



the Blastoff



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**January is Rotary
 Awareness Month.
 Read The Rotarian.**

Rotary Sites:
www.Rotary.org
www.Rotary5890.org
www.SpaceCenterRotary.com

**Valentine Pancake
 Breakfast
 Sat. Feb. 16th
 Nassau Bay Baptist
 Church**

Say Happy Birthday to —

Peter Wuenschel.....	February 3rd
Floyd Boze.....	February 7th
John W. Tenini.....	February 8th
Don Kirchoff.	February 10th
Laura Hale.	February 12th
Tony Bloomfield.	February 12th
Bob Swint.....	February 15th
Bill Geissler.....	February 16th
David Taylor.	February 16th
Steve Owens.....	February 22nd
Christopher Gregg.	February 25th

Programs:

**Today..... Rabbi Jack Segal will comment on his book
 "Remember What You Still Have"**

Feb 04.....	Funeral Consumer Alliance of Houston
Feb 11.....	Drug Awareness Essays
Feb 18.....	President's Day, No Meeting
Feb 25.....	Pam Culpepper; "Family in Focus"
Mar 03.	Presentation of Scholarships
Mar 10.	TBD
Mar 17.	TBD
Mar 24.	TBD
Mar 31.	TBD
Apr 07.	TBD
Apr 14.	TBD
Apr 21.	TBD
Apr 28.	TBD
May 05.....	TBD
May 12.....	TBD
May 19.....	TBD
May 26.....	Memorial Day, No Meeting
June 02.....	TBD
June 09.....	TBD
June 16.....	TBD
June 23.....	TBD
June 30.....	TBD

Events Calendar

- Club Board of Directors 3rd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Endowment Foundation Board of Trustees
 2nd Tues @ 7 a.m.
- Rotary Foundation Comm. last Wed @ 7 a.m.
- District Leadership Institute. Jan. 19th
- Valentine Pancake Breakfast. Feb. 16th
- District Conference Galveston. April 24-27 '08
- Springoree. TBD
- RI Convention, Los Angeles. June 15-18 '08

SCRC Fellowships 6:30 p.m.

Feb 12....	Tommy's Seafood Steakhouse 2555 Bay Area Blvd.
Feb 26.....	Abe's Cajun Market 1080 Clear Lake City Blvd.
Mar 11.	Zio's 820 W. Bay Area Blvd.
Mar 25.	Topwater Grill 815 Ave O, San Leon
Apr 8.	Clifton by Sea Clifton, Tx,
Apr 22.	Colosseum Restaurant 16608 El Camino Real
May 6.....	Frenchie's Restaurant 1041 Nasa Parkway
June 10	Bay Oaks Country Club Pool Party, Bring Grandchildren



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Secretary. Marilyn Musial
Treasurer. Jon McKinnie
Sgt @ Arms. John Wilson
Directors:
Rae DeCastro; Bill Geissler & John Nugent

**Congratulations to all & thanks for all
who participated.**

*The following is your brief biographical sketch. Do
you want me to write it for you or will you email it to
me?*

Name: _____

Family background: _____

Education: _____

Family: spouse, children,
grandchildren, etc.

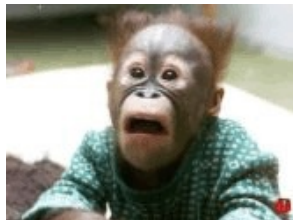
Military experience: _____

Business or professional
career: _____

Hobbies, interests: _____

Rotary History: clubs, offices held, committees
chaired, family members who are/were Rotarians.

I joined Rotary because _____



*If I don't receive your bio soon, I will write what I
know or can find out about you. It may not be as
flattering as what you choose to reveal. Come on,
share with us; let us get to know you better, toot
your horn.*

Did you know Mark Humphrey is a
new daddy? Please congratulate him,
if you haven't already.

Lauren Paige Humphrey ==>



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Come Spread Your Wings

Thursday, March 20, 2008

Bay Oaks Country Club

11:30 am

\$30.00 per person

Get a leg up and RSVP before March 14 to

sself333@aol.com



Joe: We will miss you and Chang.
Best wishes on your new venture.
Never forget us. You are a member of
the Rotary family forever.

To: President Dick Greg & my Fellow Rotarians —

This is to inform you that I will be moving away from Houston in early February. Presently, I am away in Vancouver, Canada and will be back in Houston on January 29 and have missed the meetings in January.

