

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

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"

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WHAT'S NEWS

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PROGRAMS

JULY 19 INTERNATIONAL
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EVENTS

AUG 30 GOLF FUND-
RAISER FOR
SHRIMPOREE
SEP 18 SHRIMPOREE
DEC 10 CHRISTMAS
PARTY

NOTICE

Red Badge meeting on August
11, 10:15AM - 1 PM at Out Back
restaurant on Bay Area Blvd.
For details contact Bert Kraft
488-2229.

PERSONAL NOTE

Beverly Kile is at St Lukes
Hospital for open heart surgery.
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HOW DID I GET HERE

By Vic Maria

It was about ten years ago that my
good friend Jim McDonald asked me
to join him at a Space Center Rotary
luncheon at the Holiday Inn. The
food was OK, the fellowship
promising and the speaker
entertaining. A short while later Jim
asked me if I was interested in joining
Rotary. I was - and I was soon
inducted into the Space Center
Rotary Club. But was I a Rotarian??

We did not have a Red Badge
program at that time. I came to
lunch on Mondays, sat with a group
of people I did not know, and listened
to conversations that did not include
me. I began to wonder why I ever
agreed to join Rotary.

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A HAPPY EXCHANGE

WHO'S NEWS

I had many other things I could be doing Mondays. I did not need another luncheon. I was seriously considering dropping out when Jim started to talk to me about the Club's big fund raiser, Shrimoree.

It was at Shrimoree that I fully experienced the deepest meaning of being a Rotarian and the excitement of fellowship which is at the heart of it. David Cantu and I were put on the fish fry committee. We cooked fish all day in those old, small oil fryers. I had hot oil burns all over my hands, arms and chest. That night I thought that I would never want to see another fish again. But, I was aware that I had a terrific time and the fellowship was great. After that, people began to call me by name. I was asked to join several committees and to head an ad hoc committee.

Once I became active I began to connect names with faces. The more active I became, the more I found to do, the more I was asked to do, and I relished it. Whenever I needed guidance, my good friend and sponsor, Jim McDonald was there.

After serving on several committees I was asked to chair committees. I profoundly liked Rotary and I especially valued the friendships that developed. The atmosphere was different.

It was not like the "real world" of stress and competition. We were all there to work together and serve. To serve equally without notice of position or public recognition. I found myself looking for community programs I could help develop, and success was a great satisfying reward.

I began attending, whenever possible, all of the Club Assemblies, District Assemblies, and District conventions. I was

asked to work on District Committees. The more of these meetings I attended the greater my circle of friends became.

In 1988 I was asked to have my name placed on a ballot for a position on the Board of directors. I was told that my name would be one of ten on a ballot from which three directors would be elected by the club members. I tried to refuse. I was 'terrified'. I did not think that I knew enough about Rotary and there were so many more knowledgeable members in the club.

I finally agreed, thinking that there was no chance that I would be one of the three to be picked out of ten. You guessed it - I was.

I truly enjoyed being a Director and being in on the discussions and mechanics that moved the club. Some of the decisions that had to be made were difficult, but I could depend on the support and the wisdom of past presidents and the assistance and guidance of fellow Rotarians who readily shared their opinions with me. And yes - my friend and sponsor Jim McDonald was always there.

And then one day I received a request to be put on the ballot for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms. I felt honored. Just the idea of being considered was a great thrill.

WELL, HERE I AM. - President of the Space Center Rotary Club, the most active and the most respected Rotary club in District 5890. I confess that I feel uncomfortable and ill at ease. I am still not sure of what is going to happen. It is scary being President of a large volunteer service club. I know that I will need all the support I can get from all the members of Space Center Rotary. For it is the members who

are the life blood of the club and who will direct it's course.

Working together - and with the help of GOD we will have a successful and fun year.

And O YES - Jim McDonald, thanks for inviting me to lunch.

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TURNING POINT

by Gene Oley

In our 7/12 meeting Diane Savage, of Bay Area Turning Point, brought us up to date on the organizations activities.

Turning Point provides counseling & intervention to local women who are victims in assault cases or are victims of family violence. Turning point works closely with local police and community organizations.

Recently the turning point has acquired property in Webster to provide a "bed" for these victims.

The property has two existing houses. The smaller house is being renovated and is in need of a real shower. The larger house is to be torn down to make way for a new facility.

When phase I is completed it will house 16 people. The completion of phase II will allow the facility to hold a total of 35 people.

