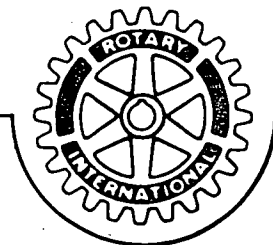


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MARCH 10, 1986

## PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

- MAR 10 **Club Assembly**--Today all committees will report on their activities (or, Heaven forbid, their non-activities)
- MAR 17 **George Isom**, Race Director for the U. S. Triathlon (to be held in the Clear Lake Area!)
- MAR 24 **Gean Leonard**, Chief of Organized Crime Control Unit, Galveston County Sheriff's Office in Galveston
- MAR 31 **Dr. Tom Pruett**, Rotarian from the Brazosport Club, will describe the outstanding results of a program for bringing improved eyesight to citizens of rural Mexico. **Drs. Ron and Desiree Hopping** have provided professional participation and they are enthusiastic!

## AUSTRIA REPORT



### PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF FEB. 24: This meeting program was arranged by Clay Fulcher, who introduced the speaker, Commander Jerry Heinz of the U. S. Coast Guard. Commander Heinz is the commanding officer at the Coast Guard Station, Houston. He brought along a sound-on-slide show that explained the varied mission of the Coast Guard and what it means to the local area. The show described the SAR (search and rescue) mission as their primary role in peacetime. It is, of course, the one most familiar to everyone. The Coast Guard is also active in fighting drug smuggling and immigration law violations. They maintain our lighthouses and seagoing navigation facilities. They have extensive educational programs on boating safety and even keep our northern shipping lanes open with icebreakers. We are also reminded that they are one of our armed forces, responsible for coastal defense in time of war. Commander Heinz fielded a broad range of questions concerning the local mission and what the Coast Guard is doing in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean. --- (Program Notes cont'd on p.2) ---

Space Center Rotary's entourage to Austria and Germany enjoyed a robust fellowship among the beautiful scenery, mountains, snow, and one picturesque village after another. Every day provided novel gastronomic opportunities. The "natives" certainly believe in eating well. Innsbruck is nestled in a valley alongside the Inn River, with mountains rising sharply on all sides from the very edge of town. It is easy to see why Innsbruck was an Olympic choice. (See p2)

# COMING EVENTS

**MEETING OF MARCH 3:** Don Kirk introduced a program from the YMCA on physical fitness. The program manager of the Bay Area YMCA, Berry Womeldurf, told us about the local YMCA fitness programs and their fitness coordinator, Mariana Targhetta, conducted a demonstration with a weird collection of "fossil types" that she found among the club members (See photo). The local Y has an extensive program that includes lectures, testing, backache relief, stress management and aerobics. Ms Womeldurf explained that cardiovascular problems have their beginnings in our lives as much as 15 years before they actually show up. Therefore, even if we feel great today, lack of exercise, poor diet and too much stress can lay the groundwork for problems years from now. So we need to pay attention to the needs of our bodies. The program concluded with a short audience participation in a stress relief exercise.

May we suggest...



Mark your calendar...

**MARCH 14: HUSBANDS JOIN ROTARY WIVES** for a **Covered Dish Supper** at the new home of Marge and Chuck Jacobson, 2908 Doral Court, South Shore Harbor (near the country club). Ladies, bring goodies, but call Anne Weseman to let her know you are coming, to coordinate what to bring, and to get the final time figure.

**MARCH 20:** District training session for President-elects and Secretaries at Columbia Lakes Country Club.

**APRIL 24-26:** District 589 Conference in Corpus Christi at the Hershey Hotel. **THIS IS A VERY WORTHY EXPERIENCE AND YOU ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BE A PART OF IT.** Terry Stock has details and reservation forms.

**JUNE 1-4:** Rotary International Convention in Las Vegas.

Your Editor profusely thanks John Francis and Gene Lindquist. They made it possible for me to go on the Austrian excursion, stepping in to fill the breach by publishing the last BLASTOFF issue. John and Gene, everybody was so pleased that I may be compelled to do it again!

