

FUNDRAISERS

Shrimporee



The 39th Shrimporee was held on October 20th at the Clear Lake Park, in Seabrook, Texas. Club President Musial selected Edgar A. Smith Family YMCA, Bay Area Communities in Schools, and EarlyAct FirstKnight as the primary beneficiaries for the Shrimporee. All three were recognized and given their donation symbolically at the event. In addition to these organizations, 30 local and international service projects were supported by the funds from the Shrimporee and other fund raisers. Guests enjoyed live music, boiled shrimp and BBQ brisket meal, the excitement of bidding on 90 live auction and 91 silent auction items (24 baskets, 47 certificates and packaged items, and 20 artistic pumpkins); and awed with the raffle prizes. The children were excited about the two inflatables; and their multicolored hair treatment, tattoos, and face painting. Security was provided by officers from Harris County Precinct 8, Constable Phil Sandlin. The Deputies also conducted the kids fingerprinting ID process. Of particular note was over 250 student volunteers from Clear Creek Independent School District and the Boy Scouts, and about 35 adult volunteers.

Springoree



The 13th annual second major fundraiser and the 7th Springoree was held at the Lakewood Yacht Club on March 21 to express the Club's gratitude to the sponsors of the Shrimporee and for a fun filled evening for all of the guests. A total of 120 Rotarians, sponsors (55 sponsor guests attended), and other guests enjoyed an evening of camaraderie, lively bidding on auction items (twelve live auction items and thirty four silent auction items), good food, entertaining music by a solo singer, and great panoramic view of Clear Lake. Among the guests were District 5890 Governor Chris Schneider and spouse Ute, District 5890 Governor Elect Bob Gebhard, District 5890 Governor Nominee Lisa Faith Massey, and Rotary International Official Andy Smallwood. The decorations were provided by Ralph and Laurie Kramer who borrowed them from the Booster Club at Pearland High School and were a Mardi Gras theme.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Early Act First Knight



One of the most important and exciting service projects initiated for the year was the Early Act First Knight (EAFK) program at Whitcomb Elementary. This project was the brainchild of Club's President Marilyn Musial who has a passion for young people. One of the values of a Rotary club is the education, experience, and influence of its members. Such was the case with Club member Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District. With Dr. Smith's assistance, Whitcomb Elementary, with its very capable principal, Mark Smith, was identified as the ideal school for the EAFK program to be administrated. The school had students with 26 different ethnicities, was a Title one school, and had a great need for character building activities. The Club is setting up a service club in association with the school. The Student Council has been invited to participate in a Rotary Club meeting.

The program is themed around history's champions of chivalry; role models of various eras and cultures who distinguished themselves through living by a code of high ethical standards and rendering service to others. More than a student service club participated in by a few; it is a daily, mandatory course of study for each child, starting with the first day of Kindergarten. It is a year-round character and service education program for elementary and middle schools that, for the first time ever, puts Rotary into mainstream public education every day. A kick off knighting exhibition was held outdoor October 16 at Whitcomb Elementary. Five knighting ceremonies are planned for this Rotary year.

