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 GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

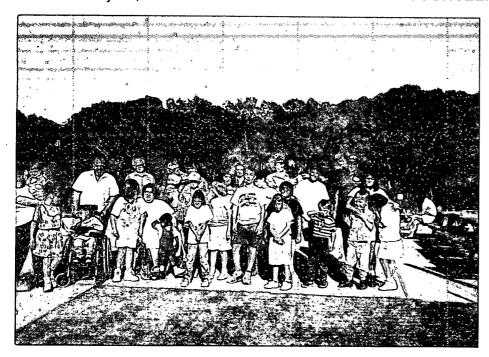
BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m. at the Nassau Bay Hilton

Rotary International District 589

Rotary International President, Rajendra Saboo District 5890 Governor, Bob Fitts Club President, Jack Lister January 27, 1992

"LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF"



Meet Carlos' Kids!

Carlos Villagomez has taken special interest in two very special families. "Love Those Kids" is a foundation established by two families who have opened their hearts and their homes to several 'special' children (in addition to their own children). Carlos touched our hearts at a recent Board Meeting when he reported on this project sponsored by the Handicapped Committee. For more heart-warming information on these kids, see open letter (page 2) from Vicki Rehm, or call Carlos Villagomez at 332-2587.

Many Thanks to our Blastoff
Photographers: Vince Lipovsky and
Dennis Dillon

Coming Events

JANUARY

- 27 Regular Noon Meeting Program: Jodi Koupal, Junior Achievement
- 31 Charter Dinner for new Seabrook Club - 6:30 pm Lakewood Yacht Club

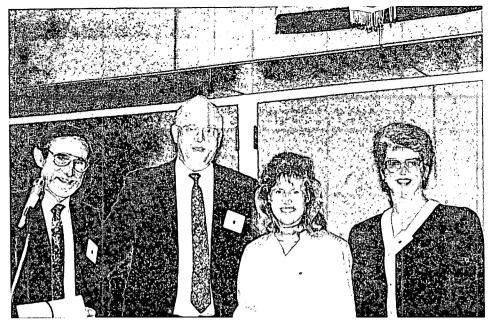
FEBRUARY

- O3 Regular Noon Meeting
 Program: Vance Ablott,
 Exec. Dir.-Space Center
 Houston
- 10 Regular Noon Meeting Program: World Comm. Health Committee
- 13 RNASA Dinner- Hyatt Regency, Downtown
- 13 Dinner/Dance/Car Raffle 7:00 p.m. Nassau Bay Hilton
- 17 President's Day-No Meeting
- 24 Regular Noon Meeting
 Program: Astronaut,
 John Young

APRIL

23-26 District Conference -Corpus Christi

Deadline for submissions for next issue is **Feb. 3**.



*New Blue Badges: Jay Welch and Jack Lister congratulate Mary Wylie and Danielle Dupuis on (finally!) obtaining their 'Blue Badge'.

'Open Letter' of Thanks

"Love Those Kids" consists of two families — Delores and Sonny (last name withheld), their four biological sons, eight adopted children and four foster children; and Gene and Marijane (Delores and Sonny's oldest son and his wife), their three biological girls, five adopted children, and four foster children.

Most of these kids are handicapped and require special attention. There is plenty of love to go around, and these kids really appreciate it. (For some, it is the first loving family they have known.) The financial strain is difficult, but their faith in God and mankind help them overcome any obstacle. (Delores is in a wheelchair and Sonny has a severe speech impediment.)

Some of the activities the children have enjoyed are annual swimming parties, Christmas parties (Carlos is their favorite Santa), Dickinson Wildlife Ranch, Halloween party at McDonald's (sponsored by Space Center Rotary), and numerous weekends at my house for five to eight of the older, healthier kids. I love it as much as they do, but it also makes me appreciate the peace and quiet when they are gone.

I met these two families five years ago and they have filled a void in my life. Sometimes, it is hard to be with these children without feeling bad for them. I want them to be normal and healthy because I know what it is like to be disabled, but that also gives me the drive to work for these kids and I love each one of them.

