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

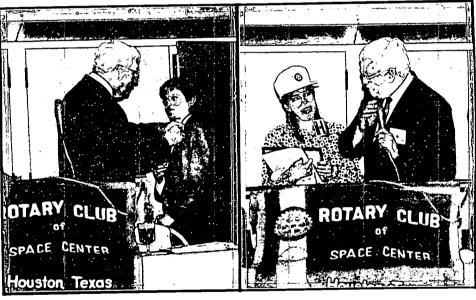
Rotary International District 589

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April 20, 1992

"LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF"

Coming Events



Two of our latest red badge inductees, Elizabeth Stus and Rosanne Zarcarro, receive their official welcome from President, Jack Lister.

RED BADGE ALERT!!

Have you noticed some new 'red' faces lately. We have several new members in our club who are sporting their red badges. They are: Stephen Erickson, Sherri Garner, Richard Hergert, Gale Brukett, Jerry Wilson, Dwayne Wilson, Elizabeth Stus, Rosanne Zacarro, Ed Janek, Jr., Linda Holiday-Putnam, and Glen Randall. The next time you see one of these members, give them any assistance and encouragement you can to enable them to become official 'blue' badges.

Also note that we have three members who have been reinstated. They are: Bob Lindgren, Randy Hopkins, and Carson Stephens. Welcome back!!

APRIL

20	Regular Noon Meeting
	Program: Chan Royal, IYE

21 Board Meeting-7am Hilton

27 Regular Noon Meeting Program: Carolyn Blacknall, Space Camp

23-26 District Conference - Corpus Christi

30 SC Club Championship Golf Tournament-Southwyc Golf Course

MAY

4 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: David Cordell,
Rotary Excellence in
Education Award

5 Board Meeting-7am Hilton

11 Regular Noon Meeting Program: John Gay, Wills & Trusts

14 District Assembly

18 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: Rick Sepolio, HPD
Youth Gangs

QUOTE:

You cannot build a reputation on the things you are going to do.

Officer's Corner

Recently, we were asked to summarize our Club's accomplishments during the 1991-92 Rotary Year. While it was not possible to list all of the good things our club has done, the following represents a thumbnail sketch of some of the items we included in our report to the District Governor:

- 1.) The annual fundraiser was again successful raising approximately \$30,000 for charitable projects in the Clear Lake Area.
- 2.) The Free Enterprise Program was continuted with the second team visit scheduled for Eastern Europe this Spring. This effort is led by Dr. David Taylor of our club.
- 3.) Five thousand dollars in scholarship money is being awarded again this year by our club to deserving high school and college students in Clear Lake.
- 4.) A mentoring program was established to help present school drop-outs in Clear Lake. Approximately 20 Rotarians agreed to be come mentors.
- 5.) Five students nominated by our Club were approved for the Summer Youth Exchange Program for 1992.
- 6.) The Space Center Club hosted two exchange students this year--one from South Africa, and one from South America.
- 7.) The second Teacher Award Program is well underway again this year to recognize the outstanding teacher in Clear Lake.
- 8.) The Space Center Plastic Surgery Program brought seven children to Houston this year for successful surgery at St. John's Hospital. Six were from Mexico and one from Jerusalem.
- 9.) The Space Center Club established a local Rotary Endowment Foundation and several members have made significant contributions this year.
- 10.) The Sixth Annual Rotary Award for Space Achievement was presented to Norman R. Augustine, Chairman and CEO of Martin Marietta, at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Houston in February. Over 500 persons attended the dinner.
- 11.) A successful car raffle was completed raising almost \$12,000 for the new Bay Area Community Center in Clear Lake.
- 12.) A memorial Stone was placed at Clear Lake Park to recognize deceased Rotarians from our club.
- 13.) The Space Center Club sponsored the new Seabrook Club which began with 56 charter members and has been a very successful breakfast club.

Many, many other accomplishments were described to the Governor, but space will not permit me to cover all of them here. You can see from the above that we have been a very busy club this year, and I hope you have enjoyed the joys of "service above self". If not, you still have a chance to get involved in some of these or other projects.

Women Of Rotary

In a world not so perfect, teaming with much adversity and affliction, there occasionally arises a "shining light" of deliverance. This light overflows with unquenchable love and the boundless joy of giving. It takes the form of a very special person with an incredible passion for soothing and healing those devastated by life's caprices and cruelty, a person who possesses the courageous capacity to reach out and embrace the wounded, the hurting.

I have had the privilege of meeting such a person. This fantastic woman, herself confined to a wheelchair, and her equally dedicated husband have adopted and care for thirteen children whose lives have been shattered by some handicap. Their ages range from four to twenty-one years, and their ailments include blindness, deafness, abuse, mental retardation, vides syndrome, alcoholic syndrome, hydorcephalic, cystic fibrosis, cerebal palsy, and a kidney transplant. One precious little boy, lying quietly in a crib, was born with only a partial brain and has lived far beyond doctor's expectations. He is now nine years old. He is loved.

After visiting with this couple and several of their children, I was deeply touched by this miracle family. It would be easy to weep for these children, but there is little time for weeping. Compassionate, fruitful care that fosters a sense of well-being and self-worth is at work here. The inner strength, determination, and faith that is required for the nurturing of these cherished children is indescribable. It is a blessing that in a household of such divergent needs each child is tenderly nurtured and administered to physically, emotionally, and spiritually. There is no doubt that "perfect love" thrives in this house.

However, there are some needs. Hopefully, some of us may be able to fill these needs. They are a sofa, sofa bed, heavy duty washing machine, lawn mower, and a van. If any of you has any of these items that is in good condition that you would like to donate, or if you know of anyone who might like to donate one of these items, please contact me at 474-7914. It would be wonderfully gratfying if we could help this family in our small, humble way.

-Norma Maria, Space Center Women of Rotary

Blastoff Shorts

Have you registered for the District Conference in Corpus Christi April 23 - 25 yet? If not, you better hurry. Time is running out. See Ann Weseman for further information.

Tee Off Thursday, April 30 at Southwyck Golf Course. This is for the Space Center Club Championship. Vic Maria has the trophy from 1991. Title Tee Off is at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Dennis Dillon.

Become a Paul Harris Fellow for a \$500 donation. Don't forget about our Club's 'Match Program'. Now is the time to take advantage of this limited opportunity.

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Monday

Angleton

12:00 noon, Villa Motel

Tuesday

Ellington/South Belt

Galveston Island

La Porte Pearland

Texas City

Harrisburgh

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

11:45a.m., Brady's Landing

Wednesday

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

12:15 p.m., Wentletrap Restaurant

Thursday

Alvin Gulfway/Hobby

La Marque League City Seabrook

12:00 noon, Park's Restaurant 12:15 p.m., Hobby Hilton 12:00 noon, Elks Lodge

12:00 noon, South Shore Harbor 7:30a.m., Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday

Pasadena

12:00 noon, First United Methodist W. Galveston County 12:00 noon, La Marque Holiday Inn

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