Monday, February 4, 2008 will be my last meeting at the Space Center Rotary Club as I will be moving to Austin, Texas on February 9 to be close to my 2 sons who are living in Austin. I have enjoyed my membership at the Space Center Rotary Club for the past 28 years and will certainly miss the many good friends that I have in the Club. I will try to locate a Rotary Club near my new home and hope to continue my long relationship with Rotary for the past 34 years (6 years as a member of the Queenstown Rotary Club in Singapore before I moved to Houston in 1980)

I will definitely come by to visit the Space Center Rotary whenever I come by Houston.

Yours in Rotary, Joseph Hang

Hello everyone — I'm getting pumped up for our next clinic. I can't wait to see all of you. Attached is information about the upcoming Spring 2008 Clinic. Please have a look at the attachment, and also at our website: www.guerreroclinic.org. I also pasted the attachment in case you can't open a word doc. Also please pass the word as some of you have the clinic emails blocked with a spam blocker. Hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely, Walter Branson



May 21st. Pres. Geoff presented a \$5,000 check from SCRC to the Guerrero Clinic leaders. Photo by Bob Mitchell

GSE Team — France

Space Center Rotary will host a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team from France (District 1700) the week of April 27th which is the week following the District Conference and the final week of their stay in Houston. The team members are:

Team leader: **Marie-Jose Caire**, 57 years, RC Balma, retired Commercial Director of Motorola , France
 Team members: **Géraldine Guitard**, age 32, english teacher, dancer
Julie Moliner, age 30, project manager Cameron (Head Office in Houston)
Jean-Yves Arnould, age 37, System Engineer, working for Gie AGORA (agriculture society)
Manar Amghar, age 25, Engineer 'Arts et Métiers' and Master in Business Finances, working for Forest-Line Head Office in Paris

WE COULD LEARN SO MUCH FROM ANIMALS. . . NO BARRIERS HERE!



We just returned from a Cruise to Mexico. We took a tour out of Progreso and that day I chose to wear my rotary shirt. When I walked up to the tour guide, she noticed the Rotary Emblem. This started a great friendship. While on the tour we talked about Rotary. She was a Exchange Student to Minnesota in 2001 and is president of Rotaract Merida Nuevas Generaciones. Her full name is Yahaira Ruiz Zogbi. Her sponsor club is Rotary Nuevas Generaciones District 4200. Earl Maudlin

[from l to r — Earl & guide; Earl & kids (not his); Terrilee (Earl's wife) upper left, guide & children; guide & Mayan lady in her home.]



Billy, I got very upset and embarrassed at the last Club meeting. The speaker, Dr. Bieser has a very nice and informative program which can prove very beneficial to many of the members of our club. His program usually lasts about 30 to 40 minutes. He was given 17 minutes. He tried valiantly to make something out of the short time, which ended up miserably. I am attaching a synopsis of his talk which I hope you can publish in the Blastoff. See attachment please. YIR, JB



Bieser: “The first half of the talk might well be entitled, **the stress cycle and your health**. You will find a paper, by that name, on the internet website www.neurogenesis.tv. It is pointed out there that **according to the American Medical Association, between 75% and 80% of the cases presented to internists and family physicians are stress related**; These include not only strokes and heart failure, but also cancer and many more.

Once you know the concepts contained within the stress cycle, you will understand the effects of too little or too much availability of the various brain chemicals within the hypothalamus and the hippo campus. This will give you the ability, through nutrition or nutritional supplementation to alleviate or even eliminate the problems caused by the lack of the various related nutrition.

*The missed second half of the presentation would have shown the nutrients that must be acquired to end most, if not all, of the symptoms of Stress related diseases, ADHD and many addictions. It would further have shown that ADHD is, about 80% of the time, the cause of the predisposition to alcoholism and addiction. In short, **the American Drug problem could be virtually ended within 5 years** if the necessary nutrition or nutritional supplementation were given to all children exhibiting ADHD symptoms.*

In brief: Bill Wilson, the founder of A.A., stated that recovery from addiction can be likened to a three legged stool. (The stool can not stand on only one or two legs.) In the case of recovery the three “leg equivalents” are: (1) Habits, like having a drink in hand when entertaining. (2) The need to be able to live with other sober people AA suggests this can only be found through a relationship with God. Professional counselors use the Minnesota Model of relationships training. And, (3) Elimination of the Compulsion (addictive need) to drink or drug. Wilson, his associate medical doctors, and many followers found that about 10% of the time (3) was done through the reception of a miracle. The remaining 90% simply had to tough it out. The later group was only rarely able to maintain sobriety for any length of time, i.e. less than 5% of those who started toughing it out were still sober five years later. With the addition of the Stress Cycle nutritional formula, this number went from 5% to between 85% and 90%.

