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AGAIN, HAPPY NEW YEAR to ROTARIANS EVERYWHERE! Because of the holidays the **BLASTOFF** lost a week in regular issue - but with so much going on all around us we seriously doubt you missed the void. Might have been best if we didn't even mention it! But since we have, we do hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's Day! Now we hope you have a great and wonderful Happy New Year!!!

PROGRAMS COMING UP:

MONDAY, JAN. 13TH.....ARNOLD ALDRIDGE, Dept. Mgr. of the Apollo Spacecraft Program Office, will speak on the forthcoming American/Russian space flight. Bring a guest.

MONDAY, JAN. 20TH..... Our regular weekly luncheon will be held at the Harris County Youth Village. Following lunch we will be given a tour of the new facilities by Supt. **JOHN PETERS** and the village students. If you missed last years meeting there, by all means make this one. It is a real experience. Bring books for their library.

MONDAY, JAN. 27TH.... Program still pending, but it is highly hoped that Dr. Jim Twining will be fortunate enough to have Dr. Debakey as our speaker.

MONDAY, FEB. 3RD.....ANTONIO NADRRO, President of the Multi-National Trade & Consultants Association, will speak on "Balance of Payments". Should be a most interesting program - so bring a guest!

TUESDAY, FEB. 4TH..... Rotary International President, **BILL ROBBINS** will visit in **AUSTIN** Texas, on this date. He will be visiting Rotary Dist. 587 and all clubs in our own District 589 are asked to be represented. Those from Space Center Club should arrange for this trip and phone **DON KIRK** to let him know. Let's try to have several cars full of members from Space Center. Fun and fellowship for the day!

MONDAY, FEB. 10TH.... Program pending, but from what we hear we are destined to hear a foreign consul speaking to us. We hope our hearing is good!

MONDAY, FEB. 17TH...NO MEETING.....NATIONAL HOLIDAY. GEORGE'S BIRTHDAY

MONDAY, FEB. 24TH..BILL HARPER, a professional scouter, will give a program on **EXPLORER SCOUTING**. Bring a guest!

BEFORE WE FORGET!..Let's resolve and designate 1975 as "**BE KIND TO CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR YEAR**" - ok?

TRANSITION:..... As we closed the door on the old year we pondered about the things we did, the things we've said and the things we've written. Did we lose or did we win? Then we cautiously opened the door to the New Year and carefully looked outside wondering what it holds for us. But then we threw the door wide open and try to cast aside our grudge and grief and hold fast to a firm belief that life is joyous and good when lived in terms of brotherhood. We'll strengthen friendship old and true and learn to cherish new ones too; to keep on learning and to grow a little better as we go. We'll welcome fun and play a while just to lighten work with a smile and to thank the Lord every day and remember Him and stop to pray in gratitude for strength and health, and blessings which are all our wealth. (revising a print from John Grimes of Oxford, N.Y. as itemed in The Scandal Sheet).

A pamphlet "How to Propose a New Member" reads in part, "Every Rotarian shares the responsibility of seeking qualified men to fill open classifications. In this way every club member can help his club achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of the community in which he lives." If you need open classification information call a member of that committee, chaired by Dr. Randy Hall.

TABLED!.....The **DEER HUNTER SPECIAL** as noted in the December 12th issue came to a screeching halt with good reason. The invite by the Sheridan, Wyoming Rotary Club was a fine one to receive, but because of such short notice it was decided by **ROY ILES**, the "rounder-upper", that time prevented solid consideration for those interested and a second invite has been requested of the Wyoming club for a chance to make such a trip by our members in October of '76. So start thinking, you hunters, for such a trip. Ample time this time!

MUST MENTION!..... **IF YOU** failed to make the December 16th meeting you missed a great program. The **CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL 72 VOICE GIRLS CHOIR** under the direction of **MR. PULLEN** gave an outstanding 30 minute Christmas rendition of songs - resulting in a standing ovation by a full house of Rotarians and guests - plus a 12 member mixed voice group that sang "Twelve Days of Christmas" like you have never heard before. On top of it all was the choir's rendition of "Jingle-bells Rock" that nearly rocked the whole Nassau Bay Resort Hotel - terrific!

.....and then that great annual event called "The Space Center Club's Christmas Party!" held on Wednesday, December 18th. **IF YOU** missed that one you missed another great event. Member, **DOYLE GRAHAM**, went all out putting on the usual buffet he and his staff is noted for - a tremendous feast! For entertainment, the **CLEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT CHORAL** of 44 mixed voices under the direction of **BOB BURLESON** gave 30 minutes of top quality choral singing that also brought a standing ovation. **YOU** missed something if you missed that party! Don't miss it next December - much of the same thing coming back.....and to wind up the year you really missed it if you failed to attend the December

30th "Fellowship Hour". An outstanding program and lunch! One of the best of the year. The scheduled speaker for the day failed to come out from behind the iron curtain so member **DEAN WOODRUFF** hesitantly took over as a back-up and for 20 or 25 minutes rolled the entire membership in the aisles when speaking on the subject of "Horrorscopes!" Even until now and perhaps for months to come those attending will be talking about **THAT** one!!! Here is great evidence of the talent that abounds within the Space Center Club. We've seen some of it in the past, but now we must really uncover the other talent that exists and let it all roll out! We highly recommend the program committee start pulling the wool off'n the eyes of this talent during the New Year. Too bad we didn't make a tape of this one. We could have sold it to Washington! **THANK YOU DEAN** for that day long to remember !!!

