

### **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"



**APRIL 5, 1993** 

PROGRAMS Vann Jones, Chairman Responsibility for April: Delia Stephens

- APR 5 Judge Bill Elliott, "God's Faithful Children in Family Law Matters"
- APR 12 Law Enforcement Service Award Ceremony
- APR 19 **Dale Hoagland,** President, UFCW #408. "Consumers' View on Health Care"
- APR 26 Congressman Jack Brooks, "What's Happening in Washington"

#### OTHER COMING EVENTS

- APR 15 SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP. Baywood Country Club. Bob Frost sponsor.
- APR 17 THIS IS A DAY VERY FILLED WITH ACTIVITIES:

  1. EARTH AWARENESS DAY CELEBRATION AT BAYBROOK MALL.
  - ARMAND BAYOU NATURE CENTER CELEBRATION
     HABITAT HOUSE FOR HUMANITIES-"Build a house"
  - project
    4. BAY AREA TURNING POINT- Fund-raising sale and auction at United Way.
  - 5. HOUSTON SYMPHONY- "April in Paris" Concert at UHCL.
- APR 24 ADULT CPR TRAINING -for Space Center Rotary 9AM-1PM American Red Cross, 18301A Egret Bay Blvd.
- JUN 21 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 93-94.
- SEP 18 SHRIMPOREE (or whatever we might call it by then !)

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

District Governor Bob Ellis recently expressed these thoughts about Rotarians:

What is the difference between a business person who belongs to Rotary and one who doesn't?

Why are some business professionals drawn to organizations that have as their central theme: "Service to Others"?

Why are certain business men and women willing to accept the obligations that go along with belonging to Rotary?

He gave his reason in two simple words: "WE CARE! WE CARE about our community! WE CARE about our fellow man! WE CARE about the quality of our work places! WE CARE!"

NOW, let your Editor pose this question: "HOW ARE WE SHOWING WE CARE"?

(pause for reflection)
Take all the time you want to
answer, but do think about it
and let your answer show in
your actions.

Tom Wier, Editor

Adapted from notes by

Gene Oley

March 22: When our friend Constable Bill Bailey comes to speak, you had better be ready! It started off more like a roast than a speech, with a lively interchange with club members. As next year's president of the Pasadena Rotary Club he naturally upheld their honor with "exaggerated claims" of their superiority. When he was ready to shift to serious matters, he asked us to give him one big BOO and get it over with! He got it. Talk about audience participation!

He remarked on his recent heart operation, how his ribs had to be spread about 8" apart, how it still hurts to laugh or cough. But fortunately, he didn't show us his scar.

Things became deadly serious as he showed a video of various actual police interactions on the highways using video cameras donated to his department. As Prez Terry Hesson jokingly said, they showed a tad of gore and realism we haven't seen since we had the Harris County Coroner show slides at our meeting. But it made the hazards of drunk driving as well as the hazards of police work real to us. Bill also didn't miss the chance to show overhead slides containing facts and figures that clearly display how their warrant serving activities brought in much more than his department cost. What's more he offered a free Personal Safety Awareness Seminar to any local group that is interested. (More at right).

MAR 29: Bill Weseman, our new District Governor, gave us a brief report on the fun-filled District Convention in Austin, including the whopping success of our club's hospitality room and the outstanding reception for Billy and Anne. Thanks were expressed to Terry Hesson who stocked and manned the hospitality room. The district gave special awards to Jack Lister for outstanding action as the Governor's representative to four clubs; to Alan Wylie and Karen Birchenough for their International Youth work; and to Charles Hartman for his service above self in such major projects as the RNASA Award.-- And an unbelievable \$14,000 was raised in 4-1/2 minutes for the "Habitat for the Humanities" house building project. It started with an offer of \$5000 to match other contributions. In the few minutes \$9000 was added to the \$5000!

Three new candidates entered the Red Badge program: Brent Caldwell (sponsored by Dave Hamblin), Jack Gunn (sponsored by Dave Taylor) and Gene Oley (sponsored by Dave Baldwin).

Speaker for our meeting was Thaddeus Lott, principal of Wesley Elementary School, an educator who has developed some remarkably successful teaching practices that instill an eagerness to learn in children in the very early grades. Mr. Lott believes strongly in saving the public schools and teaching students to be able to be independent. His plan starts with a strong principal assisted by strong instructional decisions arising from the "Indians, not a bunch of Chiefs". No "multi-headed monster" committees for him. (Any committee of over two is a monster).

