

### **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 5890** 

Rotary International President: Clifford Dochterman

District 5890 Governor: Bob Ellis Club President: Terry Hesson "Real Happiness is Helping Others"



January 25, 1993

#### **PROGRAMS**

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for January: Lynette Mason Hale Responsibility for February: Owen Morris

JAN 25 John Paul Baptiste, Executive Director, Texas

**Commission for the Arts** 

FEB 1 Consul General for Japan Shojiro Imanishi

FEB 8 Ralph Royce, Lone Star Air Museum

FEB 15 FEDERAL HOLIDAY (PRESIDENT'S DAY).

**NO MEETING** 

FEB 22 World Community Service

#### OTHER COMING EVENTS

JAN 23 AL JOWID MEMORIAL HEARTWALK benefitting the

American Heart Association -- and YOU as a walker.

APR 17 EARTH AWARENESS DAY CELEBRATION AT

BAYBROOK MALL. This is Space Center Rotary's 4th year of the leadership role for the Clear Lake area in this national program! Sandra Sausley is in charge. More details inside.



# PULL OVER TO THE CURB.PARDNER. WE'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU!

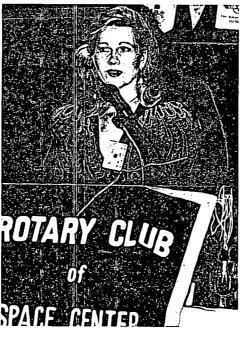
You are the first to know and we are the first to tell the names of the five law enforcement officers who are being named to receive the Rotary Law **Enforcement Distinguished** Service Award. This is a new award for our club to make and it is patterned after the successful Excellence in Teaching Award also initiated by Dr. David Taylor. Out of the five listed below, one will be chosen to be named "Officer of the Year" but that is still held for later announcement.

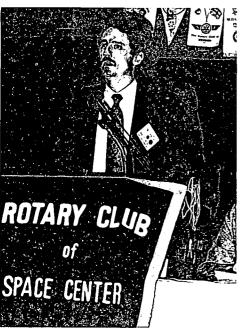
The five who will receive the Rotary Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award are (in alphabetical order):

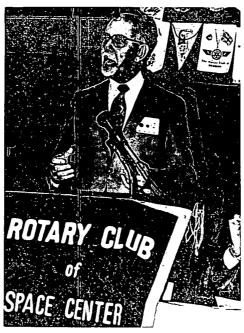
-Randall L. Derr, Patrolman, Houston Police Department, Clear Lake Substation.

**MEETING NOTES**: 1/11/93: Following committee reports by Jon Hall, Charles Hartman and Al Brady, our speaker was the popular television anchor man Dave Ward. In his charming way he entertained us, amused us and supplied jokes and anecdotes from his personal history as a newscaster. He described how the process of delivering the news has changed in the course of his experience. The system is far more sophisticated now and is able to provide faster delivery of a story from the occurence of the event to the broadcast of it. He found ways to include friendly jibes at "star personality" Marvin Zindler.---- If I may reminisce on Marvin a moment, I recall 25 or more years ago, when Marvin was a deputy law enforcement officer, I happened to be buying something at a small drive in near downtown Houston. In comes this dude in uniform and hat but with fancy cuffs on his shirtsleeves. In a very take-charge fashion, he ordered the cash register emptied and counted, and the inventory on all the shelves confiscated. He had a court order to shut the business down, and Marvin did it with no nonsense. However, in those days, he didn't bother with the SLIME IN THE ICE MACHINE!









## UNCLAIMED STONES MAY BE GATHERING MOSS!

You may be eligible for jewels you did not know about. If you are a Paul Harris Fellow and have contributed to make someone else a PHF, then RI wants to recognize your deed with a jewel to add to your PHF pin. (They call it a stone, so maybe it's really a rock, but it is yours for the asking.)

To be eligible for multiple PHF recognition, individual must first be a PHF. It does not matter whether the original PHF contribution was made by the fellow, another individual, a club or a district. Then for each additional US \$1000 contributed the/she is eligible to receive a new multiple PHF pin with an additional stone, up to a maximum of 5 stones.

What's more, according to Gen. Neely's understanding, any matching funds involved count too. So check it out. And keep it in mind if you are about to make someone else happy by honoring them;



### ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE SPONSORS EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AT BAYBROOK MALL

Space Center Rotary 's Environmental Issues Committee is pleased to announce that we will be having our **fourth** Annual Earth Day Celebration at Baybrook Mall on April 17, 1993.

This event, organized and directed by this Space Center Rotary committee, brings in the entire Clear Creek School District with the Earth Day Art Contest. In addition, a wide variety of organizations concerned about environmental issues are granted a forum to present themselves to the public at Baybrook Mall.

