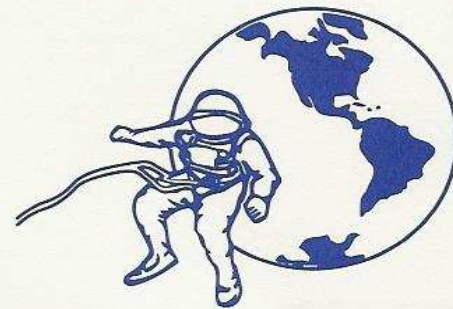


**ROTARY CLUB  
OF  
SPACE CENTER**  
"Service Above Self"



**Summary of Accomplishments of the Rotary Club of Space Center  
For the Year Ending June 30, 2010**

2010 was a magic carpet ride for Space Center Rotary Club. After being selected 2009 "Large Club of the Year" in the Greater Houston Area, we set out to improve on what we do best – "M&M's" – Membership and Money for service projects; membership recruitment, local community service, international service, quality programs and public awareness. And did we ever succeed.

Our efforts resulted in 17.0% in net membership growth, 25 local community service projects (from local food banks to Shriners Children's Hospitals in Galveston & Houston), 12 international projects (from clinics in Guerrero, MX to shelter for children of the street in Egypt to emergency relief in Haiti) and national publicity on the popular ABC program "Extreme Makeover- Home Edition" two hour special on Easter Sunday night.

And then the fruits of our labor. The Rotary District Conference was held April 22-24 to celebrate the achievements throughout the Greater Houston area. To start with, 6 outstanding Space Center Rotarians were presenters during the District Conference, each with very quality presentations.

Then on Saturday night, during the Awards Dinner, our own Stan Galanski received the very prestigious "Service Above Self" award, which is given to only 150 Rotarians worldwide by Rotary International. President Jon McKinnie was called up to the stage and was presented the "Mega Club of the Year" award, for the second year in a row. Emotions were running pretty high among all of our members present at the event.

What an honor to our Club and our members; an acknowledgment of the efforts and contributions that every member made that allowed the club to achieve this coveted award.

Believe me, there are a lot of excellent clubs in our District. Many were recognized during the Conference for a specific type of accomplishment. It is my opinion that what impressed our Governor the most, was when he was going down the list of accomplishments we not only had outstanding projects, but also led the district in Net Membership Growth and met our pledge for Foundation giving and Polio Plus contribution.

I cannot be more convinced that this was EVERY member's accomplishment. Everyone without exception has made a contribution and for that you should be proud. This is your award and you help make it happen.

Space Center Rotary also received the 2009-2010 Presidential Citation, which was awarded by Rotary International President John Kenny, for positive membership growth and excellent community & International projects.

### **Membership:**

- Inducted 21 new members and lost 2, one due to job transfer and one was moved from active to honorary. This results in a **net gain of 19 members (17.0%)**, from 114 to 133 plus 10 honorary members, which is unheard of in a large club.
- Updated the Membership manual to incorporate procedures and information that have resulted in a 3 week turn around from proposal of new member to induction, improved new member orientations, formalized new member induction event, and increased participation of members in bringing guests and new potential members to the club meetings.
- Maintain an up to date membership directory, with members' pictures and included it in the protected area of the club's ClubRunner web site.

### **Projects:**

#### **Local Community Projects**

- Participated in Extreme Makeover – Home Edition which selected a needy family in Kemah for an upcoming program. In addition to providing building materials, supplies, food for volunteers valued at ~\$50,000, Space Center raised ~\$139,000 to pay toward their existing mortgage. The popular TV show aired on April 4 (Easter Sunday night, two hour special, 7-9pm) and Rotary got special recognition during the program. Space Center and Rotary in general has gotten tremendous recognition in the Greater Houston area, but the entire nation witnessed Rotary involvement in prime time
- Participated in RNASA Awards Dinner, an annual event with over 850 in attendance; the “Who’s Who” of the Space Industry worldwide, where the presentation of the National Space Award was given to former NASA Associate Administrator Bill Gerstenmaier, plus Stellar awards to over twelve deserving individuals and teams. Current NASA Administrator Charles Bolden and former Administrator Mike Griffin were feature speakers. At their luncheon, Club President Jon McKinnie had the opportunity to share the Rotary experience and encourage everyone to become involved in community service.

