



**NEWS BULLETIN FOR THE
SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB**

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DISTRICT 589

BLASTOFF!

ROTARY THEME FOR 1974-75:

"RENEW THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY"

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CIRCULATION - Records burned!

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PROGRAMS COMING UP:

MONDAY, FEB. 3RD ANTONIO NAVARRO, President of Multi-National Trade & Consultants Association, will speak on "Balance of Payments".

MONDAY, FEB. 10TH COUNT REGINALD De WARREN, Consul General of France, will speak on the subject: "France in Space, Energy and Peace".

For obvious reasons we feel it appropriate to give a short bio on this gentleman . . . He has been in the French Diplomatic Service since 1946, serving in all parts of the world. In recent years he has been Consul General in Philadelphia, Counselor of the French Embassy in Washington, before coming to Houston in 1972. During World War II, he served with the Free French Forces, earning the Croix De Guerre. Before that war, he was in the French Cavalry until dismissed from the Army by the Vichy regime. For a while he was an officer in the French Foreign Legion. He is fluent in a number of languages, he has a law degree, and among his decorations is the coveted Legion d'Honneur. Surely you will want to hear this man as would a guest if you can bring one. (Thank you, Dr. Neumann)

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 3RD. . . . A program concerning the United Nations.

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH. A ROTARY INFORMATION PROGRAM

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH. A Program saluting ST. PATRICK'S DAY! (Guess who?)

MONDAY, MARCH 24TH. A program concerning ARMAND BAYOU.

OTHER DATES:

FEB. 4THThe Austin Rotary Club (Dist. 587) will host R. I. President, **BILL ROBBINS**, at a reception and dinner. Delegates from many Rotary clubs throughout Texas are invited to attend. Going from Space Center Club will be Dick Chandler, Don Kirk, Al Ligrani, and Gene Lindquist. Anyone else wishing to make the trip, call your editor. Rides are available.

JUNE 2,3,4 DISTRICT 589 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, to be held at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston. Suggestions to improve the conference should be directed to President Dick Chandler. The Bellaire Rotary Club is making the preparations for this years event.

JUNE 8-12TH . "ON TO MONTREAL" for the R. I. Convention. Try to make this convention by setting your vacation plans now. You won't regret the experience. Don and Maelyn Kirk will be going - join'em!

ROTARY TURNS 70 NEXT MONTH Fellowship made Rotary in the year 1905 and Fellowship will make Rotary in 1975. "RENEW THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY" Give yourself, not just money. Light a torch. Let it be seen. Be for something. Be against something. Stand up. Speak out. You can be the difference.

YOU missed a real experience and treat if you failed to make the January 20TH meeting held at the Harris County Youth Village where we had a great luncheon and tour of those new facilities. Our club presented a check for \$200 to Headmaster **JOHN PETERS**, who in turn presented it to **H. T. CHRISTMAN**, scoutmaster for the Youth Village Scouts. Hats off to Mr. Peters, Mr. Christman, their staff members and to that great bunch of 109 youths for a job being well done. **TAKE THEM** books, (especially paper-backs) and magazines! **PLEASE!**

MEET OUR NEW ROTARIANS: HUGH P. AVERY sponsored by Floyd Boze was born at Buffalo, N. Y. "Hugh" received his B.S. degree at Washington & Lee University. Today he is Director of Institutional Services at the University of Houston CLC. His wife is **CECILIA** and they have three children (Judi, Randy and Robert). The Averys live at 1235 Woodland Drive in Seabrook **JACK C. FRYDAY** sponsored by Woody Williams was born at Lundell, Arkansas. Jack attended Northeast Louisiana State and Louisiana Tech where he received his M.S. in Physics. Today he is a Senior Engineer with McDonnell-Douglas and part owner of the Sterling Laundry and Cleaners in Seabrook. His wife is **MARCIA** and they live at 506 Forest Ave., La Porte. They have no children **CARL JAMES RYBERG** sponsored by Chuck Jacobson was born at Geneva, Illinois. He attended the University of Texas where he received his B.B.A. degree. Today he is General

Manager of Clear Lake Engineering Services, Inc. His wife is **ANN** and they have one son, Mark. Together they live at 504 Bellmar in Friendswood. Make yourself quickly acquainted with these new Rotarians. You will enjoy their fellowship.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

OWEN MORRIS
FLOYD BOZE
RICHARD BROWN
JOE ELLIS
BILLY WESEMAN
DICK McCREA
BUCK ARBUCKLE
LARRY CHAPMAN
MARVIN MATTHEWS
CAYCE MOORE



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QUICKIES . . . Years ago we hid our family skeletons in closets. Now we let them parade around in bikinis . . . It must be admitted business in Chicago is holding up . . . Optimist: A taxpayer who keeps looking for a break in the levy . . . More women are needed in Washington to rearrange the government bureaus . . . Remember when you had to break in a new pair of shoes? Now they break you! . . . Greece has been called the cradle of civilization. It looks like the cradle is being rocked! . . . Pandemonium no longer reigns - it pours! (Arnold Glasow, Freeport, Ill.)