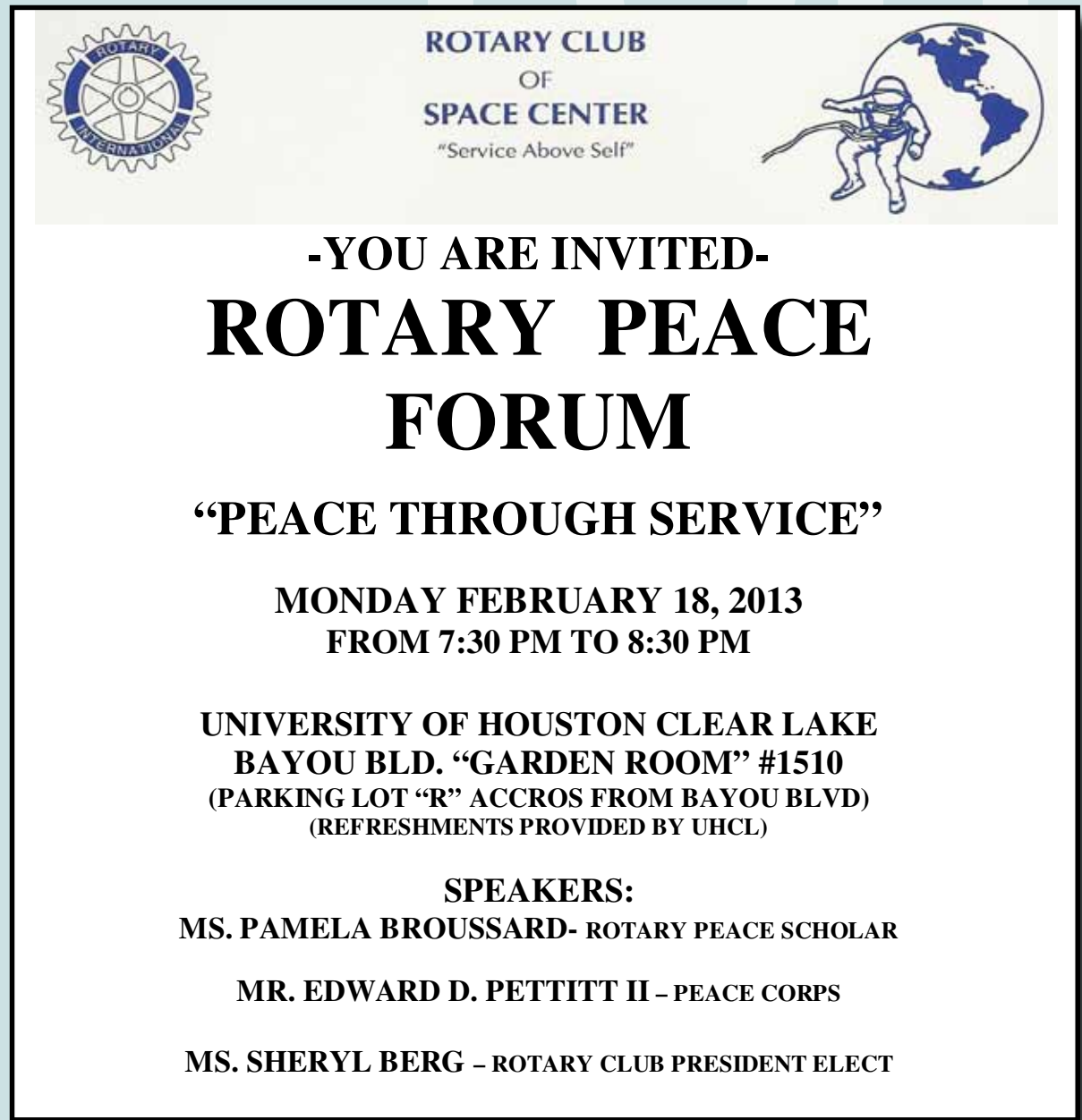
Peace Through Service



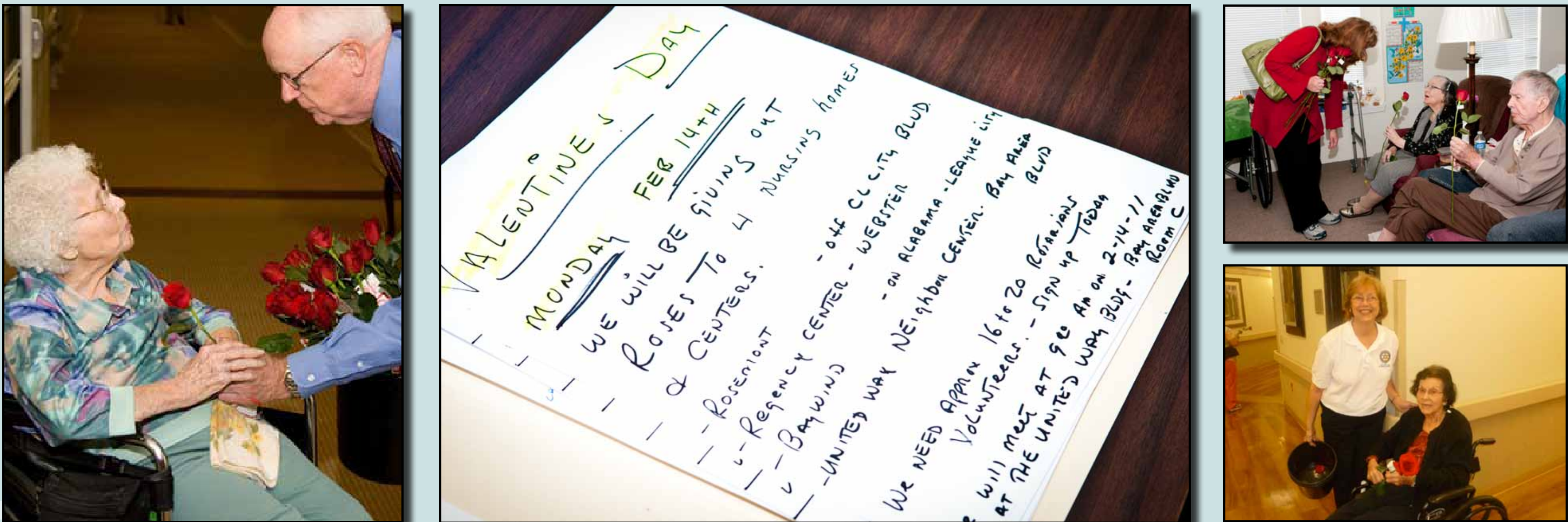
District 5890 Governor Chris Schneider, Speaker Pamela Broussard, Speaker Edward Pettit, President Marilyn Musial, Past President Mike Hernandez, President Elect and speaker Sheryl Berg