It is important that we as members of Space Center Rotary Club support Sandra Sausley, the new chairperson for the Earth Day Event.

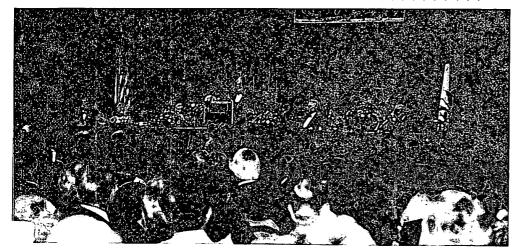
This support can be as simple as merely attending the Earth Day Event at Baybrook Mall that day. Occasionally she may need to ask some of you to be art judges or other such duties. If there is any chance that you can help her, please jump in.

Last Year Space Center Rotary's Earth Day Event was on the Doug Johnson Radio Talk Show. We were advertised in every newspaper and radio station in the Houston area. Space Center Rotary receives a lot of exposure from this event, so we want to make sure it is s big success!

To keep our club aware of the varied environmental issues that face us, the Environment Committee will be writing a series of articles for the Blastoff. Please look for them and give us your opinion. We want Space Center Rotary to take its righful position as leaders in the community in preserving the environment for our children.

If you have questions or comments, the Environment Committee members are:

Sherri Garner Jim Harlan
Suzi Howe A. B. Olsen
Ray Pawlikowski Mike Porterfield
Robin Riley Randy Roof
Sandy Sausley Claire Taylor
Dick Veth Dick Wettling



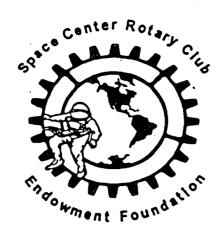
#### SANDRA SAUSLEY, EARTH DAY RAMROD



RI PRESIDENT CLIFF
DOCHTERMAN WAS
FETED IN HOUSTON
(photos at left and below). Some of us were there to share the good time with him.

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Nobody won the money!
The new logo is the one at the top.
You let the money slip thru your hands!!!

#### OUR NEW DIRECTORS

Be sure to recognize and congratulate our 3 new directors chosen from a field of 12 nominees. They are pictured below in top to bottom sequence: Blilie, Mike Porterfield, and Johnny White in alphabetical order ( we never report the vote count, we just hope that the counters could actually countl) The officers were elected to the nominated Since Donnie slots. Johnson, already director, was elected Sgtat-Arms, that will leave a director vacancy for next year to be filled by appointment by Vic Maria.



#### A MEMBER YOU SHOULD KNOW

VIC MARIA (a.k.a. VICTOR GEORGE MARIA) was born, raised and attended schools at Portland Maine. After completing two years at the University of Maine, Vic and his older brother owned and operated a small supermarket. "Uncle Sam" heard of Vic's leaving school and sent his "greetings". After two years in the Army, Vic returned to the grocery business. But --once out of Maine it's hard to stay put. Vic sold his business and went to the University of Arizona to finish his education. You are wondering where all this is leading--well--at the U. of Arizona, in humanities class, Vic met Norma, now his bride of thirty years.

Upon graduating with a B.S. in Business, Vic worked in a casino at Lake Tahoe for about one year. He received a job offer with the Treasury Dept., Federal Bureau of Narcotics. A few years later, Vic was asked to go to Paris on a three to six month special assignment. Vic went to Paris and was joined by Norma. They were married at Poissy, a small suburb outside Paris, and they have been on a whirlwind ever since. That special assignment lasted eight and a half years and two lovely daughters born at Paris. Upon leaving France, the Maria familly spent three years in New York and then back to assignments in Paris, Beirut and back to Paris. During the above period, Vic and Norma covered all of western Europe, the Middle East, southwest Asia and parts of North Africa. Vic has also been active from Canada to Panama.

On retiring from the government, Vic and buddies from the State Dept. Security formed a partnership in a consulting firm specializing in International Corporate and Executive security and investigations.

Vic was a Deacon at the Clear Lake Presbyterian Church and is presently attending Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. He has been a member of Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine for about forty years. He is a member of several local, national and international enforcement and security organizations. He has also been active in various peace organnizations. Vic was one of the organizers of the local Family Outreach. He has been on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association. Vic has been on and chaired several Rotary Committees, has been on the Board of Directors and is presently President-Elect.

All of this may sound exciting but Vic will readily admit that some of his greatest pleasures have been working on committees and projects with the Space Center Rotary Club.



- -Regina J. Ellis, Patrolman/ Juvenile Officer, Lakeview Police Department.
- -Lawrence R. Fleenor, Detective, Webster Police Dept.
- -Russell A. Herrera, Patrolman, Pasadena Police Department.
- -Jeff A. Wagnor,Patrol Officer, Houston Police Dep[artment.
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