

# the *Blastoff*

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## A message from Pres. Mike



Thank you all for making Shrimporee 2008 the greatest ever! As soon as we have compiled the statistics, I will share them with you, but all indications are that the event was a big success. The children's activities were a bit hit and a tremendous contribution to the greater Clear Lake community. Rotary serves and strives to make a difference. The diners came early and never stopped until the event concluded. The food was delicious and appreciated by our guests. By all accounts, the auctions, both live and silent exceeded expectations. The weather could not have been more enjoyable and the community responded to our party. Fellowship among Space Center Rotarians was rewarding to all who worked the event. This was truly a not just a "fund" raiser, but a real "fun" raiser. Stay tuned for pictures and statistics.

Yours in Rotary,

Mike Hernandez

**Remember, those who serve the most, benefit the best.**

**P. S. See page 12 for additional comments.**

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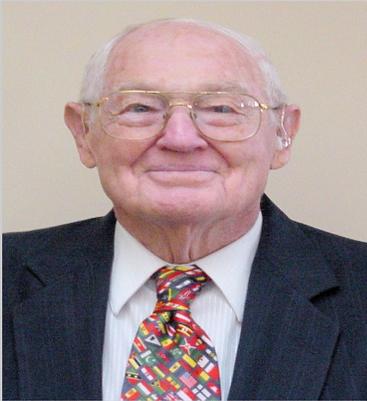
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From SCRC

Dr. Floyd D. Boze  
1981-1982



Billy Weseman  
1993-1994



Suzi Howe  
2006-2007

*Service Above Self*

## Programs —

*Kippy Carraway, Chair 2008-2009*

*Today. . .*

*Oct 29. . . Dr. Brenda Hellyer Incoming Chancellor San Jacinto College*

*Bring a Guest!!*

*Meeting Dec 8th @ UHCL.*

### Say Happy Birthday to —

Earl Maudlin. . . . . October 1st  
Mike Hernandez. . . . . October 19th  
Marilyn Musial. . . . . October 23rd



## October is Vocational Service Month

### Important & Informative Websites

Rotary International

[www.RI.org](http://www.RI.org)

Rotary District 5890

[www.RotaryDistrict5890.org](http://www.RotaryDistrict5890.org)

Space Center Rotary Club

[www.SpaceCenterRotary.org](http://www.SpaceCenterRotary.org)

***A report from Col. Korn,  
Commander-in-Chief  
of the  
Corn Preparation  
Committee:***

*For the first time in recorded history, all of the corn cobs were prepared and on the serving table by 2:30 p.m. The supply was totally exhausted by 3:30 p.m. and many broken-hearted and disappointed guests were unable to enjoy this delicious delicacy. And some on the planning committee suggested we discontinue corn on the Shrimporee menu!! How dare they commit such blasphemy! Next year, the supply must be increased! Never again, will the Corn Preparation Committee be disparaged as in the past. Truly, this is an exemplary group. Although several regulars were missing from action, committee members, Mike Cornett, Dick Kidder and Billy Smith met the challenge so that all who came early could enjoy the corn. Paul Davis volunteered to help and his heart has been won to the cause. May the flag of this great country, the red, white and blue, forever wave over these great and committed men. Never fear, as long as the Col. is in command, there will be corn! Amen.*



## Meeting Notes October 20th—

- Flagship Properties CEO, David Minceberg, candidate for Harris County Judge, spoke about volunteerism using a story about his parents' survival of the Holocaust in Poland. Both are Jews and his father survived with the help of a non-Jew.
  - When asked about what he thinks the biggest challenge for Harris County is, he responded that transportation, roads, clean air, flood control and financial stress because of losses in property values will all be challenges in the near future, but the greatest challenge will be to find the money to meet these challenges.
  - The position of Harris County Judge is not a judicial one, but is the presiding officer (CEO) of Harris County.
  - The County Judge presides over the Commissioners' Court.
  - The annual budget is \$1.5 billion.
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- Jon Committee and team gave final remarks regarding preparation for Shrimporee 2008.

