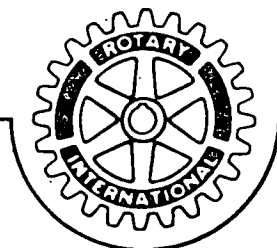


BLASTOFF

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"

February 3, 1986

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

Program responsibility for February, Clay Fulcher

- FEB 3 **Dick Wagner**, New General Manager of the Houston Astros
- FEB 10 **Peter C. Moffitt**, President of Tifco Inter America Corp., "New Developments in Mexico and How They Will Affect Us"
- FEB 17 **No Meeting. Federal Holiday (Presidents Day)**
- FEB 24 **Commander Jerry Heinz**, Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Station, Houston.
"Activities of the Coast Guard Air Group Here."

IMPORTANT !!

REVERSE DRAW PARTY DATE CHANGED

In keeping with the community feeling of sorrow at the tragedy that befell the space program and its personnel last week, a tragedy which was being memorialized last Friday, the committee in charge of the Reverse Draw decided to postpone the festivities. The next available date at the hotel was **March 7, and that is the new date for the party!** (All ticket holders were being contacted as of press time.)

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF JANUARY 6: The featured speaker was Kate Thomas, the business columnist for the Houston Post. As a prominent investigator of the Houston scene, Ms Thomas provided us with some interesting, if not too encouraging, insights to our economy for the coming year. A strong proponent of Houston economic diversification, she stressed the need for us to appreciate and develop resources other than the petrochemical industry. Chief on her list were the Johnston Space center, the Port of Houston, and the Texas Medical Center. Ms Thomas stressed that the vast majority of the business community is not aware of nor tuned to the benefits that could be derived from these resources. She warned that, even though these resources are significant, there is strong external competition for business in all three of these areas. She feels that they must be developed aggressively if we are to achieve the benefits that are possible in space, world trade and medicine. Ms Thomas was optimistic about Houston's long term ability to capitalize on the resources that it has available, but sees the economy remaining relatively flat over the next year. Ms Thomas was the guest of Rotarian **Merv Hughes**.
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MONDAY MEETINGS

By action of the Board, Space Center Rotary meetings have been stretched slightly to be able to attend to all the fun and business before the speaker starts without cutting into the speaker's allotted half hour. Food service now starts at 11:45 AM with the meeting bell ringing shortly after 12 NOON. We hope that this new plan will prevent either running overtime (i. e. past 1 PM) or cutting the speaker short. Start coming earlier and **HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH FRIENDS!**



Photo Captions

1. **Merv Hughes** with speaker **Kate Thomas** at the 1/6 meeting.
2. Speaker **John Ginga** visiting with **Bill Rittenhouse** before the 1/13 meeting.
3. **Gene Lindquist** did the program arrangement and the introduction of speaker **Bob Allen**, right, at the 1/27 meeting.



4. Our very own "Ad Hoc, spur of the moment, guaranteed unrehearsed" quartet that led the singing at the 1/27 meeting: **Ron Hopping, Jim Meas, Bill Rinnenhouse, and Cap Landolt.**

PERSONAL

Let's get the bad news out of the way first: ---

Jack Winters has submitted his resignation because he is moving out of the area and **Ted Wenglinski** has resigned for personal reasons. --- COME BACK JACK AND TED!!!



Houston Rotary lost a fine member when **Bill Lufburrow** died suddenly on Jan 5. He was a past president of the Houston Club ("the big one"). His son **Steve** spoke to us recently.

AMONG THE GOOD NEWS:

Billy Weseman is chairing an important Ad Hoc committee to formulate fiscal policy for the club. Others on the committee are **Charles Hartman, Don Robison, Fred Joy, and Tom Wier.**



Lamar Bowles is heading an Ad Hoc committee to review Honorary Membership Rules and Policy. Others on that committee are **Billy Weseman and Tom Wier.**

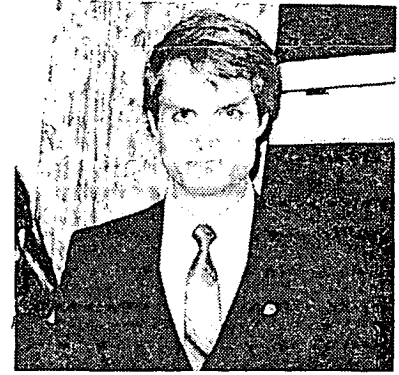
Bev Steadman has started "Senior Active" status---and he sure is active!

MID-TERM REPORT:

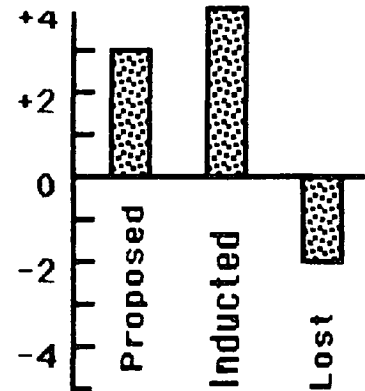
General Hal Neely and Gene Lindquist each received a letter from Andrew Kaufman, the Rotary Foundation Scholar sponsored by Space Center Rotary. Here are some excerpts and photo>>>>>>>

Dear General Neely: Howdy! Just wanted to drop you a line and let you know that I'm still doing fine. The Christmas break went great. I spent the first two weeks staying with Rotarians and their families. I stayed with 4 different families. It was interesting to see how different English people live and to get a chance to know several different families. I stayed with the families of a dairy farmer, a retired Shell executive, a University lecturer, and a small businessman. Quite a mix. I learned a lot. I spent the next two weeks travelling. I spent the first week in London staying at a youth hostel. I had the whole week to just try and get to know London. I saw all the typical tourist sights (Tower of London, Buckingham Palace, Harrod's etc.) and I spent a lot of time in museums. I could spend a year just going to museums in London. From London I went to Bristol where I spent four days with a friend of mine from U of N (Nottingham) and her family. We took a trip to Bath one day. All in all it was a good break.----- Andy.

Dear Mr. Lindquist: HOWDY! Thanks for sending copies of the BLASTOFF. I have received two so far. I read them and then give them to my host club, Keyworth and Ruddington. They pass them around at their meetings so the members have a chance to look at them. -----Andy.



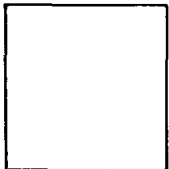
Dr. Ron Hopping's
20/20 Hindsight
Chart for December



The Officers, Directors, and Members
of
Space Center Rotary Club
extend heartfelt sympathy
to the Families and Friends
of Those Who Lost Their Lives
in the tragic Space Shuttle accident

NEW CLUB DIRECTORY IS NOW OUT! Thanks are due Bob Stephens. More copies will be forthcoming---but here is a recent change:

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