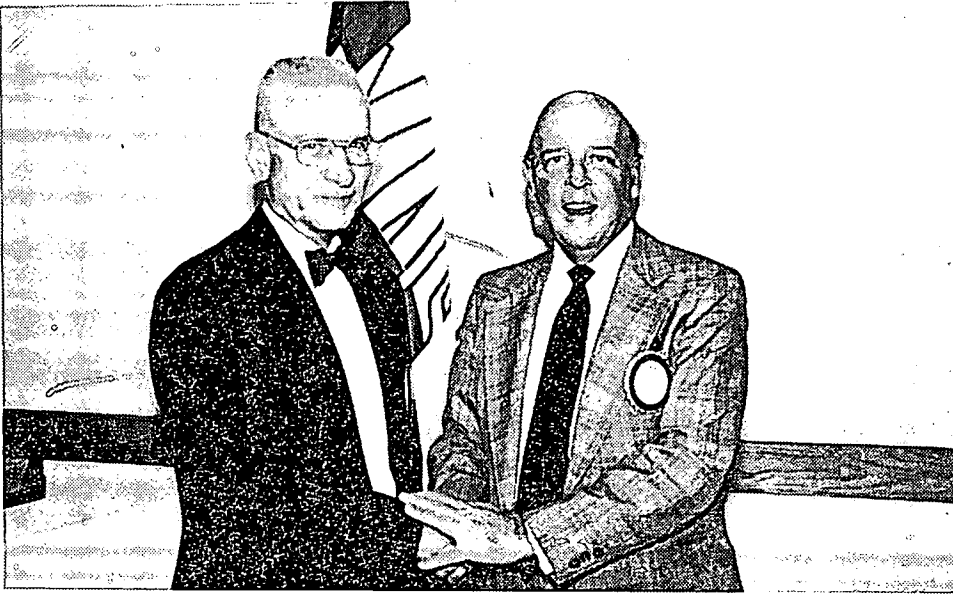


**Above:** Don Kirk with YMCA leaders Mariana Targhetta and Berry Womeldurf

**Below:** The ad hoc demonstration team of Space Center Rotary members starts a stretch exercise led by Mariana Targhetta before exercising to demonstrate the effect on each one's pulse rate. -----(Why all the huffing and puffing, fellas?)



## NEW MEMBERS:



**Robert "Bob" Benware** has returned to the Clear Lake area and, sponsored by **Bailey Chaney**, was inducted into membership on February 24. Bob's classification is "Aerospace-Mission Operations". Bob is both "retired" and "self-employed" as a management consultant. He uses that intelligent technique, as do several of us, of officing at home while serving clients in their offices. This native of Coventry VT received a BSEE from MIT before a long career in the aerospace industry. Bob and his wife Betty have four grown children (all of whose names begin with "B", of course) and live at 114 Lazy Wood, Seabrook 77586; phone 326-1806.



**Charles W. Mayfield** also joined us on February 24. He was sponsored by **Jim Hargrove**. Charles is president of Allied Seabrook Bank and his classification is "Banking Management". Some other facts about Charles are: He is a native of Corpus Christi TX, received a BBA degree from Texas A and I University, and was formerly a member of the Oyster Creek Rotary Club. Charles and his wife Frances have two schoolage children and live at 201 Holly Springs, Friendswood 77546, phone 482-5821. --(See also p. 4 for our NEWEST MEMBER)--

## Austria Report (Cont'd.)

We had a comfortable hotel and the city offered a variety of restaurants. I believe my favorite was the Goldener Adler (Golden Eagle) with its ambience, good food, and German music (part of which I recorded during dinner). Among the other sights in Innsbruck were the Little Golden Roof, the Hofkirche (church), the museum and the palace, as well as the narrow streets with the ornate buildings from earlier times mingled with the simpler designs of recent construction.

Innsbruck provided the skiers many choices. Our athletic president Bob Wren probably was the best performer. Jim Hargrove said that the skiing was great--he only had a couple of "good" falls--and only limped a little! Some of the slopes looked to me to be well beyond "advanced", more like "impossible", but Bob Wren says they were exciting.

Innsbruck offered many side trip opportunities, including Venice (by train), Salzburg, sleigh riding, and a wine and shopping tour to the Italian border. But a special treat was the all day trip into Bavaria to the German castle "Neuschwanstein" (shown on page 1). We negotiated MANY flights of winding stairs to a magnificent set of rooms in the upper part of the castle. This followed a long, uphill walk in the snow to get to the base of the castle. But it was worth it. On the return trip we stopped in Oberammergau, the site of the familiar periodic Passion Play and a woodcarving center, especially for cuckoo clocks.

During all of this some members got to attend a Rotary meeting in Innsbruck. --(Cont'd p. 4)

## OUR NEWEST MEMBER:

**Dan Atwood** now holds the title of newest member after having been inducted last week. His sponsor is **Charles Post**. His classification is "Personnel Recruitment", which follows from the fact that he is president of Dunhill Personnel Services, P. O. Box 58411, Houston TX 77258, phone 333-1061. Dan is a native of Wichita Falls TX, he attended the University of Houston, and he and his wife Lucille have two adult children. Their home is located at 2746 Lighthouse Drive Houston 77058, phone 333-3600. Dan, enjoy that "newest member" title while you can because it won't last long! There are several more waiting in the wings!



## Austria Report (Part 3)

Marge and I stayed an extra time in Munich and while there got to watch/hear the mechanical figures and chimes of the famous Glockenspiel in the tower of the city hall, have lunch in Hofbrauhaus (claimed to be the world's largest beer garden), and visit two art museums, along with enjoying some very pleasant German dishes.

Despite bouts with the flu, throughout the trip Pat and Jim Hargrove were very attentive to the needs of the entire party, and they deserve our thanks.

*Tom*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|------------------|------|
| JOHN FRANCIS     | 3/12 |
| BILL TUIE        | 3/13 |
| OTTO WIGHTMAN    | 3/15 |
| GERRY ALLEN      | 3/15 |
| DR. ABDEL FUSTOK | 3/16 |
| JERRY SMITH      | 3/18 |
| LARRY ROWE       | 3/19 |
| ROY PEZOLDT      | 3/19 |
| JIM McDONALD     | 3/20 |
| JIM MAAS         | 3/21 |
| ROGER LYONS      | 3/22 |

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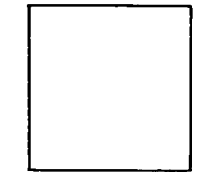
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