Thirty five cases of family violence are reported each month. The shelter provides a safe place to recover and decreases the victims trauma by being able to handle it at a local level.

The center is expected to open in January 1994. It will need staffing and is expected to serve 6000 meals a year.

To donate time, money, expertise, etc. -- call Joyce Grisler 333-HELP

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DONATIONS

by: Lamar Bowles

These moneys have been spent by Space Center Rotary during this past year:

Boy Scout Troop 950 (camp)	1,000
Boy Scout Troop 952 (summer camp shirts)	180
Bridgeport (Van)	\$7,000
Earth Day	700
Excellence in Education (Teacher Award)	2,500
Excellence in Law Enforcement (Officer Award)	2,000
Group Study Exchange	700
Habitat For Humanity	500
Handicapped	800
International Youth	4,500
P.H.F. for Chris Christman	1,000
Project Free Enterprise	500
Rotary Foundation	5,000
Scholarships (five)	5,000
St Bernadette Church (Hunger Contribution)	1,900
World Health	1,600
YMCA	700
Youth activities	2,100
Congratulations, our support totaled 36,980.	

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SHRIMPOREE KICK-OFF

It's that time of the year again ! Not football, but Shrimporee! and the kick-off event is with golf clubs and not the pigskin. Sharpen your golfing skills and join us for a day of fun for the Space Center Rotary club seventh annual Golf Team Championship at south Shore Harbor Country Club on Monday August 30th at 12:00 noon. Get your team together and sign up now.

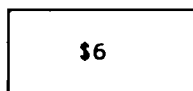
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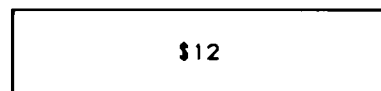
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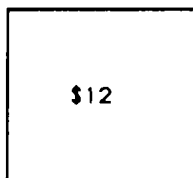
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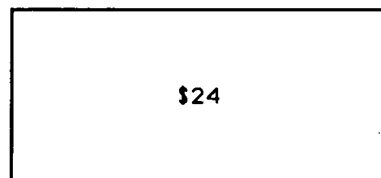
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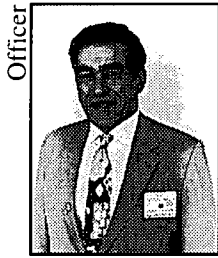
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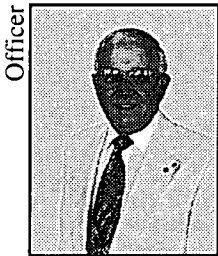
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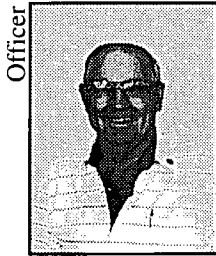
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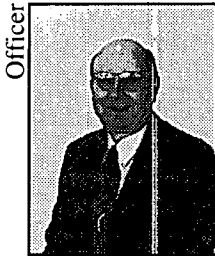
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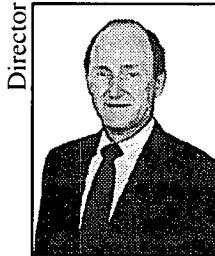
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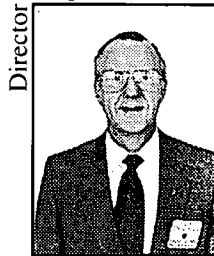
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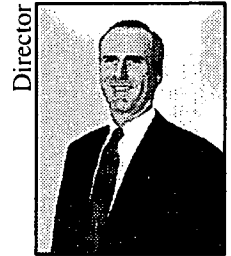
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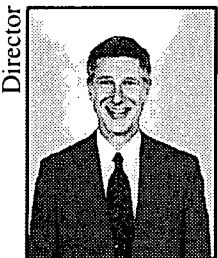
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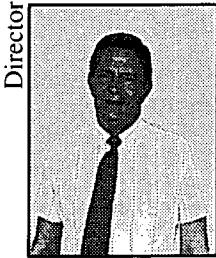
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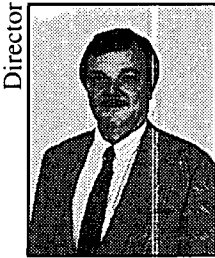
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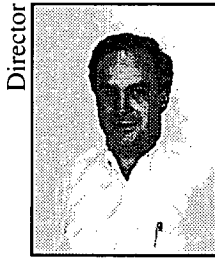
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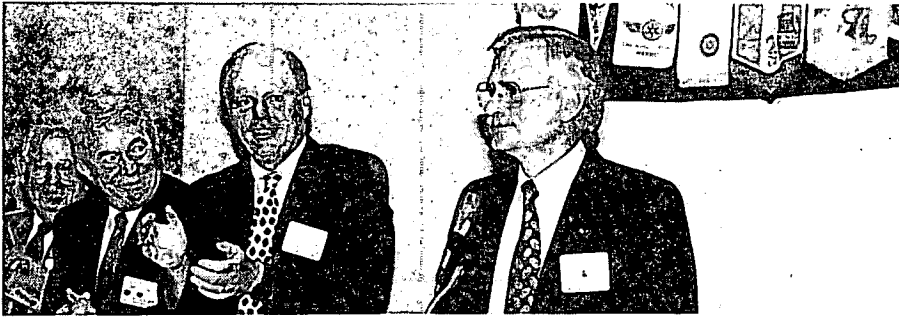


