Rotary District 5890 Conference OH!! What a weekend!



The 2009-2010 Rotary District 5890 Conference was held during the April 22-24 2010 weekend. During the conference, six outstanding Space Center Rotarians were presenters during the District Conference, each great speakers with very quality presentations. Then on Saturday night, during the Awards Dinner, our own Stan Galanski received the very prestigious "Service Above Self" award. The "Service Above Self" award is given by Rotary International to only 150 Rotarians worldwide. There could not be a more deserving person than Stan Galanski. Emotions were running pretty high among all of our members present at the event.

Then Club President Jon McKinnie was called up to the stage and District Governor Ed Charlesworth recounted the many accomplishments of Space Center during 2009-10,

which included 14.3% net membership growth, 25 local community service projects and 12 Int'l projects. The Rotary Club of Space Center was then presented the District 5890's "Mega Club of the Year" Award for the Greater Houston area!!

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, to a more or less degree, made a contribution and for that you should be so proud. This is your award and you help make it happen.

Presenters to the District Conference were:

Courtney Lindberg - Earth Day Conference Chair

Jack Bacon - Futurist's View of Our Planet

PDG Suzi Howe - Future Vision Training: Navigating Through the Newness

Alan Wylie - Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony and Future of Rotary: Youth Services

Stan Galanski - Clean Water for All Presentations (2)

Jon McKinnie - Video presentation of "Extreme Makeover" - Rotary Edition. which highlighted the participation of Space Center Rotarians and Rotarians throughout the District 5890 in ABC's popular TV show.



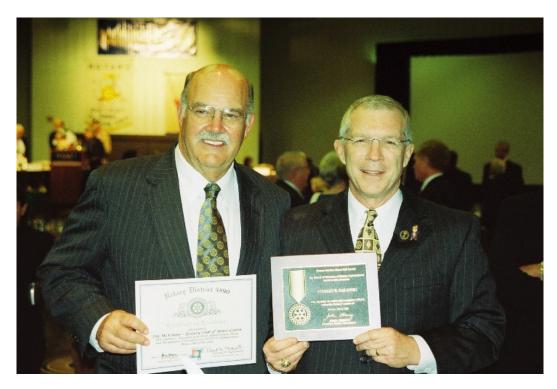
First row L to R: Susi Howe, Kippy Caraway, Marilyn Musial, Bill Howe, Susan Galanski Second row L to R: President Jon McKinnie, Gary Johnson, Prior President Mike Hernandez, Stan Galanski Last row: Mike Dennard



President Jon McKinnie making the Extreme Makeover – Rotary Edition presentation



President Jon McKinnie (Left) with the "Mega Club of Year" Award and Stan Galanski with the "Service Above Self" Award



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Bill and Past District 5890 Governor Suzi Howe



Extreme Makeover – Home Edition Participants Front: Melissa Beach Scott Rainey, Slade Lewis, Larry Beach, President Jon McKinnie



Melissa and Larry Beach ABC TV Extreme Makeover – Home Edition Family



President Jon and Kay McKinnie



Gary and Karen Johnson

Wayne and Marilyn Musial

Beth and Mike Dennard



One of two beautiful center pieces used at the District Conference at the Space Center Rotary Club tables made by Kay McKinnie



Stan Galanski making his "Clean Water for All" presentation about Haiti