**Shrimporee has a new sponsor, WalMart Super Center in Baytown. Drop in and say thanks to Al Stock, Manager.**

**A special SCRC thanks to Randy's Smokehouse on Hwy 3 near Pineloch for coming to our rescue and preparing the briskets when the regular cooking team was unavailable. Have a meal at Randy's and let him know we are grateful.**

**The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say or do—**

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

**YOU MAY VIEW  
& READ THE  
CURRENT & SOME PRIOR  
ISSUES OF *THE BLASTOFF*  
ON THE CLUB  
WEBSITE**

## SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Tommy's Seafood, 2555 Bay Area Blvd, Houston  
Nov 18<sup>th</sup> . Tony's Barbeque, 17052 Saturn Ln., Houston  
Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> Abe's Cajun Market, 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd,  
Houston  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> . . . . . Bailey's, 2320 NASA Pkwy, Seabrook

**Ridonnely@aol.com**

## The Rotary Motto:

# *Service Above Self*

### MAKEUP OPPORTUNITIES:

#### **Pearland**

**Tuesday @ noon**

Golfcrest Country Club 2501 Country Club Drive

#### **LaPorte**

**Tuesday @ 12:10 p.m.**

St John Episcopal Church Broadway @ Ave. G

#### **Pasadena South**

**Wednesday @ noon**

Baywood Country Club 5500 Genoa Red Bluff

#### **Friendswood**

**Wednesday @ noon**

Village on the Park Retirement Center 400 E. Parkwood

#### **Seabrook**

**Thursday @ 8:00 a.m.**

Lakewood Yacht Club 2425 NASA Parkway

#### **League City**

**Thursday @ noon**

Estaban's Fiesta Shack 131 League Street

#### **Pasadena**

**Friday @ noon**

First United Methodist Church 1062 Fairmont Pkwy

#### **Make up @ an E-club**

[http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdf/s/eclub\\_list.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/pdf/s/eclub_list.pdf)

### SPONSORS OF SHRIMPOREE 2008

[**\$1,000 unless otherwise noted**]

- Amoco Federal Credit Union
- Art Oswald — AOVCO
- Bastion Technologies (Mike Hernandez (\$2,500))
- Belinda K. Skloss, LLC
- Ben Bridge Jewelers (Travis Vermeer)
- Billy R. Smith, Attorney at Law
- Delia Stephens, Attorney at Law
- DRDA (Olive Murphy-Riker, CPA)
- Gay & Reitz, Attorneys at Law (Becky Reitz)
- Gregg & Gregg, P. C., Attorneys at Law (\$2,500)
- Gurry Mechanical, LP (Ken Gurry)
- Hopping Eye Associates (Vissett Sun)
- Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery (Scott Rainey) (\$2,500)
- JSC Federal Credit Union (Mike Brown) (\$2,500)
- J. Pamela Photography (Pam Culpepper)
- Kirchoff Peterson Co. (Don Kirchoff) (\$2,500)
- L. D. Bowles Associates (Lamar Bowles) (\$2,500)
- Las Colinas Custom Interiors (Rae De Castro)
- Lexus of Clear Lake — Joey Dupuis (\$2,500)
- Earl & Terrilee Maudlin (\$10,000)
- Maui Wowi (Shelley Smith)
- Merrill Lynch (Jerry & Bill Smith)
- MRI Technologies (Tim Kropp)
- Prosperity Bank (Mark Humphrey)
- Space Center Automotive (Jerrold Dewease)
- State Farm Insurance— Johnny R. White, Agent
- Texas Citizens Bank (Mike Cornett)
- Texas Roadhouse (Tony & Sharon Bloomfield \$2,500)
- Texas Wealth Management (Mike Hesse)
- The Citizen (Mary Alys Cherry)
- Gene & Donna Tromblee (\$2,500)
- University of Houston — Clear Lake Campus
- Waldron & Schneider, Attorneys (Marc Schneider)
- WalMart Super Center, Baytown

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Club Board of Directors . . . . .3rdTue @ 7 a.m.**  
**RNASA Committee . . . . . 3rd Thur @ 5:30 p.m.**  
**Endowment Foundation Bd. . . 2nd Tue @ 7 a.m.**  
**Rotary Foundation Comm . . . last Wed @ 7 a.m.**  
**Membership Committee . . .2nd Mon @ 1:15 p.m.**  
**Shrimporee 2008 . . . . . October 25 All Day**  
**District 5890 Conference, Lake Charles, LA**  
**Apr 30 — May 2, 2009**  
**Rotary Space Award Dinner . . . . .May 8, 2009**  
**100th RI Convention**  
**Birmingham, England . . . . . June 21 — 24, 2009**