ANOTHER ROTARY CLUB is being organized for Chartering. The Dickinson Rotary Club is sponsoring the **FRIENDS-WOOD ROTARY CLUB**, already holding meetings on Wednesday noon at the Sunmeadow Country Club. For boundaries the new club is using those of the Friendswood Ind. School District. Attending their final organization meeting on January 8TH was Dick Chandler, Fred Joy, Mike Ratcliff and Gene Lindquist from our club. President Dick committed our club to the furnishing of their club's new Rotary bell. Edgar Wilhelm and Charlie Mills of Dickinson co-chaired the meeting and contributed the \$150.00 Charter expense on behalf of the Dickinson club - the sponsoring club. From Galveston was Virgil Wilhelm, a member of District 591 Extension Committee also on hand. Virgil is the father of Edgar, and it was Virgil who a number of years ago was the sponsoring chairman when the Dickinson Club was organized and applied for a Rotary Club Charter. (might we use the term, 'chip off'n the old block' here?) Dr. Bill Jones, M. D., of Friendswood was elected first president of the new club. Other officers and directors will be elected soon. We regret, however, to inform our membership that we will lose **JACK BRIDWELL** to the Friendswood club once it receives its charter. Jack lives in Friendswood and feels he can be most helpful to the new club in the same many ways he has been so helpful to our club here.

TAKE NOTE! . . . If you find mistakes in any publication of the **BLASTOFF**, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We publish a little something for most every member, and some like to look for mistakes. It is one way for us to determine if the bulletin is read.

DID YOU KNOW - WE DIDN'T: . . . that **PHIL FISHER** some 3-4 months ago found a lovely girl by the name of **LINDA** and flat married her!!!! . . . that in 1889 only 550 American bison (buffalo) could be found in this country. Today the count stands at 30,000 with another 20,000 in Canada. Yet there is a long ways to go to reach the levels of their population before the West was won - some 50 million is the estimate!

FROM OUT OF AGGIELAND: . . . Know why they don't swat flies at Aggieland? It's their school bird! . . . Then there was the **AGGIE** who thought a Legislative Branch was a part of a tree! . . . **EQUAL TIME, PLEASE:** . . . An **EX-AGGIE** who wishes to remain anonymous, has repeatedly asked for equal time. Very well, **EQUAL TIME** has been granted! (We quote) - - **AGGIE** freshman do it again! For the third consecutive year, Texas A & M has led the nation in number of students initiated into **PHI ETA SIGMA**, the freshman scholastic fraternity. A & M this year has 514 new members. The university's counterpart organization for women, Alpha Lambda, had 200 coeds qualify for membership. Both organizations require minimum grade point ratios of 3.5 on a four-point system. Together, the two groups represent 16 percent of A & M's 4,564 member freshman class. (end of quote) . . . Thank you, **DR. LIONEL GARCIA**, for this information. We checked this out four different ways and find it to be absolutely correct. Seriously, we are proud of our **AGGIES** - especially those who are our Rotary Brothers - and may God Bless! Tell us more!!!!

LATE BULLETIN: . . . For those of you who might plan a vacation and combine it with the R. I. Convention in Montreal, Canada this coming June, the Houston Club is planning several combination tours in conjunction with the Convention. Tours will take the New England states, French Canada and even one around the world. For information call **MARTIN GRACEY** at 483-4913. Sounds real interesting and should be fun traveling with Rotarians from other area clubs and even those that may join the tours from other states.

ATTENDANCE IS the bulwark of Rotary. Attendance measures the height, breadth and depth of Rotary in you. Attendance determines the measure of your unselfish service. Attendance reveals your interest in your club activities. Attendance demonstrates your desire for making new, and retaining old friends. Attendance spells the story of what Rotary means to you. Attendance begets fellowship. Fellowship begets interest. Interest begets contribution and contribution begets "renewal of the Spirit of Rotary." (Wilson E. "Pat" Speir, Gov. Dist. 587, Austin, Texas. A reprint from The Scandal Sheet).

WE CAN BE PROUD: . . . In the last Rotary year, more than 800 young men and women studied abroad under activities of The Rotary Foundation, involving nearly 100 countries. Study is only a segment of the program, for each awardee must also be an ambassador of good will, promoting international understanding - the framework upon which the Foundation was founded. The rapid growth of The Rotary Foundation is evident from the amounts disbursed for Foundation awards. During 1975 - 76 the Foundation's Trustees anticipate spending approximately \$4,625,400.00 on Foundation programs. During the 1972 - 73 Rotary year, some 1900 Rotarians became Paul Harris Fellows by contributing, or having contributed in their honor, \$1,000.00. Many of these were honored as a result of contributions by their clubs or districts. Our hats off to the International **ROTARY FOUNDATION**. May the Space Center Club continue its support financially.