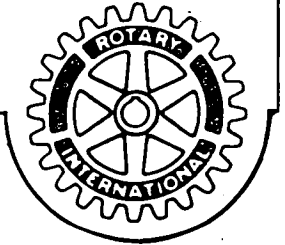


BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at noon
Holiday Inn, Nassau Bay

DISTRICT 589



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"You are the key"

SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

- SEPT. 23 **Post-auction Auction.** To clear out all remaining items. Be there for the action.
- SEPT. 30 **Dr. Max Faget,** President and CEO, Space Industries Inc. A first-hand account of the first habitable commercial space platform. Introduction by **Merv Hughes.** (More on p. 2)
- OCT. 7 **Gerry Griffin,** Director Johnson Space Center "Present and Future Plans" (More on p. 2) Introduction by **Jack Lister.**
- OCT. 14 **NO MEETING. (Federal Holiday).**

Bulletins

The BLASTOFF is about to take another "giant leap for mankind"-----

We will make a major departure from local club tradition and offer a program that combines solicitation of contributions to support some of the MAJOR NEW PROJECTS with publication of advertisements and other recognition for contributors. This fund-raising project will be in addition to all other fund raising----- A format has been developed that should be of appropriate taste, that will be interesting reading for members, and that will provide exposure for advertisements/credits in a favorable setting. (See more on p.2, bottom)

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 9: Our meeting program for September 9 was one of our most popular annual events. Our speakers were the head football coaches from our two local Southwestern Conference universities. Coach Yoeman of the University of Houston and Coach Watson Brown of Rice University presented some glowing prognoses for the upcoming season and some lively competitive banter. The nod for the best one-liner has to go this year to Bill Yoeman for: "Old age and treachery will beat youth and skill every time."

MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16: The program this week was our annual meeting to prepare ourselves for the Shrimps, which by the time you read this will be one of our finest in history. The meeting featured a last minute review of committee assignments and a status report on gift acquisition for the auction from the auction chairman, Don Kirk. As usual, Don found that members lacked the appropriate sense of urgency in getting their calls made. It would probably be a true gesture of humanity for each of us to resolve to make these calls earlier next year, and save the worry and wear on our chairman. ---As a program bonus, the winter fellowship retreat was presented by **Jim Hargrove.** This outstanding event, masquerading as a ski trip to Innsbruck, Austria, looks like one of the best deals for Rotarians to come our way for awhile. Check with Jim for reservations and details.

TOP SPACE PEOPLE WILL SPEAK HERE NEXT

It is appropriate that the next two Space Center Rotary meetings will bring us talks by two leaders in the nation's space program, Dr. Maxime A. Faget and Gerry Griffith. DON'T MISS THESE TWO PROGRAMS.

Dr. Maxime A. Faget has an imposing background of 35 years in the space program, including the period from 1962 to 1981, when he served as Director of Engineering and Development at NASA's Johnson Space Center, where he was responsible for supervising the design, development and proof of performance of manned spacecraft projects and related systems. He played a major role in developing the basic ideas and original design concepts that have been incorporated into every manned spacecraft the United States has flown, including the space shuttle. His space work has led to an impressive list of honors and awards. Dr. Faget is now president of Space Industries, Inc., a small Houston-based company, that will construct and operate the first habitable commercial platform in space. Just last month, Space Industries, Inc. signed an agreement with NASA that will allow SII to deploy from the Space Shuttle its Industrial Space Facility, a privately owned commercial platform. SII is the first private company to sign an agreement with NASA's Space Station Office to share information that could result in a commercial facility capable of compatible operations with the space station. --A timely talk!

Gerry Griffin, current Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center, is a native Texan from Athens, Texas, who received his BS in Aeronautical Engineering from Texas A and M University. He has held key technical and managerial positions since joining NASA in 1964. For example, he was a Flight Director in the Mission Control Center at the Johnson Space Center for all of the Apollo missions. He later served as NASA's primary interface with the Congress from 1973-1975. He has also served as Deputy Director of the Dryden Flight Research Center in California and as Deputy Director of the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He served as Vice President for Scott Science and Technology from 1981 to 1982, but returned to NASA in 1982. Here is the man who heads this major activity in our midst, an activity that appears destined for another surge of major growth.