### Officers & Directors 2008-2009

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| President . . . . .               | Mike Hernandez  |
| President Elect . . . . .         | Jon McKinnie    |
| Secretary . . . . .               | John Wilson     |
| Treasurer . . . . .               | Marilyn Musial  |
| Sargent at Arms . . . . .         | Mike Dennard    |
| Immediate Past President. . . . . | Dick Gregg, III |

### Directors

|                                   |                |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Club Administration . . . . .     | Mark Humphrey  |
| Public Relations . . . . .        | John Nugent    |
| Membership . . . . .              | Bill Geissler  |
| Fundraising . . . . .             | David Coney    |
| Community Service A . . . . .     | Belinda Skloss |
| Community Service B . . . . .     | Dick Hergert   |
| International Service A . . . . . | Mike Cornett   |
| International Service B. . . . .  | Dick Kidder    |
| Vocational Service . . . . .      | Rae DeCastro   |

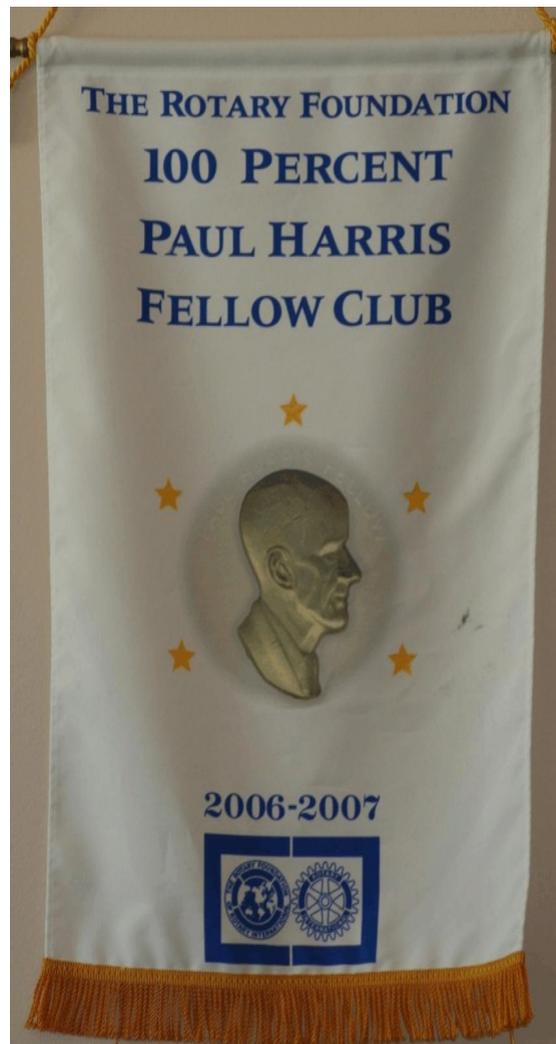
### Committees & Chairs

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| Programs . . . . .   | Kippy Caraway           |
| Directory & Website . . . . .                                    | Jon McKinnie            |
| Club History . . . . .   | Jerrold DeWease         |
| Constitution & Bylaws. . . . .                                   | Billy Smith             |
| Memorial . . . . .   | Laura Hale              |
| Fellowships. . . . .   | Roger Donnelly          |
| Blastoff Editor . . . . .  | Billy Smith             |
| Photographer . . . . .   | Bob Mitchell            |
| Public Information. . . . .                                      | Mary Alys Cherry        |
| Golf . . . . .   | Dick Kidder             |
| Attendance . . . . .   | Bill Geissler           |
| Classification. . . . .  | Scott Rainey            |
| Member Recruitment/Retention. . . . .                            | Jon McKinnie            |
| Grants . . . . .   | Stan Glanski            |
| Shrimporee . . . . .   | Jon McKinnie            |
| Springoree . . . . .   | Steve Owens             |
| Sponsors . . . . .   | Scott Rainey            |
| Interact . . . . .   | David Coney             |
| Rotaract . . . . .   | Ted Cummings            |
| Youth Activities. . . . .  | Marc Schneider          |
| Senior Citizens . . . . .  | Steve Waldner           |
| Health & Safety. . . . .   | Jennifer Keller         |
| Scholarships. . . . .  | Belinda Skloss          |
| Rotary Foundation. . . . .                                       | David Coney             |
| SCRC Endowment Foundation . . . . .                              | Bob Wren                |
| Ambassadorial Scholars . . . . .                                 | ???                     |
| GSE Activities . . . . .   | Bill Geissler           |
| International Youth Exchange. . . . .                            | Dick Meyer              |
| World Health Foundation. . . . .                                 | Dick Kidder             |
| Excellence in Education . . . . .                                | David Coney             |
| Safety/Law Enforcement. . . . .                                  | Phil Sandlin            |
| Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation . . . . .          | Bob Wren, Pres.         |
| Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation . . . . . | Rodolfo Gonzalez, Pres. |

## NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION TOUR TO INDIA

An unexpected vacancy for one female has occurred in the National Immunization Tour to India. The tour will depart on October 15th and arrive back in Houston on October 25th. The cost of the tour will be approximately \$2,700 including air fare, 10 day land tour with a visit to Taj Mahal and miscellaneous expenses. This cost may vary a little with the availability of an air ticket at the group rate. You do not have to be a Rotarian to take this tour. Interested persons may obtain additional information by contacting the tour leader:

**PDG, Jon Eiche**  
**Ph. 832.595.1398 or Cell 713.702.2292**  
[eichejl@comcast.net](mailto:eichejl@comcast.net)



**WalMart Super Center**  
**Baytown, Al Stock, Mgr.**

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Mike Hernandez

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LLC

### *Sunshine* —



- Shrimporee weather; Oh, What a beautiful day!!
- No clouds or rain to spoil the party. Thanks to all who prayed for a perfect day. Whatever the results, the weather cannot be blamed.
- Thanks, also, to all loyal Space Center Rotarians and volunteers who diligently prepared and worked to make Sprimporee 2008 an outstanding event.

### *Showers* —



- A shortage of corn at Shrimporee.
- Sadly, not all Space Center Rotarians were able participate in Shrimporee. You were missed. Now is the time to mark your calendar for next year's event.

**A MONTH FOR HOPE**

**OCTOBER IS NATIONAL**

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS  
MONTH**



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Travis Vermeer

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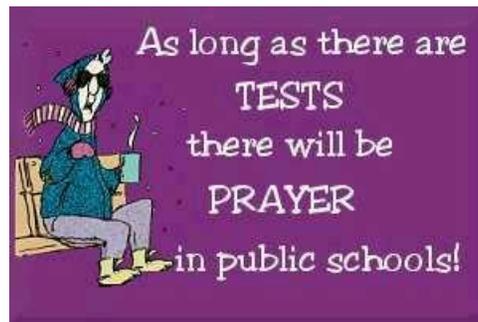
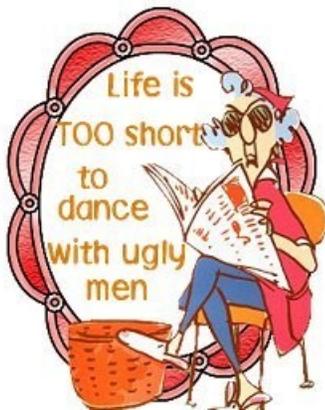
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**GREGG & GREGG,**  
P.C.  
Attorneys at Law

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**MECHANICAL,**  
L.P.  
Ken Gurry

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**ASSOCIATES**  
Vissett Sun

Maxine says:



*This space is available if you have anything to share with our readers.*

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**RESOURCE**  
**RECOVERY**  
Scott Rainey

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**CREDIT UNION**  
Mike Brown

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INTERIORS  
Rae DeCastro

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CLEAR LAKE  
Joey Dupuis

EARL  
&  
TERRILEE  
MAUDLIN

MAUI WOWI  
Shelley Smith

### A note from our Shrimporee Chair:

To all Space Center Rotarians: I would like to express my heart-felt appreciation for the tremendous effort that each of you contributed yesterday at our largest fundraiser, the Shrimporee. After months of planning, two solid days of site preparation and assistance from the weatherman, our event could not have gone better. Sure, there will always be small glitches; some things could have gone better, but overall, "what an event"! Tremendous weather, excellent crowd, and warm, friendly companionship made for a wonderful day. I am so proud that many of our District leaders took time out of their busy schedules to visit and participate in our Shrimporee event. The support and kind consideration of our District leaders never go unnoticed. Thanks to each of you. It will take a short time to calculate the overall results of our Shrimporee event, but I can honestly say my experience as chair was "priceless". Hopefully everyone took lots of pictures, so if you would take the time to forward them to me, we will build a CD presentation for your review. Thanks again so very much for your help. Your time, energy and effort never go unnoticed or unappreciated. You are the best.