In 1990, sixteen Tacoma, Washington couples, who were being treated for alcohol and cocaine addiction, using the Stress Cycle formula, noticed that their ADHD diagnosed children exhibited the same symptoms their parents had as children. The parents then, on their own, gave the formula to their children. The result was that, within two days, over 2/3^{ds} of them were doing better on the formula than they had done taking the generally prescribed drugs. None of these children, nor any of the hundreds who have followed, taking the formula, are known to have later become addicted to alcohol, opiates (such as heroin), cocaine, or amphetamines

You will also find a number of papers and reports on clinical trials and studies which may be of interest to you at www.neurogenesis.tv further, at www.neurogenesis.com, you will find many discussions on these, and other topics, plus a list of the nutrients in the Stress Cycle formulations, and locations for acquiring such products.

*Let us repeat: **The American Drug problem could be virtually ended within 5 years** if the necessary nutrition or nutritional supplementation were given to all children exhibiting ADHD symptoms. Numerous charitable organizations are doing just that, but a great many more are needed.”*

A member's comment re: The Blastoff —

Billy: The Blastoff as is fits my needs -- more NEWS is good to have especially membership/previous members personal news -- hospital, deaths etc. I agree news -- no reruns. I look for the meeting speakers and any notices -- you have them covered. So Bottom Line -- Thanks for doing a great job -- no complaints or corrections. Dick Meyer

NOTICE

The club is in the process of ordering polo shirts from Lands End for our recent new members. If any "old member" wishes to order one, please inform Bill Geissler (281 488-1046) or wgeissler1@comcast.net).

From President, Dick —

I need someone in the club who will chair a committee to coordinate getting people to District Conference this year.

Please step & contact Dick. This could be a good job for a new member.



Oops! We missed it. Please say a belated Happy Birthday to Becky Reitz.

"My birthday was January 10th. I was swimming with the stingrays in the Grand Cayman Island on my birthday. Becky"



David Coney announces that a new club banner is being created with the names of all SCRC Paul Harris Fellows, past and present. Look for it soon.



A \$5,000 check is presented to Builders Without Borders for the Cabanera, MX project;



Our newest member. *[I need a bio. I know he is an Aggie & a Veteran.]*

Photos by Bob Mitchell

This in from Ed Carrette, former member of SCRC:

Carlos and Billy, good morning! I enjoyed our recent communications! I met on December 28 with Capt. Thao Reed and 1st Sgt. Antoine Jones in Killeen. If you had been with me, I know that you would have been as impressed as I was with these soldiers. In fact, I have asked the coordinator of the Ft. Hood adopt a unit program and member of the Killeen Heights Rotary Club, Clyde W. Glosson, to have the name of our adoption team changed to: "Hurricane Fan Club". Hurricane is the unit's communications call sign. Captain Reed is originally from the Chicago area and received her commission in Engineers through the ROTC program at Illinois Institute of Technology. 1st Sgt. Jones is a native Texan, most recently residing in Sugarland. His MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) is medic. Sgt. Jones is very modest and it took some coaxing on my part for him to admit that it was unusual for someone with a medic MOS to be given the post of 1st Sgt. He recently attended the U.S. Army Drill Sergeant School (<http://www.jackson.army.mil/DSS/index.htm>) and graduated in the top of his class. Capt. Reed's and 1st Sgt. Jones' disposition and enthusiasm reminded me of my sons and daughter and I would welcome them in my home at any time. They are both married and will be deploying to Iraq with their HHC, 1st STB, 1st BCT, 4th Inf Div unit for the third time. Capt. Reed and 1st Sgt. Jones explained that HHC, 1STB, 1BCT, 4ID (M) has a complement of 183 soldiers, ranging in ages from 18 to 50 years old, of which seventy nine are married. The company is part of the Special Troops Battalion organic to each Brigade Combat Team (BCT) and provides MPs, transportation, battalion staff, medics, mechanics, reconstruction teams, security teams, explosive ordinance detachment for route clearance, communication, etc. While the seven platoons comprise several specialties, they are fully capable for any combat role. We spoke about how Hurricane Fan Club could be supportive of the company after its arrival in Iraq in March. The following items were mentioned: phone cards, video games and cassettes and dvds, care packages, books, and sports kits. Birthday cards are also very much appreciated. A very extensive list of items that are in great demand by soldiers in Iraq appears below taken from <http://www.forthoodausa.org/>. They agreed to eventually provide me with the names of each member of the unit in order that we can assign individual members to ourselves. HHC, 1STB, 1BCT, 4ID (M) will be getting together socially in the American Legion Hall in Killeen on February 7 (see attached flyer) and Hurricane Fan Club is asked to be part of the celebration and to meet the unit's soldiers prior to their deployment. In order that the cost of the event to each soldier is as low as possible, they would appreciate receiving a donation in any size. I have boldened the name and address to which checks may be made.