Winter Fellowship in Innsbruck, Austria

DETAILS ANNOUNCED, RESERVATIONS BEING TAKEN

Trip dates: Thursday February 13 to Saturday February 22, 1986.
Cost: An astonishingly low **\$899 all inclusive:** air transportation, eight nights accommodation in first-class hotels, continental buffet breakfasts daily, dinners daily at your choice of hotels in Innsbruck, transfers, activities and all service charges and taxes.
Important: Skiing is excellent, but many non-skiers are going and many places of interest are available. The fellowship prospect is inviting.
Contact: Mrs. Pat Hargrove at Baybrook Travel, 280-0600, or Jim Hargrove during a club meeting.

New Blastoff: --(Continued from p. 1)

The cost to contributors is not intended to be cheap, but the funds to be raised thereby are for worthy community causes. The project has been cleared as to Rotary policy and accepted by the Board. Space Center Rotary members will be given a priority status. **MORE SOON!**

Messages to

Rotary Wives

TO ALL ROTARY WIVES AND FRIENDS: "Thank you for your wonderful cooperation in providing your "homemade" goodies for our dessert booth on Saturday at the Shrimporee. So many of you went the extra mile and worked a shift as well as providing your favorite dessert. Your cooperation is what made it such a wonderful success!"

--Dorothy Kennedy

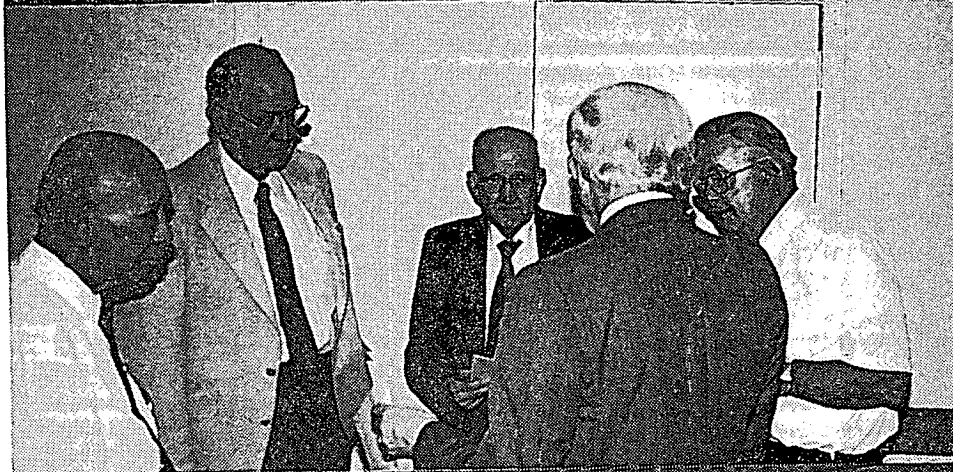
The next
Rotary Wives
Luncheon
will be at
THE PIER HOUSE
3329 NASA I
on Tuesday
October 8, 1985
at 12 Noon

Guaranteed reservations
are mandatory
for this meeting
Make reservations
by calling
Anne Weseman
at 488-2244

AND
MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR THE
CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON
AT SOUTH SHORE
COUNTRY CLUB
ON TUESDAY
DECEMBER 10, 1985
--more later--

SHRIMPOREE BUSINESS ----- SHOULD BE NEARLY

HISTORY BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS. But today we auction off any remaining items that there was not time for on Saturday. And today we turn in the money from our ticket sales. Next week (9/30) we plan to have a large display of photographs taken during the big event. ----- In the top photo below, we have captured the largest collection of Shrimporee Chairmen known to modern man-- just as they were about to hatch final plans last Tuesday night at the Landolt Pavilion. In the middle photo, we see an intent group in a standup committee meeting led by Food Serving Committee Chairman Bert Kraft (back to camera), who was making assignments for shift leaders. Left to right, in addition to Bert, are: Cheng Hooi, Owen Morris, Ralph Karreker, and A. B. Olsen.



PERSONALS

The Board on Tuesday September 17 confirmed the terminations or resignations of the following members: **Colin Lewis**, who moved out of the area; and **J.B. Anderson, Ken Dodds, and Bruce Woodcock**, each of whose membership terminated for non-attendance.-----But the Board approved five new nominees for posting. PLUS we have several new members awaiting induction.++++++

ON SEPTEMBER 16, Delille Georges, from the Toulon-Ponant Rotary Club of Toulon, France visited us. Delille is presently visiting with Jean-Pierre Bleger, our famous French pastry member.