Yours in Rotary, as always

*Jon R McKinnie*

## The Object of Rotary

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:

**FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

**SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

**THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

**FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

MERRILL LYNCH  
Jerry & Bill  
Smith

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TECHNOLOGIES  
Tim Kropp

PROSPERITY  
BANK  
Mark Humphrey

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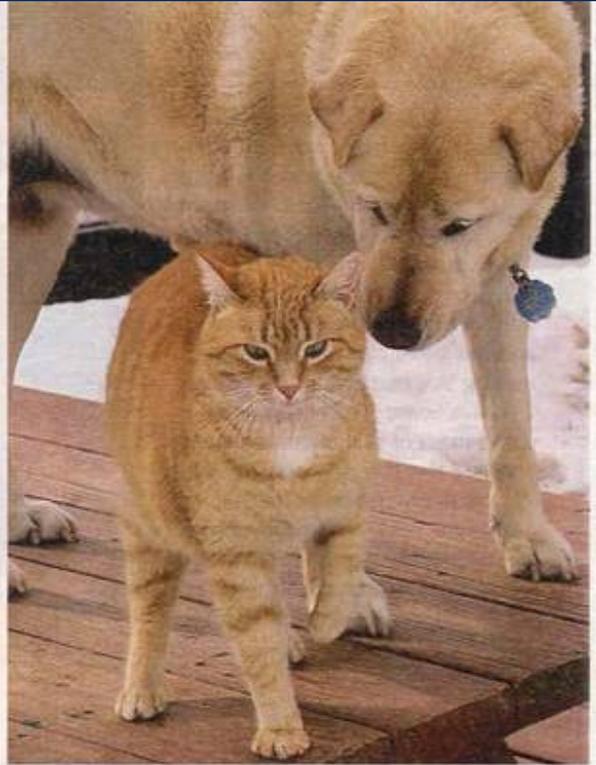
**GENE & DONNA  
TROMBLEE**

In a perfect world, every dog and cat would have a home, and every home would have a dog and cat. Until one has love an animal, part of their soul remains unawakened. Wouldn't it be great if people cared for each other as much.

### ► An Eye on You

Cashew, my 14-year-old yellow Lab, is blind and deaf. Her best friend is Libby, 7, her seeing-eye cat. Libby steers Cashew away from obstacles and leads her to her food. Every night she sleeps next to her. The only time they're apart is when we take Cashew out for a walk. Without this cat, we know Cashew would be lost and very, very lonely indeed. It's amazing but true: This is one animal who knows what needs to be done and does it day in and day out for her friend.

TERRY BURNS,  
Middleburg, Pennsylvania



## **Texas Recycles Day at Space Center Houston Electronics Waste Collection Event Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Accepted items include: computer equipment, servers/mainframes, printers/plotters, cables/cords, copiers, hard drives, power supplies, UPS, audio visual equipment, TVs, laptops, hubs/routers/switches, cellular phones, consumer electronics, phone equipment, memory chips/ram, point-of-sale devices, tape drives, communications equipment, monitors/LCDs, storage devices, fax machines, peripherals, processor chips, circuit boards, projectors, PDAs, cable TV boxes & cameras.

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HOUSTON  
CLEAR LAKE  
CAMPUS**

