

WEBSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FRED SPENCER NAMED FIRE FIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Photo by RICHARD TEW/For The Citizen
The Space Center Rotary Club awarded the Webster Fire Department's Fred Spencer their "Fire Fighter of the Year" award. Spencer was unable to attend the Club's meeting. Pictured are Space Center Rotary Club members Richard Sarpong (left) and Precinct Eight Constable Phil Sandlin (right). Spencer is pictured on the plaque he was awarded. The "Fire Fighter of the Year" recipient received a certificate, a plaque and a check for \$1,200.



SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB HONORS LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL



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The Space Center Rotary Club honored local fire department personnel for their service to the community through their "Excellence in Public Service" program Monday morning during their meeting at the Bay Oaks Country Club. Pictured left to right: Precinct Eight Constable Phil Sandlin (Rotary Club board member), "Fire Fighter Distinguished Service Award" winners: Jack Bridges (HFD), Thomas Cones (HFD), Dustin Blue (Kemah), Robert Suniga (Kemah) and Space Center Rotary Club President Marilyn Musial. Not pictured is Fred Spencer (Webster) who was selected as the Club's "Fire Fighter of the Year." Recipients of the "Fire Fighter Distinguished Service Award" received certificates, plaques and a check for \$600. The "Fire Fighter of the Year" recipient received a certificate, a plaque and a check for \$1,200. The Space Center Rotary Club meets each Monday at noon at Bay Oaks Country Club, located at 14545 Bay Oaks Boulevard, Houston, 77258.

Photos by Mary Alice Cherry



Dr. Jean Walker, Dr. Ted Cummings and Geoff Awaite, from left, tend the beans at the crowd begins arriving at Clear Lake Park for their Space Center Rotary Shrimptore.



Texas Citizens Bank Vice President Mike Corbett, attorney Marc Schneider and retired Hernandez Engineering President Terry Hernandez, from right, try to decide what to do next at the Space Center Rotary Shrimptore.



It's hard work cooking all the shrimp for the Space Center Rotary Shrimptore, but...

Space Center Rotary's 39th Annual Festival and Auction SHRIMPOREE



(Left) Martha Owen, Sonja Lugo and Faye Kiddle, from left, of the Women of Rotary Bay Area meet the dessert booth at the Space Center Rotary Shrimptore. Proceeds from the desserts they sell benefit area charitable organizations.



(Bottom Left) Richard Kiddle makes the corn on the cob to feed the hungry crowd at the Space Center Rotary Shrimptore in Clear Lake Park.



(Bottom Right) Kathy Smith, wife of Rotarian Dr. Greg Smith, assists their granddaughters, Ana McCormick, with her shoe at the Space Center Rotary Shrimptore.



Space Center Rotary President Marilyn Musial, second from left, and President-elect David Berg welcome Harris County Commissioner Jack Moseman, left, and Houston City Councilman Dave Martin to his luncheon at the Bay Oaks Country Club. Moseman, speaking at a news meeting and Berg at a luncheon, updated Rotarians of city and county work in the community.

Rotarians get update from city, county officials

By Mary Alice Cherry

Both Harris County Commissioner Jack Moseman and Houston City Councilman Dave Martin updated Space Center Rotary in recent days on current city and county projects.

Both brought good news for the area. Martin briefed Rotarians on the large new Clear Lake City development. The new Clear Lake City development is planned just east of Space Center Boulevard near the intersection of Clear Lake City and El Divisadero Boulevard—700 new homes on 372 acres, plus some 300,000 square feet of high-end retail on 50 acres at the front entrance.

"The area will include swimming pools, parks, walking and jogging trails and a dog park," Martin said, adding that the groundbreaking is scheduled for late this year. Besides the expansion at Ellington Airport, other good news included:

A proposed new fire station for El Divisadero Boulevard, north of Clear Lake City Boulevard, will have to go to City Council for approval and be included in the city's five-year plan. NASA has secured the 747 that flew the Shuttle Endeavour into Houston and plans to move it to Space Center Houston, where the truck shuttle will be mounted on top of it.

A \$13.5 million update is planned for South Shores, which connects to I-45 just north of Ellington Field.

Commissioner Moseman provided an update on how his office has dealt with what he called "a dire budget situation" when he took office two years ago and "how we can do what we need to do with what we have."

Despite having to do more with less, "we always find new ways to get things done," he said.

