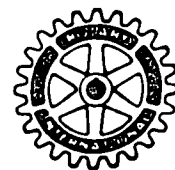


NEWS BULLETIN FOR THE  
SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

(Near the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center)

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ROTARY THEME FOR 1976-77

"I Believe in Rotary"

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Date: AUGUST 12, 1976

## PROGRAMS:

MONDAY, AUG. 16TH. .... Our annual program on the "EARTH AWARENESS FOUNDATION"- a report and discussion led by DEL BRADSHAW and MIKE DOWLING. Be on hand and bring a guest since this is a wide community service effort, and a program originally set up and nurtured by GENE HORTON..

MONDAY, AUG. 23RD. .... HAL BOLTON and AL LIGRANI will use this meeting day to cover all important details concerning the SHRIMPOREE to be held on SATURDAY, SEPT. 18TH. Every member should be on hand so each will understand his part to play in making this annual event a "ROTARY BEST" to be remembered by all citizens of our great Clear Lake Area. PLEASE BE PRESENT!!!!

MONDAY, AUG. 30TH. .... President LIONEL has set this day for CLUB ASSEMBLY! All Chairmen of Committees will make their respective Committee Reports, and each member should be present to assure their understanding as to the part they play in our annual Rotary work.

MONDAY, SEPT. 6TH. .... NO MEETING. NATIONAL HOLIDAY.... LABOR DAY.

MONDAY, SEPT. 13TH.... OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MIKE GIBSON, will be our honored guest. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet MIKE if you haven't already done so. He is a most delightful person to know, and he is going to be a great governor for the district this year. BY ALL MEANS BE ON HAND! And speaking of governors, we previously failed to state what a fine Rotary year we had last year under the guidance of a great Rotarian, District GOV. JOE HALL of Wharton. JOE was as hard a working governor as this district has ever had. THANKS to JOE and to his lovely wife, SUE, for their leadership and love.

SEPTEMBER 18TH..... THE BIG EVENT..... 3RD ANNUAL "SHRIMPOREE" to be held at the Galveston County Park in League City - - 3 PM to 8PM! The Auction Committee kicked off their end of the job on August 2nd. They need your help! IF you are friendly with any of our local merchants (and we hope you are), why not pay him/her a visit and seek a contribution for our auction. That merchant would prefer YOUR asking him for a gift than for one of our other members to approach him who really doesn't know the man or woman other than a 'name'. DO this, and then call DON KIRK and inform him of your visit and what the merchant gave you as an auction item. PLEASE - HELP!

SPECIAL SHRIMPOREE NOTE for the wife of each club member:

**NOTE!**

MILDRED, the wife of PETE GIST, is asking that each of our wives PLEASE furnish a dessert (pie, cake, brownies or cookies) for the SHRIMPOREE on Sept. 18th. Desserts must be turned in at the desert booth by 3:00PM on that day. The dessert booth for the past two years has been a huge success and financially rewarding to the club. MILDRED also is seeking some wives to help serve the deserts for a ONE HOUR PERIOD between 3:00 and 8:00PM. Will your wife serve? Have her call MILDRED at 333-4488 and volunteer!

VISITING ROTARIANS FROM FAR-AWAY: ... On July 26th, HARM BUNING from the Ann Arbor, Michigan Rotary Club and RAY SWEAZEY from the San Francisco Rotary Club of California. So good to have had them with us - hope they hurry back! OVER →

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

LIONEL GARCIA           AUG. 20  
AL LIGRANI               "     21  
AL RICHMOND             "     25  
and AMERICA - EVERY DAY IN '76



QUICKIES:.....Suppertime is when all the kids rush in to continue eating!..... Love may make the world go 'round, but so will a big swallow of tabacco juice!..... If we could convince some women that slacks make them look fat and slovenly, it just might scare the pants off them!..... There's a lotta difference between being let in on a deal and being taken in on one!..... A green salesman can sell more than a blue one!.....

(Gus sez - The Scandal Sheet)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS (please):

- BILLY WESEMAN - - Put another "E" in his last name
- BILL TUITE - - Change business address to 15911 El Camino Real and phone change to 488-1142
- JOHN LYDEN - - Change business address to Box 57507, Webster, 77598
- JOHN GAY - - Change business address to 17100 El Camino Real and phone change to 488-8800

Membership RESIGNATIONS:

JACK FRYDAY - - Resigned. Pressure of business.  
WALT WALTERS - - Resigned. Business reasons and excessive traveling.  
MARTIN GRACEY - - Resigned. His move to Newport News, Virginia now confirmed as being a most permanent home..... With both JACK AND WALT being local club members at time of resignations, they both expressed their regrets for having to leave the club and further expressed hopes in rejoining at some later time. With MARTIN, his resignation comes in the form of a letter from which we quote: "It now appears I will be in Virginia longer than I anticipated, therefore in fairness to Rotary I feel I should resign from Space Center and join a club in this new area. I have been accepted as a transfer into the Newport News RC. I sincerely regret my termination of membership at Space Center since I have had a long and rewarding association with your club and its members. Cf the four Rotary Clubs I have belonged to in as many states, I consider Space Center to be far superior in all respects. Actually, I think we tend to under-rate our club at Space Center. My best wishes to you all, and I will be thinking of you all, especially on St. Patrick's Day. Keep my seat warm - I shall return!" (signed, Martin). Editors note: You will recall that Martin is one of the four club members elected a PAUL HARRIS FELLOW. .... We truly regret losing JACK, WALT AND MARTIN.

"TIME CAPSULE"..... If YOU missed the sealing of the "Time Capsule" to be opened in the year of 2076, you missed a most impressive ceremony. A splendid crowd of Clear Lake citizens witnessed this event on the morning of July 20th at the campus of the University of Houston CLC. There was much about it, including pictures, in the local papers, so we will not go into all that was done and said, but we do take this opportunity of saying THANKS to club members, MERV HUGHES and DR. ALFRED NEUMANN for their great efforts in making it all possible. In case you didn't know... Into the capsule went the club's newly printed Roster-Directory, several issues of the Blastoff and a club banner. Instructions were left for these items to be delivered to the Space Center Rotary Club in 2076 (if such club still exists) or to another Rotary Club of the area if one existing - and this we truly hope will be true. A Rotary Club far greater and bigger than the one we have today.

REPORTING:.... Both JIM COLOVIN and HARRY PONISI are doing fine though still at home convalescing. They both expect to be back with us within a short week or two, and we hope so too! We really miss you guys!

BOARD MEETINGS:.... WALT WICKER was appointed by the board to be the new CLUB HISTORIAN..... Approval given the Roster Committee to have up-to-date By-Laws printed and distributed to the members..... MARV MATTHEWS reported on the new Budget now under draft for 1976-77..... The board turned down offers by several civic-type associations (including scouts) to aid in the selling of Shrimporee tickets in order to profit 25¢ per ticket sale for their association. Reason? Past experience has shown that such plans lose control of both tickets and monies. The board did however approve the management of the ED WHITE MEMORIAL YOUTH CENTER to handle ticket sales since that Center is a prime benefactor this year - and such ticket sales will NOT be discounted or any fees be paid for tickets sold. All members of our club will ALSO sell tickets!!!!

CHUCK JACOBSON, Director, World Community Service, recently sent our Club's check for \$200.00 to the Emergency Committee of the Rotary Club of Guatemala City along with letter carrying our best wishes for the best and fastest recovery from the devastating earthquake they suffered. We can all feel good about such a splendid contribution.