers all year! Be sure to tell him what an outstanding job he has done!

Membership/Roster Directory: Billy Smith, Laura Hale and Jim Sweeney. Billy continues to keep all SCR information up to date in his database. Laura collected all updates &/or changes plus added on new member info along with current photos. Laura gave this to Billy who updated his info and turned everything over to Jim at Minute Man Press to produce our clubs new directory which hasn't been updated in a couple of years. All members should have their own directory.

Telephone Tree: Bill Geissler (Chair). At times we almost didn't want to hear from the telephone tree due to the death of members or ill health, etc. However, the telephone tree has been a very helpful reminder to us when we had meetings to attend or location changes. Bill sent a voice mail to each SCR member for upcoming events, meetings, holidays, etc. Thanks to Bill - he pays for this service and volunteers his time to keep us informed with his messages.

Club Service C Director - Marilyn Musial

Club Service C has been very active this past year. Those who have served on the various committees include Mark Humphrey, Scott Rainey, Murray Epstein, J. B. Fox, Bob Mitchell, Jim Wyatt, Belinda Skloss, Bob Struzinski, Pat Maurer, Nanci Rutledge and Birda Gaskin. During the year our club inducted or reinstated 25 members. The Classification Committee has worked to reclassify members with appropriate classifications and to change appropriate members to Senior Status. Special recognition goes to Suzi Howe for chairing a special Membership Task Force.

Club Service D Director - Mike Duckworth

Vocational Service Director - Vissett Sun

Vocational Service - Vocational Excellence Award (VEA) Chair person: Adena Losten. The VEA Committee Members are: Mary Alys Cherry, Jerold Dewease, Bill Geissler, Dick Gregg, Jr., Rudolfo Gonzalez, John Kennedy, Tim Kropp, Slade Lewis, Pat Patton, and Jim Sweeney. This committee was required to receive nominations evaluating and selecting the Outstanding Business Person in our area with the possibility of gaining new members. As Rotarians, we strongly believe that excellence in a chosen profession of vocation along with the Four Way Test is evident in daily life deserves a "Rotary Recognition." The VEA is for someone in our community that is an "Outstanding Business Person" and a community leader with notable achievements who has not yet become a Rotary member. The VEA included a \$500 scholarship that goes to San Jacinto Community College in the name of the VEA recipient. The VEA nomination was sent to the district level for further consideration for the District Award. Presented at the District Assembly or District Conference each year. Jay Honeycutt was the recipient of the club award this year and at the district level.

Career Development at Clear View High School Chairperson: Claire Taylor. This committee rewards outstanding Clear View students who have met requirements for Vocational Internship Program (VIP) and to open career doors for those same students. Also, this committee provides positive experiences and exposure to Rotarians and the businesses in our area. The goal of this committee was to demonstrate to the Clear View student body through the positive experiences and opportunities of the VIP students that hard work and determination to complete goals provides further opportunities and rewards.

Excellence in Education Chairperson: Joan Skellenger. The goal of this committee was to promote Rotary as an organization that recognizes and rewards excellence in education in the vocation of teaching the

children of our community. This committee honored teachers in the Clear Creek Independent School District who have achieved excellence in education by granting four Excellence in Education Awards of \$300 each and two \$1000 Teacher of the Year Awards to an Elementary and Secondary education teacher. Other awards will include certificates, personal plaques, and individual recognition at a Rotary luncheon presentation. There is be a perpetual plaque on display at the Clear Creek Independent School District Administration Building to recognize the Teachers of the Year.

Excellence in Law Enforcement Chairperson: Bill Farries. The goal of this committee was to recognize the Law enforcement officers that work in the Bay Area community. Yearly, this committee awards five officers with the Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award. There will be one "Officer of the Year." A Rotary Luncheon presentation will recognize the officers with certificates and cash awards on June 11. A perpetual Plaque in the Harris County Courthouse, Clear Lake Annex will be maintained to recognize the "Officer of the Year."

Community Service A Director - Marc Schneider

Community Service B Director - Jim McDonald

Community Service Chairperson: Stephen Kelley Vice Chair: Pamela Culpepper. This committee was responsible for two wheelchairs that were procured and made available as loaners in the community when the need arises. They are stored at the United Way Facility in Clear Lake City. The Committee welcomes new members and ideas for effective ways to serve our community.

Health and Safety Chairperson: Belinda Skloss Vice Chair: Pat Maurer. Two service projects were worked by this committee. A program "Safe On My Own" for all Clear Creek Independent School District 3rd graders, a latch key educational program that teaches safety principles to young children and an 'Excellence in Health Education" award program to recognize school nurses and their work. Congressman Nick Lampson was guest speaker at the Rotary Meeting on April 30th, supporting these programs.

Scholarships Chairperson: Gregory Turley Vice Chair: Keith Huff. This committee developed the Scholarship Awards Programs for three high schools (Clear Lake, Clear Brook and Clear View). They established criteria and worked with school counselors in selecting students for scholarship awards, basing decisions on financing need, academic achievement and general background.

Senior Citizens Chairperson: J B Fox Vice Chair: Robert Mitchell. Computers have been placed in assisted living facilities and in nursing homes in the Clear Lake area to help bring senior citizens into the world of computers with Email and internet capability. They recently expanded this service to assist the Bay Area Turning Point to come on line with computers, and also provided computer equipment to the Interfaith Caring Ministries.

International Service A Director - Greg Turley

International Service B Director - Dick Kidder

GSE Activities - chair Bill Geissler. This committee provides support to individuals selected for the GSE teams. This may involve interviewing prospective outbound GSE team members or hosting incoming team members through a career day, overnight in club members home or at a club meeting. The GSE (group study exchange) recently hosted several people from the United Kingdom and with the help of Bill Geissler and others the visit was well received. GSE takes visitors from around the world and aligns them with their business interests to better understand our ways and to learn from the experience. GSE Committee Members are Bill Taylor, Marc Schneider, Robert Struzinski, Pat Pattern, Alan Wylie, and Ava Lunsford.

Youth Exchange - chair Art Wood. Our club will continue to provide strong support for this program. We

have hosted a foreign long term student every year since 1989. We are very active with the short term exchange and we provide major support for various District IYE functions. This is a very active committee and is always hosting youth from around the world. Art and his committee of Alan Wylie, Stan Galanski, Earl Baum, Birda Gaskin and Gary Johnson are very active in setting up host families and coordinating the visits to Houston area. At the present time we have two in this area. We are also involved in scholarship funds for our designated long term students.

World Health - chair Bob Struzinski. This committee brings children to the medical center from all over the world. The committee matches children in need with the local health community (Dr. Fustok), provides housing and transportation, and makes accommodations for family members. Dr. Fustok has treated children from Mexico for plastic surgery. World health through the Texas Medical Center in Galveston have treated children from the West Bank and Gaza for hip replacement and bone reconstruction surgery. This committee has been inactive due to Charles Hartman being sick and then passing away. We now have a new chair in Bob Struzinski who has already set up a visit on June 12 for Dr. Fustok from one of his clients in Mexico (Blanca). Blanca will be here for several weeks for further surgery. This committee has done a lot of work in helping burn victims in Mexico and with the great help of Dr. Fustok we have greatly assisted many people. This committee is working again thanks to Bob, Vic Maria, and Carlos Villagomez.