I want all of you to know in your hearts that you have made a difference in these little lives and if you want to meet them, just let me know because I know you will.

- Vicki Rehm 326-2933

CHRISTMAS THANKS to Rotarian Lonnie Clement and Space Center Rotary Club

Workers at Hope Village Ceramic shop also do piece work. They count out a certain number of items and put them in clear plastic sacks. The sacks are then folded and stapled closed. The workers get paid by the number of sacks they fill. The staplers they used would either not work or would constantly jam. HOPE VILLAGE NEEDED 2 STAPLERS.

I went to Rotarian **Lonnie Clement** and told him of the above. There was no hesitation - the answer was 'yes, come by and see me'. I picked up the staplers at Lonnie's **Bay Area Printing**, **Inc**. and delivered them to Hope Village.

It may seem like a small item, but to those at Hope Village who are using the new staplers, it is a Merry Christmas and the staplers will make the New Year's work a little easier. THANKS!

- Vic Maria

Officer's Corner

MESSAGE TO ALL SPACE CENTER ROTARIANS

It hardly seems possible that over one-half of my tenure as your President has already passed. Much has been accomplished during this year, but much more still needs to be done. Only a few months remain for us to achieve all of our objectives!

Overall, this year has been a good one. Our Shrimporee was successful raising over \$30,000 for various projects. Our committee structure was established and is functioning well. We have sponsored a new Rotary Club in Seabrook with 56 charter members and , also this year, the Sapce Center Rotary Endowment Foundation has been established and is operational. The fundraising for the Bay Area Community Center is underway and will be completed by February 14. Many other worthy activities such as Mentoring, Free Enterprise, Youth Exchange, Rotary National Award for Space Achievement, Medical Assistance, etc., are well underway. All of these efforts are continuing because of the dedication and hard work of good Space Center Rotarians!

Although we have done extermely well this year, I am appealing to all of you to do your best to help our Club accomplish some remaining tasks. We <u>still</u> need to involve all Rotarians in meaningful Club activities. If you are not on an active committee or project, please talk to me or one of our officers or board members. We want you to be involved and we will be emphasizing committee service and participation during the remainder of this year. We also need to continue to add to our Club membership a few more quality members of our Community. We don't just want a larger Club—we want to add substantial members of our Community who should be in Rotary. We plan to involve our Club members in some hands-on community work during the remainder of this year. Details of this work will be forthcoming soon. Finally, we will also continue to emphasize quality programs on Monday meetingts.

All of you deserve my thanks for your efforts this year. Keep up the good work!

-President Jack Lister

Brief Notes

President-Elect, **Terry Hesson**, surprised his wife, **Jayme**, with a Paul Harris Fellowship presented to her on Christmas morning in a private ceremony.

Time is running short! If you have not turned in your car raffle money and ticket stubs, please do so as soon as possible. **Jerry Smith** needs your help. Call Jerry at 480-2616.

The Program Committee has ordered Rotary keychains as special tokens of appreciation to be presented to our program speakers.

New zip code. Please note that the correct zip code for our P. O. Box is 77258-8862.

Red Badge Alert!! All Red Badgers are encouraged to check the bulletin board before meetings for committee meetings of interest. Get involved!

JACK ROWE

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1200 noon, Villa Motel

Tuesday

Ellington/South Belt

Galveston Island

La Porte

Pearland

Texas City

Wednesday

Galveston

12:00 noon, Mexico Lindo

12:00 noon, San Luis Hotel 12:00 noon, St. John's Episcopal Church

12:10 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club

12:00 noon, Nessler Center

Thursday

Alvin

Gulfway/Hobby La Marque

League City

12:00 noon, Park's Restaurant

12:15 p.m., Hobby Hilton

12:00 noon, Elks Lodge

12:00 noon, South Shore Harbor

Friday

Pasadena

W. Galveston County

12:00 noon, First United Methodist 12:00 noon, La Marque Holiday Inn

Dickinson Friendswood 12:00 noon, Methodist Church 12:15 p.m., Camp Manison

12:15 p.m., Wentletrap Restaurant

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