He summarizes his approach to learning as 1. Diagnose the child's needs and ability; 2. Prescribe a program that suits the individual child; 3. Have more experienced teachers go to the classroom of a beginning teacher to demonstrate with the beginning teacher's own students, rather than the beginner going as an observer to the experienced teachers classroom; and notably, 4. Teach as though there is no one at home to help! Mr. Lott got one of our "hard-to-come-by" standing ovations!

### ADULT CPR TRAINING FOR SC ROTARY CLUB!

Sat. Apr. 24, 9AM - 1PM at American Red Cross 18301A Egret Bay. Teaches Rescue Breathing, Airway Obstruction Techniques for Choking Victims and CPR for Adults. Includes a book, mannequin practice, skills exam and Red Cross certificate.

Registration of \$10 will be collected on Monday, April 12 and 19 at noon luncheon mtg.

Editor's note:

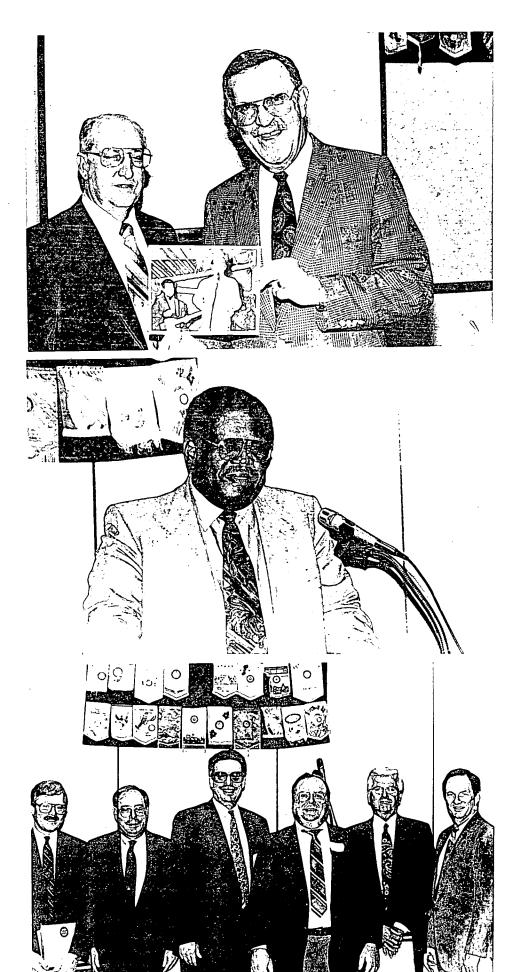
All of you remember the talk by Dr. Paul Pepe, Dir. Emergency Medical Services, City of Houston, who stressed the importance of CPR in the first Tew minutes following sudden death syndrome. He said: "YOU should see that everybody in your family knows CPR. They might save YOU".

IS THAT ENOUGH SAID?

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Rev. Bill Rittenhouse made an unusual plea at the 3/22 meeting on behalf of one of his parishioners, Cynthia Joslin, who (with four of her children) has just returned from being held in virtual captivity since 1988 in Beirut, by her Lebanese exhusband. They arrived with "nothing more than the clothes on their backs". He solicits whatever help any of us can give. See Rev. Bill.

Ed Geissler surprised Bill by presenting him with a "very, very old" photograph of Bill and Conway Twitty at the Houston Rodeo. But we can't close these comments without remarking on the sincere appreciation that Bill expressed to those who sent him cards when he was in the hospital.



#### Gov. Billy and Anne



#### PHOTO CAPTIONS

(left)

Top: Ed Geissler with surprise for Bill Bailey. Center: Thaddeus Lott, educator and speaker of the day.

Bottom: New Red Badgers and their sponsors: Caldwell, Hamblin, Baldwin, Oley, Gunn and Taylor.

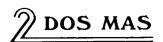
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Tony Marquez	4 / 1
Bill Rittenhouse	4 / 6
Bob Fielder	4 / 9
Margaret Adams	4/14
Ken Gurry	4/15
Frank Morgan	4/16
LaWann Tull	4/18
Mike Hesse	4 / 2 1
Lars Persson	4/22
Dennis Dillon	4/26

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#### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

Donnie Johnson is now the Manager o f Marketing for the Nassau Bay Hilton. Congratulations! -- Donnie, don't forget your "old buddies". We have photographic evidence that you can close your eyes faster than a camera shutter. Good reflexes but bad picture! (Hence, no picture. --- But remember we have the negative!)



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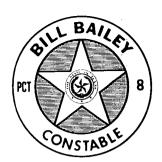
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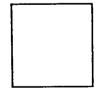
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