"Infrastructure is the No. 1 job for a county commissioner, and that's where our focus is," he explained, adding how his office is restoring Sylvan Beach Park and making use of improvements on Clear Lake Park and Bay Area Park.

"We're also working to build a brand new boulevard at Armand Bayou Nature Center."

Also, he said his office is:

- Working with the state to make sure Highway 148 stays on track;
- Hoping to reauthorize Katy Drive;
- Working to keep the high-tech people here;
- Planning a \$400 million Beltway 8 bridge over the Ship Channel and resurfacing various streets and reconstructing concrete curbs and gutters in Seabrook and Bay Area.

Rotary Clubs honor Clear Creek ISD Teachers of the Year

The Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook and Space Center honored CCISD's 44 campus teachers of the year at a luncheon on Monday, May 20, 2013. They also announced the 2013 Elementary and Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Jillian Howard overcame great odds including a horrifying car accident that left her temporarily paralyzed as a college student. She didn't give up. Today she enthusiastically conducts back flips for her students and is a model bilingual 3rd grade teacher at Landolt Elementary. She was chosen by a committee of Rotary members as CCISD's Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Betty McCulloch teaches 6th grade science at Clear Creek Intermediate. While her mother was an educator, McCulloch said she would never become a teacher. Instead she followed her father's footsteps into the energy industry. Eventually she



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Elementary Teacher of the Year Jillian Howard, CCISD Superintendent Greg Smith and Secondary Teacher of the Year Betty McCulloch.

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Both McCulloch and Howard will now move forward to the regional and hopefully state selection process for Texas Teacher of the Year. They also received \$1,000 from the Rotary Clubs of League City, Seabrook, and Space Center. To learn more about Betty McCulloch and Jillian Howard go to www.ccisd.net/toy.



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Rotarians toast CCISD Teachers of the Year

By Mary Alys Cherry

Jillian Howard, a third-grade teacher at Landolt Elementary School, has been named Clear Creek ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year, and Betty McCulloch, a sixth-grade science teacher at Clear Creek Intermediate School, is the recipient of the Secondary Teacher of the Year Award.

They, along with the 2013 Campus Teachers of the Year representing each of CCISD's 44 campuses, were honored during a special luncheon hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Space Center, League City and Seabrook at South Shore Harbour Resort Monday, May 20.

They were among six finalists awarded \$500 each by the Rotarians with the two winners receiving an additional \$500 each.

The other finalists were Andrea Donovan Hull, Mossman Elementary art teacher; Kathryn Hoffman, Ross Elementary fifth grade teacher; Shannon Simonds, Clear Falls High biology teacher; and Matthew Thomas, Clear Springs biology teacher.

"These teachers represent the best of Clear Creek ISD," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Greg Smith. "Their teaching style and ability to engage children in lessons earned them this important designation."

Smith also praised the work of the three area Rotary Clubs that were named

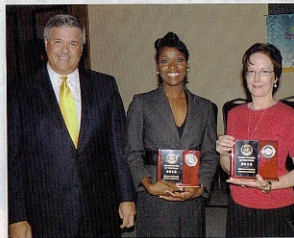
CCISD Partner of the Year at the school district's annual Partnership Breakfast.

"This recognition...was long overdue. These outstanding volunteers provide an enormous support system to our students," he said, listing several projects such as providing meals in backpacks so children don't go hungry on weekends, supporting our teachers, spending countless hours reading to our students, etc.

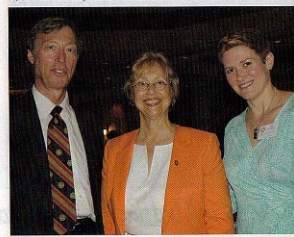
"This award cannot possibly encompass the profound impact our teachers have on the future of our many children, but I do hope it signifies our deepest appreciation for what teachers do every day in the classroom," said Smith.

"CCISD is home to more than 2,400 exceptional teachers. We are pleased to honor the 2013 Campus Teachers of the Year. Beyond educating students, the following teachers have also been identified as a leader on their campus, working collaboratively with co-workers to improve the school culture."

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Teachers of the Year Jillian Howard, center, and Betty McCulloch are congratulated by CCISD Superintendent Dr. Greg Smith at the luncheon in their honor at South Shore Harbour Resort.



Presidents Jeremy Hood of Seabrook Rotary, Marilyn Micalof of Space Center Rotary and Kim Rutnam of League City Rotary, from left, honored the Teacher of the Year Luncheon at South Shore Harbour Resort.