"One of the most interesting and inspiring programs that I have ever attended..." noted a Club member when District 5890 Governor Chris Schneider gave President Musial the 2012-13 District Peace Award. "It epitomizes the essence of Rotary: individuals passionately serving others promoting world understanding and peace." About 50 Rotarians gathered at Garden Room at the Bayou Building University of Houston at Clear Lake (UICL), Monday, February 18, 2013 from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm to hear three outstanding speakers discuss their involvement in peace through service. The speakers were Pamela Broussard, Rotary Peace Scholar Edward D. Pettit II of the Peace Corps and Space Center Rotary President-elect Sheryl Berg. All spoke with passion for their respective involvement. Mike Hernandez planned and organized the event with assistance from Dr. Ted Cummings, Dean of the School of Business, UICL.

The idea for the forum came from Rotary International President Sakaji Tanaka who says his life began to change after he joined Rotary and heard about the idea of vocational service. He realized that by helping others, even in the simplest way, he could help to build peace. "...I ask you to commit to Rotary your life for Peace through Service... and a Rotary goal for a more peaceful world..." Sakaji Tanaka, 2012-13 Rotary International President, Bangkok, Thailand, 9 May 2012.



Seniors



On February 14th, the Club sent out 15 Rotarians and friends to ensure that seniors in 4 nursing homes would have a GREAT VALENTINES day. The group assembled at the United Way on Bay Area Blvd at 8:30 am and then divided up 375 Roses with a Rotary tag attached to each rose (Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day from your friends at Space Center Rotary). A special thanks to Jerry Smith and Rena Deitrich who made the arrangements. special thanks to Jerry Smith and Rena Deitrich who made the arrangements.

SERVICE PROJECTS

- Alzheimer's Association
- Bay Area Turning Point
- Boy Scouts
- Bronze Eagles
- Camp Be An Angel
- Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities
- Communities in Schools
- Cross Roads at Park Place Inc.
- EarlyAct FirstKnight (EAFK)
- ECO-Cocina Project Stove Honduras
- Engineers Without Borders
- Excellence in Education
- Excellence in Law Enforcement and Public Safety
- Friends of League City Animal Shelter
- Girl Scouts
- Guerrero Clinic, Mexico
- Honduras Water Project
- Interact
- Interfaith Caring Ministries
- Meals on Wheels
- Project Graduation
- Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)
- Scholarships
- Senior Citizens Valentine's Day
- Shelter Box
- Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation
- The Rotary Foundation
- YMCA

Scholarships



Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District, introduced 4 finalists and Dr. Rosiland Perez of Bay Area Charter Schools 2 finalists for the high school scholarships at the regular Club meeting on December 12. Each received a \$1,500 cash scholarship.

Excellence in Public Service



Committee Chair Sandlin recognized Officer Philip A. Shaffer as the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Each officer received a Certificate of Distinguished Service Award, a brass star inscribed paper weight, and a monetary award. Officer Shaffer also received a pictured plaque. The awards have been given since 1993.

Excellence in Education



The Excellence in Education Awards for teachers in the Clear Creek Independent School District (CCISD) originated by the Rotary Club of Space Center with the first award given in May 1991. However this is the fifth year the Club participated with the Seabrook and League City Rotary Clubs for the "Elementary and Secondary Teachers of the Year" awards held at the South Shore Harbour Convention Center. Dr. Greg Smith, Superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District is shown with the Teachers of the Year.