

Rotary Club of Space Center Special Occasions and Recognitions

(All years have not been reviewed and many years had little data)

1964-65

Club's Charter

Notice of Admission to Membership in Rotary International of the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas, and U.S.A. (District 589) as of August 6, 1964 with the initials of G.R.M. dated August 11, 1964." According to the Charter Presentation Program, the presentation of the charter was held on September 28, 1964 at 7:00 P. M. at the Houston Yacht Club Shoreacres, La Porte, Texas. (The Charter has not been located as of December 2010.)

The Rotary Club of Space Center banner designed by Martin Gracey and approved by the Board

1966-67

The earliest copy of the Blastoff in the archives March 2, 1967

1967-68

First Interact club organized

1968-69

Astronaut Frank Borman presented Rotary International President Kiyoshi Togasaki of Japan, the Rotary Club of Space Center's banner at the Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii May 1969. The miniature banner was carried on Apollo 8, the first flight to circumnavigate the moon. The banner now hangs in Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Ill.

Drug Awareness Program approved by the Board of Directors

1973-74

The Club awarded posthumously its first Paul Harris Fellow to Harry Smith following his death in August 1972 to his wife, Pat, at the July 30, 1973 Club meeting

1974-75

The first Shrimporee was held July 20, 1974 at the Galveston County Park

1979-80

Officer position of President Elect was established

1980-81

The first shrimp costume was approved by the Board of Directors on August 12, 1980 at an estimated cost of \$750 to \$1,000 and expected to last 10 years. Delivery was scheduled September 9, 1980.

1981-82

The Senior Citizen's Committee was formed

Floyd D. Boze became the first District 589 Governor elected from The Rotary Club of Space Center

1983-84

President William "Bill" Webb was selected the District 589 Club President of the Year

1984-85

[The Rotary Club of Space Center was voted one to the five BEST clubs in District 589](#)

The L.D. "Cap" Landolt Pavilion was dedicated on September 5, 1984 and became the home of the Shrimporee

1985-86

The Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (named October 1, 1985, Club Board of Directors meeting minutes) Foundation was established in 1985 (the first official board meeting of RNASA was October 15, 1985) by the Rotary Club of Space Center to organize and coordinate an annual awards event to recognize outstanding achievements in space and create greater public awareness of the benefits of space exploration.

The Board of Directors unanimously accepted an official club project, the Space Flight Memorial Foundation, with joint sponsor the High Flight organization March 4, 1986 and has undertaken the task of building a Space Flight Memorial on or near the Johnson Space Center.

Officials of the Rotary Club of Space Center and St. John Hospital announced the formation of the Rotary World Health Foundation. The Foundation will provide plastic surgery, hospital care, transportation and lodging for young people from around the world who suffer from a physical deformity that prevents them from living a normal life in their society

The International Youth Exchange was formally established in District 589 and the Rotary Club of Space Center

1986-87

The Rotary National Award for Space Achievement presented Dr. Maxime A. Faget with the first National Space Trophy March 12, 1987

The Aeropuerto Rotary Club of Mexico City and Rotary Club of Space Center began a cultural exchange in 1985 which culminated in a Fraternity Declaration in 1986

The Space Center Women of Rotary was officially established June 18, 1987

Dr. Myra Gochmour-Hooker was the first woman inducted into the Rotary Club of Space Center on November 16, 1987. Shirley Battey was the second woman and Donnie P. Johnson the third inducted into the Rotary Club of Space Center. Donnie Johnson became the first woman president of the Club of in 1997.

The September 26, 1988 Blastoff noted that Eddie Harris was the "Father" of the Red Badge Program

The first child treated under the Rotary World Health Foundation was August 10, 1987

1988-89

First Drug Awareness Essay Contest

This is the first year that the Rotaract was a committee in the avenues of service and the beginning of Rotaract for the Rotary Club of Space Center

1990-91

The first Excellence in Education Awards for teachers in the Clear Creek Independent School District were given in May 1991

The Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation was established February 15, 1991 with Club President Billy R. Smith (1990-91) as President of the Foundation

Project Free Enterprise

When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989, I (Dr. David Taylor) started an international project to go to the Eastern bloc and give seminars on small business and free enterprise. This was called Project Free Enterprise. This was a Rotary project funded by a matching grant, and some of the speakers on these trips came from our own club – such as Gonzalo Montoya. These were 2-day free seminars to hundreds of people arranged by Rotary clubs in Hungary and Poland. We spoke in 16 cities in four years, and gave talks covering the business plan, management, marketing, finance, quality assurance, business ethics, management information systems, ISO standards, etc.

1991-92

[Rotary Club of Space Center named Best Large Club](#)

1992-93

District 589 became 5890

Five local police officers were awarded the first Distinguished Law Enforcement Award on April 12, 1993

1993-94

Billy D. Weseman became the second District 5890 Governor from the Rotary Club of Space Center

1994-95

Certification of Incorporation of the Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, TX, Charter No. 1311422-01

1997-98

[The Rotary Club of Space Center named Club of Year](#)

2000-01

President Baldwin stated in an interview in October 2008 that he re-instated reciting the Four-Way Test at the Club meeting

2004-05

The Rotary Club of Space Center received the Presidential Citation

2006-07

The Rotary Club of Space Center became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow Club April 2007

Suzi Howe became the third District 5890 Governor from Rotary Club of Space Center

The Club received the Governor's Cup for outstanding support to District 5890 Governor Howe

2007-08

The Rotary Club of Space Center received Presidential Citation

2008-09

[The Rotary Club of Space Center named Large Club of the Year](#)

The Rotary Club of Space Center received Presidential Citation

2009-10

[The Rotary Club of Space Center named Mega Club of Year](#)

Jon R. McKinnie Day, Proclamation by the City of Houston, Texas

"On June 28, 2010, Rotary Club of Space Center will honor Jon. R. McKinnie in recognition of his community spirit, and involvement in local, state, and national civic activities. Jon R. McKinnie's honors include "Outstanding Young Business Leaders to Watch" in America, and "Rotarian of the Year" for Arkansas (2005) and Houston (2009) among many others

2010-11

A fifth avenue of service, New Generations of Service, was added by Rotary International to the other four avenues focusing on the younger generation