- Donated training and recreational equipment to the Shriners Children's Hospitals in Galveston and Houston for a total of \$11,000. The money consisted of \$9,000 from the club and \$2,000 from a District Simplified Grant.
- Recognize the outstanding educators in the Clear Creek Independent School District with awards and financial support. With the coordination of CCISD Superintendent and Space Center Rotarian Dr Greg Smith, Space Center spearheaded the project and invited Seabrook and League City Rotary Clubs to participate in this community wide recognition. The event was held at South Shore Harbor Resort and was attended by over 500 educators, Rotarians and general public. Great feel good and public awareness project.
- Recognized the outstanding men and women in Law Enforcement and Public Safety by hosting them at an awards presentation where they are presented with financial awards.
- Six scholarships were presented to high school seniors based on Scholastic Achievement. Plus a scholarship was presented to high school senior based on a Drug Awareness Essay. The total amount of all the scholarships was close to \$7,000.
- Supported CCISD's "Project Graduation" activities.
- Supported Bay Area YMCA's local projects.
- Members of the Club spent a Saturday at the Armand Bayou Nature Center constructing a new segment of trail which was wheel chair rated. The club not only provided the labor but also donated the needed material and heavy equipment.
- Over 20 Rotarians of our club visited 4 local area nursing homes the day before Valentine's Day distributing "roses of love" and spending time with the resident senior citizens.
- Supported Communities in School project, which helps kids stay in school, promotes increased graduation and attendance, mentors at-risk students, better academic performance and improved behavior. Plus mentors at-risk students and connect them with organizations that can meet needs for school supplies food and health care.
- Provided over 6,000 books to the Harris County Detention Center.
- Provided manpower and supplies to paint offices, stripe parking area and restock food pantry for Interfaith Caring Ministries
- Sponsored 4 students to Volunteer Houston Commanders Summer Camp, which teaches teenagers the importance of community service and sets their expectations to give back to the community. We also provided speakers at camp to expose the kids to Rotary and its values.
- Support the activities of Bay Area Turning Point which empowers survivors of family violence, sexual assault and displacement by providing crisis intervention, shelter, and promoting education and awareness within the community.

- Provided playground area for children at St Vincent's House in Galveston. St Vincent's House serves the disadvantaged, underserved and working poor population of the greater Galveston community with essential programs and services to enhance their mental, physical and spiritual well being.
- Sponsored 8 kids to Still Water Sports Camp, which is a one week, overnight, Christ-centered, sports, adventure, leadership camp for young men and women with the Word of God to live their lives in a wholesome manner.
- Provided full cabin housing at Camp "Be An Angel" for families of challenged children. Each September Be An Angel coordinates a special long weekend retreat for these special children and their families. Attending camp gives the special needs children the opportunity to continue developing their skills outside the home and classroom environment.
- Participated in and financially supported Bay Area "Trash Bash" which collected trash, tires and various items from the shore lines along Clear Lake and Galveston Bay.
- Supported Clear Lake Food Pantry's efforts to provide food and relief for the local citizens in need.

### **International Projects**

- Supported District Governor Ed Charlesworth's Feed a Million Meals project by contributing enough funds for 10,000 meals.
- Provided financial support for clinic in Guerrero, Mexico, plus two members of the club participated in their October trip.
- Provided additional financial assistance for a Guerrero orphanage in the amount of \$2,000 as part of an ongoing 3 year commitment.
- Provided scholarship for "Children of the Dump" in Carbonera, Mex
- Supported deployment of a water purification system, applied to the contaminated "run-off" from Silver Mining in Potosi, Bolivia
- Participated in providing furniture and equipment for Girls Shelter in Alexandria, Egypt
- Supported Engineers Without Borders in their worldwide humanitarian efforts.
- Participated in TRF-USAID sponsored Safe Water Project in Dominican Republic
- Hosted Indian Group Study Exchange team and coordinated their activities, including a NASA visit plus another Indian GSE team from Dallas district.
- Supported International Youth Exchange and provided support and housing for 2 exchange students from Ecuador and Thailand.
- Supported GSE team traveling to Germany and hosted German GSE team

