

Longtime Member Gene Lindquist Dies Suddenly Gene Lindquist, a very active member of this Rotary Club, died at 5:30 AM Wednesday morning, December 17. Most of the club members who were in town probably already know of his death, but he had friends throughout Rotary that may learn this by virtue of the Blastoff, which he regularly sent them. Inside this issue you will find more about Gene and what he did in and for Rotary over the years, but throughout the issue you will see how active he was until his sudden death. He even introduced the last program with all his usual enthusiasm. Rev. Bill Rittenhouse, Pastor of Nassau Bay Baptist Church, performed the final services at Jack Rowe Funeral Home. Interment was at Forest Park East Cemetery.



At age 77, Gene Lindquist was still doing more than his share to keep things moving in Space Center Rotary when he died suddenly last Wednesday. He had been a member of the club since 1964. Before coming to the Clear Lake area with NASA he had already performed in many responsible jobs in insurance, banking and mortgage lending. In 1962 he joined NASA as Assistant Director handling Congressional Relations for the new Manned Spacecraft Center (later named, of course, for President Johnson.) It was 1963 when he opened the Webster State Bank as Vice President and Director. At the same time he was Vice President and Public Relations Officer of banks in Alvin, Dickinson, and League City.

Space Center Rotary came into Gene's life in 1964 and never left. He was club president in 1970-71 and also served for years as a director. Gene was the editor of the club bulletin for 10 years before turning the editorship over to others. But the bulletin was always close to his heart and he continued to personally handle the mailing of each issue of the bulletin to all club members who missed the meetings on the dates of publication and to a large group of other Rotarians in other clubs. It was only on November 17 that we announced that Gene had once again, for the seventh straight year, been the high ticket sales producer for the Shrimporee. At meetings, Gene was always one of the first to arrive to help get things ready and moving, and one of the last to leave to see that things were properly put away. His endless energy in such club activities is going to be sorely missed.

Always an active and sociable member of the club, Gene was a constant organizer of social activities for our Rotary club, including the early Gemini and Apollo celebrations. He was politically active, having been repeatedly elected City Councilman for the City of Webster, and supported local and federal office holders. He was a past president of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. It was also only natural that he was elected a Paul Harris Fellow by Space Center Rotary.

(Editor's Note: Space Center charter member Vince Lipovsky was one of the sources turned to for memories of Gene. Thank you, Vince.)

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