I'm enlisting my family and all of my Rotary friends because distance from Ft. Hood is not a limitation. I hope that you'll consider being part of Hurricane Fan Club and that you'll talk it up to our Space Center Rotary Club friends.

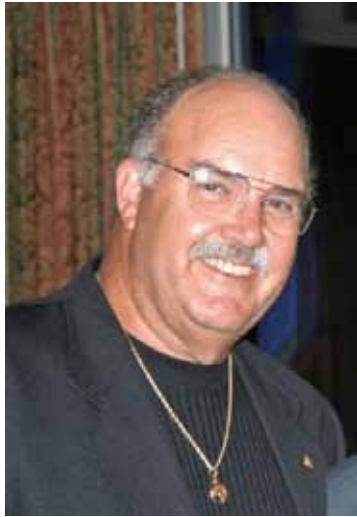
Please give me a call or send me an email.

Sincerely yours, Ed Carrette, Jr.

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As Int'l Director of Operations at Safari Knowledge Systems, Ltd, Jon McKinnie is responsible for the "nuts and bolts" of the company's operation. Jon has been instrumental in the expansion across the US, as well as expansion into the Australian, United Kingdom and most recently, the Japanese markets. Degreed in Mathematics at Louisiana Tech University, Jon started his career as Data Processing Manager for Ford, Bacon & Davis, a New York based, international engineering firm. Jon's charge was to computerize the entire company's operations, encompassing 40 states and 9 foreign countries. This was Jon's first experience in the international market, which has served him well throughout his career.

Jon went on to develop a series of startup companies over the years. His first, at 25 years old, was Tri-State Computer Services, which grew to cover operations in 15 states. At 37, Jon started McKinnie & Associates, his flagship company. McKinnie & Associates developed software and specialized hardware for betting systems and back office operations, starting with horse race tracks and later, lottery systems. Their operations controlled 90% of the US racing market including Churchill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby, and 30% of the world market, including the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the 2nd largest racing facility in the world. International lotteries included the Russian Lottery in Moscow, the Swedish National Lottery, and lotteries in Macau, Philippines, Australia, New Guinea, Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong, and Norway. McKinnie & Associates' growth covered the globe with operations in 14 countries on 4 continents.

Jon's companies were always recognized as being on the leading edge of technologies, resulting in his participation in many advisory positions, including IBM's advisory council and the Louisiana State University Computer Advisory Council.

Jon served as State Racing Commissioner for the State of Louisiana for 6 years and on the board of Racing Commissioner International for 5 years. During this period, he was selected "Outstanding Racing Commissioner of North America".

In 1999, Jon was named Executive Director of the National Horse Racing Commission, a national governmental compact, which governed racing regulations across the nation. During Jon's tenure, he established one of the first seamless interfaces to the FBI's criminal database, reducing reporting of criminal history from months to minutes.

During his career, Jon has maintained a community spirit, active in local, state, and national civic activities, including several Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, arts councils, and drug awareness programs. He served as District Secretary and Assistant District Governor for Little Rock Rotary Districts. He currently chairs two committees in the Houston Rotary District.

Jon and his wife, Kay, founded Mothers Against Drugs, one of the first drug awareness programs in United States. Mothers Against Drugs has won two presidential awards, presented by Presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton.

Jon's recognition includes:

"Outstanding Young Business Leaders to Watch" in America

Louisiana's "Businessman of the Year" Award

Pew Foundation's "Outstanding Racing Commissioner" for North America

One of Arkansas' "Outstanding Republicans"

"Rotarian of the Year" for Arkansas

"Person of the Year" for Louisiana Racing Industry

Recently, Jon was selected to host Rotary International President Bill Boyd of New Zealand, on his executive tour of NASA's Johnson Space Center facilities. "To coordinate the activities for Rotary International President Boyd, head of Rotary's 1.2 million members, was indeed an honor and a highlight of my civic career".

Jon and his wife, Kay, have three children, four grandchildren, and one spoiled yellow lab, Daisy.

Now this is what I'm talking about! This is a "newsletter" & what you get when you send me the "news". Please keep it coming. *the Editor.*

— THE END —