

Space Center Rotary Club
District 5890
Charter 2010

"Service Above Self"
Rotary's Motto

Meetings held each Monday
Noon - 1 PM
Nassau Bay Hilton
3000 NASA Rd. 1
Houston, TX 77058
281-333-9300



"Rotarians feel that a life lived helping others is a life worth while"

-Donnie Johnson-President Space Center Rotary

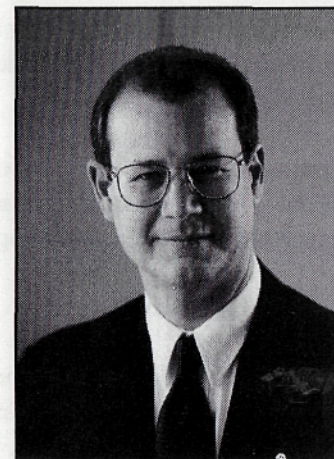
What is Rotary?

Rotary is an international organization of more than one million service-minded business and professional leaders. Over 25,000 Rotary clubs in 173 nations and geographical areas comprise Rotary International, which is headquartered in Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A., a suburb just north of Chicago. The world's oldest and most international service organization, Rotary was founded in 1905 by Paul Harris, a Chicago attorney who wanted to encourage among his business acquaintances the fellowship he had known in his boyhood days in a small town in Vermont.

Service and fellowship are the hallmarks of Rotary and Rotarians worldwide. The Rotary motto, "Service Above Self" guides the actions of individual clubs as they plan projects to feed the hungry, fight disease, assist the handicapped and the elderly, work with young people, combat illiteracy, fund scholarships, and provide relief to disaster victims. Through this shared commitment, Rotarians develop a feeling of fellowship that extends beyond their clubs, communities, and countries to encompass the Rotary world.

Who Are Rotarians?

They are a very select group of men and women who believe in serving their community. These individuals are business leaders, doctors, lawyers, engineers, and administrators. Their goal is to put service above self and make the community we live in a better place to reside. Rotarians make both a time and financial commitment to this goal.



"Winston Churchill said it best... 'Rotary is a perfect vehicle for doing good'"

-Steve Harris-Governor District 5890

Why Be a Rotarian?

Being a Rotarian means having the privilege of:

- Fellowship with men and women of like ideals
- Unique opportunities to serve your community, improve your vocation and promote international friendship
- Broadened acquaintances with other men and women of other businesses and professions
- Participation in stimulating programs at weekly meetings
- Opportunities to meet other Rotarians by visiting Rotary Clubs while traveling
- Making a difference in your community.

Rotary Avenues of Service

1. **Club service** - providing service to the Rotary club to enable it to run efficiently in the spirit of fellowship;
2. **Vocational service** - putting high standards of conduct into practice in the business and professional lives of Rotarians;
3. **Community service** - identifying needs in the Rotary club's community and addressing these needs with service projects;
4. **International service** - working for international understanding and peace by promoting goodwill between all people.

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 by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

Third. The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his 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.

The Rotary 4- Way Test Of Things We Think, Say, or Do

It is the guide to right thinking. If constantly applied to relations with others it will make a definite impact toward more effective and friendlier relationships

1. **Is it the Truth?**
2. **Is it Fair to all concerned?**
3. **Will it build Goodwill and better friendship?**
4. **Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?**

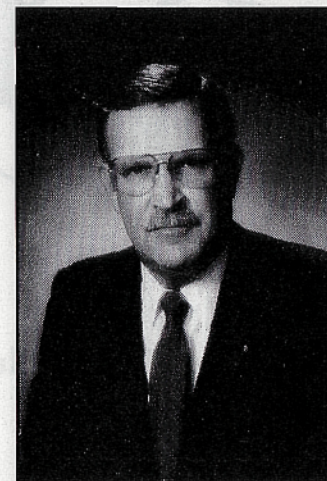
The Space Center Rotary Club was founded on Thursday, August 6, 1964. The Founding Charter was signed at the Houston Yacht Club. The Founding activity was supervised by the District Governor's, representative for Rotary Club expansions.

The Club was founded with a membership of 35.

The first President was Ivan Brown and the early meetings were held in a restaurant adjacent to the old Nassau Bay Bank.

Some of our noteworthy projects include:

- R NASA International Space Award
- College Scholarships for local students
- Support of Interfaith Caring Ministries
- Anti-Drug Essay contest in local schools
- Support of Bay Area Turning Point
- Support of Bridgeport Communities in Schools
- Support of local Senior Citizen groups
- Support of Boy Scouts of the Bay Area
- Formation of Interact and Rotoract in local high schools and universities



"Space Center Rotary is viewed throughout the District as a Rotary Leader."

-Bill Bailey-District 5890 Governor's Representative

Membership in Rotary

Membership in Rotary is by invitation. A member must be an adult person of good character and good business or professional character. Based upon a vocational classification system, members are proposed to and voted upon by the general membership of the club. Members must commit to weekly meetings to enjoy each other's fellowship and discuss ways to serve others. Rotary is both a financial and a time commitment.

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