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RAMBLINGS FROM THE TOP

by Terry Hesson

Dateline Houston - June 23, 1993

Our new Blastoff editor, Gene Oley, has been harassing me for three days now for a year-end article for the bulletin. I have not had the time nor the inclination to sit down and write such prose. I cannot put him off any longer, so here it is.

The timing is right but these will be ramblings - random thoughts about the last year.

I just returned from putting my 16 year old daughter on an airplane for a three week Rotary Youth Exchange to Stuttgart, Germany. I know that Alan Wylie, Karen Birchenough and LaWann Tull preach to us about how wonderful the exchange program is, and indeed the many students I have met through this program have been fantastic young people, but putting Lindsey on that airplane today was one of the hardest things I have ever had to do. I know it will be a highlight of her life for the rest of her life, but for Daddy it was awful. And to think Karen parted with her son for an entire year and the Wylies are giving up Aaron for a year in August. j It's tough, folks.










I don't know how much room Gene has saved for me but I hope there's still room. I said this would be rambling, right?

I guess every Rotary club president is very hesitant at the beginning of their year (right, Vic?) but you eventually settle in. You have a lot of goals and great expectations in July but a lot of things happen between July 1 and June 30 of the following year. If you reach all of your goals, maybe you didn't have them high enough. We did not reach all of our goals this year but we did have some lofty ones. This is a volunteer organization and you can only demand and expect so much. If a committee chairperson does not do what you expected of them, you can't fire them or kick them out of the club. Fortunately we only had a few chairpersons who did not achieve their full potential. Most of our 52 committee chair people did their jobs in an admirable fashion. A few went way above and beyond their assigned duties and were honored at my last meeting on June 28, 1993.

I want to thank my officers and directors for doing an outstanding job this year. I have served on the board of directors in our club for seven years and I know that I have had the best group of people to serve with in the history of the Space Center Rotary Club. These are the people who get up early on the first and third Tuesdays of every month to attend our 7:00 AM board meetings. Until you do that, you don't realize what a sacrifice it really is. The other thing you don't realize unless you really get into it is that we have one of the best Rotary clubs in the

entire world. You're saying "yeah, right, sure". But we do. At the dedication of Rotary International in Houston last year, I had the supreme pleasure of meeting, talking to and having my picture made with Dr. Clifford Dochterman, President of Rotary International. When I mentioned Space Center Rotary Club, he knew who we were and he knew of Project Free Enterprise (which David Taylor started) and our Junior Interact Club at Clear Lake Intermediate School. Around the district we are known, respected and envied. For me to have served this club as President is an honor beyond your imagination. To have my name considered in the same text as such people as Marvin Matthews, Al Jowid, Chuck Jacobson, Frank Morgan, Charles Hartman, Bob Wren, Billy Weseman, Billy Smith, Jack Lister, and my Rotary mentor, Floyd Boze, still humbles me and amazes me. It has been an incredible year and I know Vic's year will be as rewarding for him as mine has been for me. To serve as a Rotary club president is one of the greatest honors of a lifetime. To serve as the President of the Space Center Rotary Club is an honor beyond belief. I want to thank A.B. Olsen, who was my sponsor in this club and Jim Hargrove, who called me one Saturday afternoon while I was covered with dirt working in the garden and asked me if I would be willing to run for the board of directors of the Space Center Rotary Club. What a ride it has been! The best wish I can wish for all of my Space Center Rotarians is that you someday have the opportunity to serve as President of this incredible organization. It is truly the thrill of a lifetime.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I love you all. It has been a wonderful experience.

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