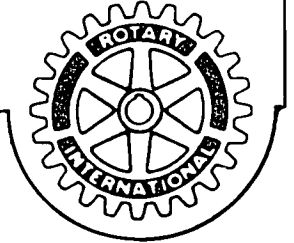


BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the
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"You are the key"

MARCH 24, 1986

ROTARY WIVES:

And a spectacular party it was, ladies, that covered dish supper you held at Marge and Chuck Jacobson's on Friday night, March 14. Aye, there was much wearing o' the green among the seventy-some (74?) happy party-goers. But the smiles produced by the three dozen or so choice dishes were magnificent. Ye ladies certainly held not back even a wee bit in your fine cooking. But as a bit o' inspiration to the laddies of the club, the recipe of a dessert prepared for the party by none other than our own former prexy Bill Webb is included on page 3. I can't remember when I have eaten so many good morsels (or so much!) and I was not alone in that! Ladies, your party was absolutely a smash!

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

March responsibility: Charles Hardwick

April responsibility: Wayne Young

- 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!
- APR 7 **Tim Beauchemin**, Houston-Harris County Sesquicentennial Commission, "State Celebration Plans"
- APR 14 **Group Study Exchange** party from India, accompanied by a Rotarian and his wife. All are young leaders from the Bombay, India area.

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF MARCH 10: During this meeting we had our club assembly. Members of the club received a short account of the activities of each standing committee. The reports were presented by the respective committee chairmen. While, in general, the reports by the chairmen indicate that the vitality of the club is good, it was disappointing to see that there were a number of committees for which there was no report.

We also received abbreviated reports on the work being done in the special ad hoc committees. These committees will be providing more complete reports in the future as part of our weekly program schedule. ----(Cont'd p.2)-----

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MEETING OF MARCH 17: On this St. Patrick's day, we had a program from a man who spoke a different language than most of us. It almost sounded like he was talking about running 130 miles at one time.

In actuality, the gentleman was the director of the U. S. Triathlon, Mr. George Isom. This year the triathlon will be held again in Clear Lake. Mr. Isom is a strong proponent of diet and conditioning as the answer to a more productive and healthy lifestyle. His own personal examples represent an almost unbelievable series of triumphs of dedication and commitment to an ideal of personal physical conditioning.

Mr. Isom was once again requesting Rotarians to volunteer to assist in putting on this year's triathlon. This year's event is expected to draw approximately 1500 athletes and will require nearly 1000 volunteers. According to our speaker, the Clear Lake event is a favorite among the athletes because of its reputation for being well run and supported.

NEW MEMBERS:

On March 10, **Dave King** sponsored and introduced **Roger Dale Headrick**, who was inducted by our prexy. Roger is a native of Duncan OK who attended Oklahoma State University and then the Bates College of Law at the University of Houston. He received a Master of Science in Accounting. Now he is Senior Manager with Peat Marwick, 2525 Bay Area Blvd. Houston 77058, phone 280-0460. Roger is married to wife Nancy, they have one son, Michael, age 8, and live at 622 Shorewood, Seabrook 77586, home phone 326-3403. WELCOME ROGER INTO THE WORKING FOLD!

Joe Skelly is a former member who was recently reinstated. To refresh your memory and get you up to date, Joe is a native of the nation's capitol, and lives with his wife Agnes and their three children at 623 Pine Circle in Seabrook 77586, home phone 474-4364. Joe is president of Bay Area Office Supply and Printing, Inc., 1010 Hercules Blvd. Houston 77058, phone 488-7421.



Dave King and Roger Headrick beam after Roger's Induction

PERSONAL STUFF

To get very personal right off, the board is having to face the fact that many members, including some of the "most faithful", seem to have poor memories as to whether they have already paid their dues. Please rummage through your checkbook, confess your sins to the treasurer, and gain the satisfaction of knowing your dues really are paid. Sam can tell you right off what his record shows.

Do it quick because Sam Calanni is leaving us April 1 to move to Los Alamos, NM. We sure hate to see you go, Sam. We sure do! But since business must go on, the board appointed Bill Weseman to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of the club year. That left a vacancy in the Sergeant at Arms job, so the board appointed John Watson to fill the unexpired term.

A regular golf fellowship for Space Center Rotary is about to become a reality. **Bob Frost** has accepted the chairmanship of this activity. If you are interested in being a part of it, see him.

The committees processing new member applications have continued their busy pace. The board at its 7AM meeting last Tuesday approved five more new applications for posting.

If you are a new member, want to get more involved, and feel a need to get a sense of the activities of the club outside of the regular meetings, try attending a few board meetings. You are welcome there. The board meets at 7AM on the first and third Tuesdays of each month usually in the Diplomat Room of the Holiday Inn.

SPACE CENTER ROTARY HAS FORMED THE SPACE FLIGHT MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Space Center Rotary Club, as community leaders of the Clear Lake Area, has undertaken the leadership role in the task of building a Space Flight Memorial on or near the Johnson Space Center. This endeavor is intended as a lasting memorial to all Americans who have lost their lives while engaged in the exploration of space. The interfaith memorial will be open to the public for spiritual meditation and to the astronauts themselves for spiritual ceremonies. The memorial will consist of a primary structure and memorial gardens with accommodations for visitors. The primary structure will contain a meditation area and a display area/museum. Planning for the memorial is being integrated into an overall plan to develop a new visitor's center at Johnson Space Center. The memorial will include a tribute to every astronaut involved in the United States space program whose dedication and bravery are opening the frontier of space for the benefit of mankind.