**WALDRON  
&  
SCHNEIDER  
Attorneys at Law**

**THE CITIZEN**  
Mary Alys Cherry

**TEXAS  
ROADHOUSE**  
Tony & Sharon  
Bloomfield

# Rotary Resources: *click your way into the Rotary World*

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|------------------------------------|--|--|
| <i>The Rotarian</i>                | The official magazine of Rotary International.   | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/rotarian">www.rotary.org/rotarian</a>                         |
| <i>Regional Magazines</i>          | There are more than 30 regional Rotary magazines, which are published in 20 languages, including Thai, Bulgarian and even British English.         | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/regionalmagazines">www.rotary.org/regionalmagazines</a>       |
| <i>Weekly Update</i>               | Subscribe to receive a weekly news roundup from RI.  | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/getupdate">www.rotary.org/getupdate</a>                       |
| <i>The Rotarian Video Magazine</i> | This DVD series showcases extraordinary projects and people from around the world.   | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/rvm">www.rotary.org/rvm</a>                                   |
| <i>Rotary Images</i>               | This is a photo library of projects, programs and Rotarians.   | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/rotaryimages">www.rotary.org/rotaryimages</a>                 |
| <i>RI Youtube Channel</i>          | Within minutes, you can embed an RI video on your website.   | <a href="http://www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational">www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational</a> |
| <i>Interactive</i>                 | Experience Rotary in a new way through this online newsletter.   | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/interactive">www.rotary.org/interactive</a>                   |
| <i>Reconnections</i>               | Read about Rotary Foundation programs alumni.  | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/reconnections">www.rotary.org/reconnections</a>               |
| <i>Newsletters</i>                 | View a listing of all the newsletters available from RI.   | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/newsletters">www.rotary.org/newsletters</a>                   |
| <i>Humanity in Motion</i>          | TV, radio, print, Internet and billboard public service announcements focus on Rotary volunteer efforts that address critical humanitarian issues. | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/humanityinmotion">www.rotary.org/humanityinmotion</a>         |
| <i>RI Visual Identity Guide</i>    | Learn the best practices for using Rotary's emblem & marks.  | <a href="http://www.rotary.org/visualidentityguide">www.rotary.org/visualidentityguide</a>   |

## October: Rotary New Vocational Service Month

### Rotary at a Glance:

Members: 1,226,067 (as of April 30<sup>th</sup>)

Clubs: 7,165

Further comments from Pres. Mike —

My congratulations to everyone for another great Shrimporee!!! Special congratulations to Jon McKinnie that did a super job of pulling it all together! Another outstanding Shrimporee where everyone, included Mother Nature contributed. It could not have been a better day. As far as I could tell, every one had a great time including the children, who had activities galore, going from “pure fun” to “learning and fun”. We saw many Rotarian friends from other clubs and from the District. Our sincere thanks for your support! Families in the community again pour in to have an afternoon of fun, good food, the opportunity to meet old friends and make new acquaintances, and to contribute monetarily to Rotary service projects at the same time of acquiring unique items by bidding in the life and silent auctions. Also one lucky community member ended up winning the pair of diamond ear rings! Congratulations! Preliminary results show that this Shrimporee was a resounding success. Some of the numbers follow:



Total number of meal plates served 1,586. 469 were tickets given to Donors; 151 were tickets sold at the event; 966 were tickets sold/bought by club members. This means that meal paying tickets added up to \$16,755.00

Cash sales made at the event:

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Meal tickets 151 representing ..... | \$ 2,251-     |
| \$ Tickets 2020 representing.....   | 2,020-        |
| Sale of remaining food.....         | 1,133-        |
| (not counting pending IOU's)        |               |
| Soft Drinks.....                    | Not Available |
| Beer.....                           | 40            |
| Information Booth.....              | 79            |
| Hot dogs.....                       | 138           |
| Life Auction .....                  | Not Available |
| Silent Auction.....                 | Not Available |
| Raffle Tickets.....                 | 1,955         |

(not counting tickets sold before the event)

Total additional cash at the Shrimporee ...\$ 7,616

Women of Rotarians reported making \$722.00 at their Sweet Tooth table. There are still numbers coming in, of sales made at the event. We will continue our updates as we get them. Within the next two to three weeks we should have a good account including sales and expenditures.

Yours in Rotary, Mike Hernandez Here are some pictures I took:





*L to R serpentine, beginning on page 12: ADG, Chris Schneider at live auction; auction hawkers; Shrimporee Chr. 2008 & PE, Jon McKinnie is all smiles; Port Commissioner, Steve Phelps, auctions & Scott Rainey assists; balloon fun; Bill Taylor & Brian Ellis; Billy Smith & Dick Kidder preparing corn; more balloon fun; children's paint activity; Harris Co. Pct. 2 Constable's prepared ID kits for children (finger prints, hair sample for DNA, etc — to assist law enforcement in finding a missing child; food service; dining hall; a future Rotarian in cook shack; hair coloring activity; the hotdog stand; Col. Korn; making ID kits; silent auction tables; Maui Wowi smoothies; volunteers assisting food service; face painting; Bill Lowes and slicing assistant showing that all digits are still on the hand; auction registration; sack race; Roger Donnelly and helpers selling raffle tickets; red sauce preparation; beer sales; some volunteers; & food serving line.*