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HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

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| JIM McMATT | 9/24 |
| JEAN PIERRE BLEGER | 9/25 |
| DAVE OWEN | 9/29 |
| WOODY WILLIAMS | 9/29 |
| STEVE BOLTON | 9/29 |
| BEV STEADMAN | 10/2 |
| AL JOWID | 10/3 |

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The group at left, which includes both Space Center Rotary members and City of Webster officials, met recently to explore a possible civic project that might involve our club members. **Carlos Villagomez** spotted this possibility and **Vic Marie** is serving as an ad hoc committee chairman to explore it. Things are still "unofficial" and not ready for announcement, but it lets you know our club members are anxious to be of service where there is a need.

Dept. of Unsung Heroes

"Knowledgeable Sources" point out that there are two club members whose annual behind the scenes work at Shrimporee-- and especially the preparation for it--has been prodigious and absolutely dependable, yet not part of the limelight. So now is the time to stand up and salute ALAN WYLIE and BILLY BURT. They deserve it!

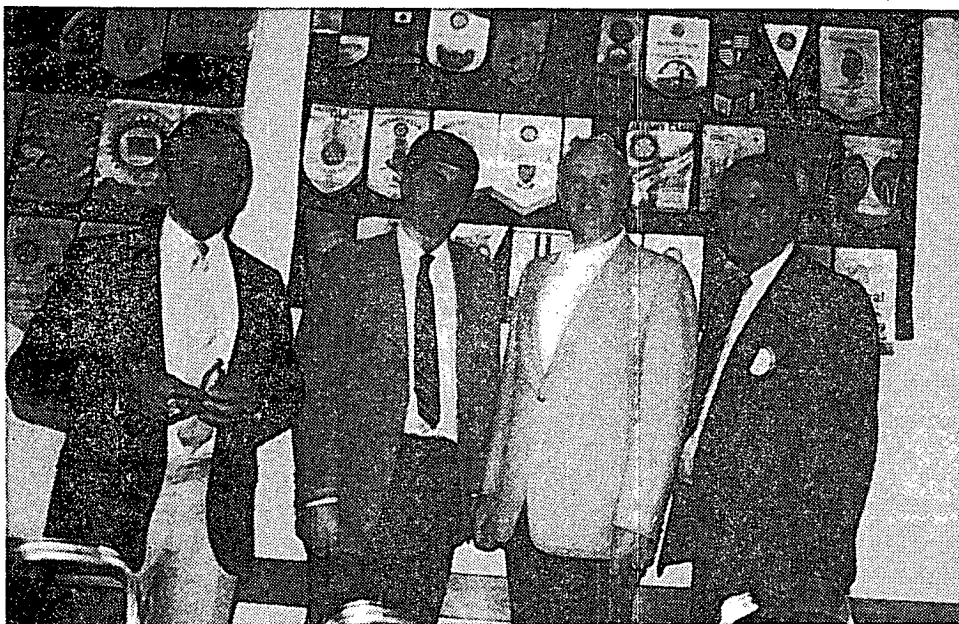


Photo:

Above, pictured at our September 9 meeting, are Art Goforth, teacher and former principal at Clear Creek High School (as well as former Rice athlete of note) who introduced Rice coach Watson Brown, Coach Brown, Coach Bill Yoeman of the University of Houston, and **Bob Chuoke**, who introduced Coach Yoeman. As we found out, Art is a speaker in his own right!

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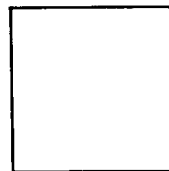
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Don Robison	Billy Smith
Lamar Bowles	Ralph Schimmel
Joe Shirley	

Room and Food Arrangements

Billy Weseman, as Sergeant at Arms, is analyzing the food and its service, and of course, would welcome input.----- PLEASE START CHECKING THE BULLETIN BOARD, a new feature, which is located by the BADGE BOX for your convenience. Among other things there will be posting of the names of those assigned as GREETERS for the day (and for the future). NAMES OF PROPOSED NEW MEMBERS will be displayed there. ----- Billy will be working with the hotel to try to increase the seating situation.---THE BOARD also approved a test run of new menus proposed by the hotel to be offered on a rotating basis. If you have not been having lunch at meetings lately, give it a try and let Billy know whether you think there is progress.



FIRST CLASS