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Rotarian and retired JSC Personnel Director Jack Lister and Ann Kimzey, left, welcome his former boss, retired JSC Director and past National Space Trophy Award winner Dr. Aaron Cohen, and his wife, Ruth, to Friday night's banquet at Space Center Houston.



Dr. Clay Fulcher, chairman of this year's Rotary Space Banquet, and his wife, Ann, right, say hello to Charles Hartman and his wife, Jennie Lou, as they arrive at Space Center Houston for the annual Rotary Foundation event. Hartman has worked on the banquet for many years.

Crowd of 700 toasts John Young

ASTRONAUT John Young has had some awesome experiences in his life such as taking the first ride on the Gemini spacecraft, commanding the first space shuttle flight, and walking the valleys of the moon....Winning the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

The list goes on and on. Friday night he found himself on the receiving end of still another honor as Johnson Space Center Director George Abbey presented him with the National Space Tro-



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phy at the Rotary Space Banquet. Along with a standing ovation from some 700 community leaders and space officials from all over

the nation as he joined 13 other former recipients of this prestigious honor.

Former Johnson Space Center Directors Aaron Cohen, Chris Kraft Jr. and Carolyn Huntoon and their spouses were in the audience, as were new Lockheed Martin Corp. President Vance Coffman, who arrived with his wife, Arlene, and Lockheed Technology Executive VP Mike Camardo and his wife, Maryann.

State Rep. John Davis and wife, Jayne, were in the crowd, as were Houston City Councilman Rob Todd, Harris County Constable Bill Bailey, with his wife, Janis, UHCL Business Dean Dr. Ted Cummings and his wife, Leslie, plus Paul Fisher, founder of Fisher Pen Co., who jetted in with this son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Ashely Fisher, to present a special pen for John and his wonderful space pens for each banquet guest.

Making your way through Space Center Houston, after signing in with Annie and Murray Epstein, you might have bumped into GB Tech owners Gale and Jean Burkett and President Chuck Jacobson and wife, Marge; Honeywell Engineering Director Patrick Daily; Raytheon Managing Director Henry Hartsfield and his wife, Fran; GeoControl Systems President Rose Zarcaro and Barrios Technology President Sandy Johnson, with their husbands, John and Doug, both aerospace retirees.

Or Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation President Jim Reinbartsen and wife, Lee, Muniz Engineering owner Ed Muniz, and Hernandez Engineering partners Mike and Tery Hernandez, as they stopped to congratulate John and admire the beautiful space trophy.

The trophy, whose recipient is selected by a panel of 60 aerospace officials, is awarded annually to recognize outstanding contributions to the space program.

Previously, John had been presented the Corona Award at the Rotary Space Banquet and had the

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Johnson Space Center Director George Abbey, left, presents National Space Trophy to astronaut John Young.



Bruce McCandless, center, the former astronaut who floated untethered in space in that famous NASA photo, and his wife, Bernice, were in the space banquet crowd, as was astronaut Dr. Steven Hawley, left.

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Lorna Onizuka, right, stops to visit with Lockheed Martin Vice President Mike Coats and his wife, Diane, who flew in from Denver for the Rotary Space Banquet. Coats is a former space shuttle commander.



Space Center Rotary President Bill Geissler and his wife, Joan, left, and Rotarian Tim Kropp look over the massive crowd on hand for the at space banquet.



Lockheed Martin Space Operations President Jay Honeycutt, right, chats with Vice President John Wilkens and his wife, Shari, during space banquet.



Astronauts Eileen Collins and Mike Foale look over the massive crowd gathered at Space Center Houston Friday night for the Rotary Space Banquet after presenting the Stellar Awards.



Lockheed Martin Corp. President Vance Coffman Camardo and his wife, Maryann, for Friday night's Rotary Space Banquet honoring astronaut John Young and his wife, Arlene, left, arrive at Space Center Houston with Executive Vice President Mike John Young.



Stellar Awards Banquet Chairman Sheila Self, left, who came with Don Lewis to the Rotary Space Banquet, joins her folks, Paul and Ann Hamrick of Houston, as the crowd begins arriving at Space Center Houston Friday night for the black-tie dinner-dance.



UHCL Business Dean Ted Cummings and his wife, Leslie, at Rotary Space Banquet.



JSC Human Resources Director Greg Hayes and wife, Joan, at Rotary Space Banquet.



Bud Taylor of Rob Todd's office and wife, Rosemary, at Rotary Space Banquet.

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honor two years ago of presenting the space trophy to former President George Bush.

Lockheed Martin Space Operations President Jay Honeycutt and his wife, Peggy, also were in the Friday night banquet crowd, as were VP John Wilkins and his wife, Shari, Johnson Engineering President Tom Short, with wife Carol, United Space Alliance VPs Kathy Tamer and Howard De-Castro and retired VP Glynn Lunney with his wife, Marilyn, and Boeing biggies Joe Mayer and Mike Collins with their wives, Robin and Lynn, and Don Zinn.

So were JSC's Space and Life Sciences Director John Rummel and his wife, Judy, and Human Resources Director Greg Hayes with his wife, Joan, Goddard Space Center Director Al Diaz and his wife and former Oceanengineering GM here and now Marshall Space Center Director Art Stephenson and his wife.

Lt. Gen. Tom Stafford and Johnson Engineering Chairman Gene Cernan, who flew to the moon with John Young on Apollo 10 were there to see him honored, as were many who served with him in the astronaut corps and their mates including Eileen Collins, Mike Foale, Dr. Steven Hawley, Dan Brandenstein, Mike Coats, Bonnie Dunbar, Joe Allen, Joe

Engle and Bruce McCandless. Lots of Rotarians everywhere you looked, too. Rotary Dist. Gov. John Painter of Houston was there, as were District Gov.-Elect Charlie Clemmons of Seabrook and his wife, Barbara, and Space Center Rotary President Bill Geissler and his wife, Joan.

Still others were Jack Lister, who came with Ann Kimzey, Sheila Self and Don Lewis, Dick Hergert, Tim Kropp, Jennie Lou and Charles Hartman, Owen and Joyce Morris, Al and Norma Brady, Ron Swim, Vic and Norma Maria, Jordis and Bob Wren, Laura Hale and Terri and Vann Jones.

Many, including Jack, Sheila and Tim, worked long hours to make the banquet the success it was.

Also enjoying the evening were former El Lago City Councilman Ed Mason, Havicam President Marcus Havican and his wife, Marie, retired NASA biggie Gene Kranz, with wife, Marta, the Chuck Biggs, Lockheed Missiles VP Arnold Aldrich and his wife, and Lockheed Space Operations VP Ken Asbury and his wife, Tracy, and NASA Public Affairs Deputy Director Dr. Doug Blanchard and his wife, Judith.

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