### **Administrative:**

- Restructured the club meeting agenda to introduce more interaction between members:
  1. Open the club meeting with a “greet our guests and fellow Rotarians” where club members move about the room shaking hands and speaking to each individual. This motivated the members into becoming more interactive and involved in the weekly club meetings.
  2. Implemented a “Secret Handshaker” who has \$5 to award to some lucky member.
  3. Implemented a 50/50 weekly raffle managed and operated by the Red Badgers to fund their local community service project.
  4. Continued the tradition of “the RI Foundation Message of the Week”, the “Membership Moment” and a “Committee Short Report” for the purpose of keeping members informed.
  5. Closed the club meeting with a “good thought for the week”
- Continued the tradition of publishing our weekly newsletter, the Blastoff, including “A message from the President” for the purpose of motivating the members and keeping them informed of activities in the club and District.
- Revised the Club By-laws and Constitution to reflect the way the club actually operates and to include improved processes.
- Conducted a Board meeting every month and occasionally had standing Board meetings to deal with specific issues.
- Conducted 3 Club Assembly meetings:
  - in July to present the vision and proposed activities for the coming year,
  - in January to review the activities of the first 6 months and
  - in June to celebrate the accomplishment of the overall year.
- Conducted club elections of Officers and 3 Directors on schedule for next year in the month of December.
- Club Historian established a leading edge digital history of the club, continues to research and gather club history and compiling it in a computer data base which is accessed via Internet. The product of his efforts should prove to be the model endorsed by other clubs and the District.

**Public Information:**

- Published 41 issues of our weekly news letter, the Blastoff, one for every club meeting day, containing information about club events, projects, speakers, and District and RI information of interest to our members
- Had approximately 15 publications in the local and surrounding papers, plus 5 articles in the District newsletter.

### **Contribution to The Rotary Foundation:**

- Contribution to the Foundation so far consists of \$11,120 for the Annual fund which represents an average of \$100 per member. Contributions for restricted funds so far of \$10,085 which represents an average of \$88 per member.

### **Youth Activities:**

- Sponsored two in bound Exchange Students and one out bound. Already have identified two new in bound students for next year and are in the paper work process.
- Sponsored two Exchange Students to RYLA.
- In the process of coordinating 2 short term in bound and 2 short term out bound students for the Summer.
- Organized a Rotaract (Univ of Houston Clear Lake) AND an Interact club (Clear Lake High School). Both are very active and have qualified for Presidential Citation this year.
- Following RI President, John Kenny's lead of "The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands", gave to our 36<sup>th</sup> fund raising Shrimporee the theme of "The Future of Children is in Our Hands" and implemented a number of events directed to inform kids and their parents of ways to stay healthy and safe. Such events were "healthy choices in food", "fun in exercising", "Check your vision", "symptom awareness of skin cancer", "kids ID Kits" and "how to provide CPR". This major fundraiser generated \$79,000 net proceeds of which 100% of the funds go to our service projects.

### **District Activities:**

- 12 members attended the Membership Seminar, where one of our members, Jon McKinnie was a speaker.
- 5 members attended the Rotary Foundation Seminar, where one of our members, PDG Suzi Howe is the District & Zone Director.
- Attended the reception for RI President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith, where two of our club members were part of the organizational committee.
- Members participating in District positions are: Jon McKinnie, Director of Technology and District Web Master; Suzi Howe, PDG, Director of District Rotary Foundation (DRFC); Alan Wylie, Youth Exchange Director; Stan Galanski, Water Resource Director, Mike Dennard GSE Committee; Courtney Lindberg, Earth Day Chair, Hilmar Zeissig, International Committee
- Many members attended District Seminars including Foundation, Membership and numerous committees, organizational meetings and activities.

**Fellowship:**

- Our 36<sup>th</sup> major funds raising event, the Shrimporee, was a great success from the point of view of the fellowship within Rotarians and with the members of the community. More than 2,500 meal plates were served with an attendance being estimated at more than 3,000 persons. The event netted close to \$79,000 for Service projects of the Club.
- Our spring fundraiser, Springoree, was a relaxing evening of fellowship with fine wine and food, and high quality auction items which historically generates ~\$20,000 net of which 100% goes to our service projects.
- Family of Rotary outing about twice a month afternoon or evening gatherings; approximately 8 golf outings; club pancake breakfasts; The Christmas Dinner and the Shrimporee.
- Supported the Bay Shore Boy & Girl Scout Districts by sponsor scouts to summer camp
- Supported the efforts of Communities in Schools to keep at risk children in school.
- Organized blood donation drive in the League City area.
- Club meeting at the Club Memorial in the Clear Lake Park with the update to the marble slab of the names of the deceased members
- Attendance at the District Assembly Meeting
- Attendance at the District Conference
- Attendance at the Rotary Int'l Convention in Montreal Canada