ROTARIANS FROM FAR AWAY:... On December 23, **NORMAN W. GILL** from the Provincetown Lower Cape Rotary Club. (Mass.)... **ROGER NOOE** from the Fort Myers, (Florida) Rotary Club and **ELWOOD H. STEWART** from the Green Cove Springs (Florida) Rotary Club. "Stew" is a past president of the Green Cove Springs Club and has 30 years of perfect attendance.... On December 30th, **VINCE ANTONGIOVANNI** from the Tracy Rotary Club of Tracy, Calif. (his 2nd visit with us), and **CLARENCE CAPERS** of the Waynesboro (Penn.) Rotary Club. It's always great to have visiting Rotarians visit with; us and we hope they enjoy the programs we have. We urge their come-on-backance!!

MEETING OUR NEW ROTARIANS:.....**WILLIAM WALTER WICKER** sponsored by Lou Rodriguez was born at Canaan, Mississippi. "Walt" received degrees of MSLS and AMD at Louisiana State University and Florida State U. He is today Director of Librarians at the University of Houston CLC. His wife is **NELDA** and with three children (Carolyn, Billy and Lynne) live at 4202 Elderwood in Seabrook.... **JAMES L. HAAS** sponsored by Bob Scott was born at St. Louis, Missouri. Jim attended the Milwaukee School of Engineering and is today President of Hutson, Haas & Associates in Clear Lake City. His wife is **DORIS** and with four children (James, Jr., Joy, John and Joe) live at 520 North Shady Lane in LaPorte.... **HARRY PAUL PONISI** sponsored by Buck Arbuckle was born at New York City. He received his Bachelors and Master's degrees at Lehigh "U" and Mass. Inst. of Tech. Today he is Operating Superintendent of the new Hercules plant at Bayport. His wife is **VIOLA** and have two children (Diane and Douglas) - living at 1802 Antiqua Lane in Nassau Bay... **CHESTER H. CHAMBERS, JR.** sponsored by Frank Morgan, was born at Stephenville, Texas. "Chet" attended Texas A&M at Aggieland, and is today Operations Manager of the Southwest Division of Tate Architectural Products, Inc., of Austin. His wife is **VIRGINIA** and they have three children (Sheron, Cynthia and Scott). The Chambers live at 2607 Baycrest Dr., Nassau Bay.... **WILLIAM H. DUNNING** sponsored by Jim Wyatt, was born at Dallas, Texas. "Bill" attended College of Marshall (Tex) and Southern Methodist at Dallas. Bill is owner of the Bay Carpet Company. His wife is **VIRGIE** and with three children (Debbie, Donna and Denise) live at 1414 Cedarbrook, in Seabrook....It's good to have these new Rotarians with us and we know they will be a true asset to the great Rotary cause. Make yourselves known to each of them with that hand of true fellowship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

WALT WALTER	JAN	2
MERV HUGHES	"	4
BILL POWELL	"	8
PETE MILLER	"	18
CAP LANDOLT	"	19
BILL DUNNING	"	21
BOB MITCHELL	"	24
AL NEUMANN	"	26
BOB CRANSHAW	"	28
JOHN GAY	"	30



QUICKIES:.....Vote for the abolishment of shavery... For 1975, leave out worry and regret!... Chickens sleep standing on their right leg. That is why the left drumstick is so much more tender....The food at the Corner Diner was so bad the humane society stopped them from giving doggie bags!.....The kids said their parents were both unredeemable dopes because they used the worst of four-letter words; "wash, comb, bath and soap"..... At an auction every little bit helps....A streaker is a skin specialist!.....If somebody don't do something pretty soon, we'll wake up some morning and find the underworld on top! (these from the Scandal Sheet)

Sign in sporting goods store window: **FOR SALE**, Canoes, Paddles and Up-the-creek Port-O-Cans....The first man to make a mountain out of a molehill was probably a real estate dealer.....God gives every bird his food, but He doesn't throw it into the nest!.....Considering the pollution on the east coast. Flushing, New York sounds like a pretty good idea as a starter!

Let us begin, in this new year, to live each day to the fullest, lending a helping hand where we can and doing our best at all times as a true Rotarian. Then, when the final count is in, may we be remembered, not for the number of years we have lived, but for how we have lived, how we have served and for what we have added to human well-being and happiness.