Funding for the memorial is being raised through private individual, institutional, and corporate donations. The board of Space Center Rotary has voted to advance \$10,000 in seed money for this project. It is hoped that construction for the memorial can begin within a year.

All of the officers and directors of the Space Flight Memorial Foundation are members of Space Center Rotary. They are:

Chairman: William H. Rittenhouse

Directors: Charles H. Post, Jr.

Robert H. Dugan, Jr.

Gregory G. Bess

James B. Hargrove

Harold L. Neely

Alfred J. Ligrani

Robert J. Wren

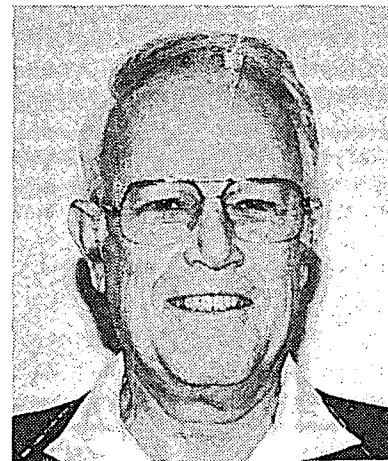
Officers: President: Charles H. Post, Jr.

Secretary: Gregory G. Bess

Treasurer: Alfred J. Ligrani

Architect for the project will be club member Alton Ainslie. Many committee workers will be needed. Please let Charles Post know if you are interested. There is a tremendous momentum developing on this project from many sources and details will be announced as they unfold. This will be a multimillion dollar project---and donations are already coming in. For example, prominent artist Lori Whitehead had donated 500 prints of one of her artworks. Valued at \$150 each, this one donation amounts to \$75,000.

Support for the project has been expressed by present and past astronauts, the families of deceased astronauts, and by such prominent personages as Billy Graham.



Rev. Bill Rittenhouse
Chairman of the Board
Space Flight Memorial
Foundation

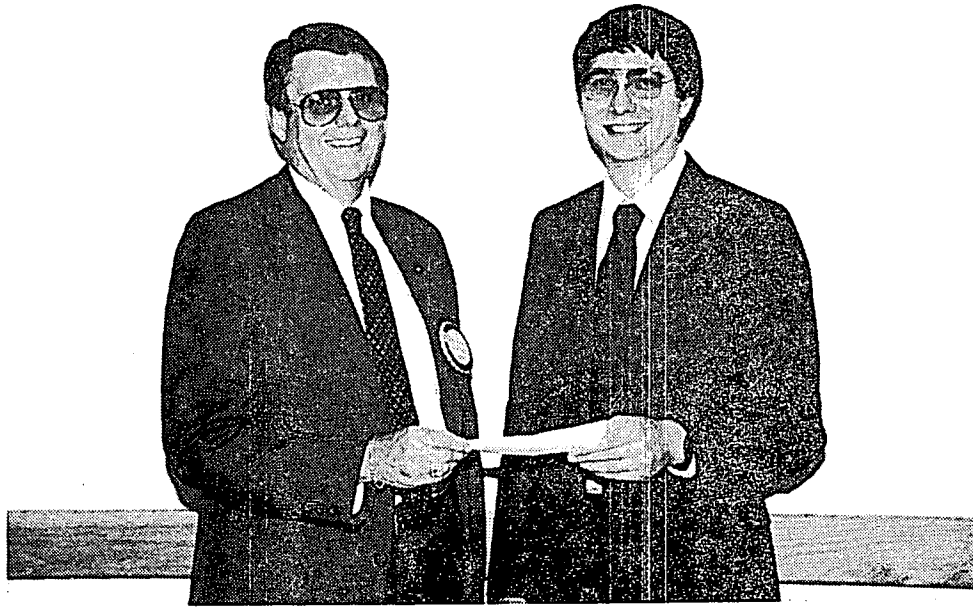


Charles Post
President
Space Flight Memorial
Foundation



PRIME BENEFICIARY BOARD

At the March 17 meeting of Space Center Rotary, Jim Kennedy, chairman of our 1985 Shrimporee, proudly presented a Space Center Rotary check for \$5000 to Children's Shelter of the Bay Area, which had been designated as prime beneficiary of the event prior to the September fund raiser. The Children's Shelter is an organization founded to provide temporary assistance to children undergoing abuse or the threat of abuse. Our own Terry Hesson is on the Children's Shelter board. Everybody smiles at a time like this.



STARTING SOON

MONTHLY HONOR ROLL OF CONTRIBUTORS

Space Center Rotary Board has approved a continuing process of fund raising for the club's charitable programs with recognition in a special insert section of the Blastoff each issue. In the issues for each month, the contributors for the previous month will be honored and each will be provided a space for a small ad or message. We intend to make this a "noticeable but tasteful" part of the Blastoff. Our goal will include some degree of participation by every club member. Details will be announced promptly.

Be a Better Rotarian

You can be a better individual as well as a better Rotarian if you:

Know more about Rotary as an international organization working for international peace, for hope, for international human understanding, and for better health for our planet's population. One way to do this is to read your Rotary Magazine regularly. (Tell 'em, Floyd).

Know more about Space Center Rotary Club's activities. Walt Wicker, as Historian, has prepared a many page history of Space Center Rotary Club. Your editor has a copy and will make several "loan" copies available through the club's Information Committee.

Read the Blastoff completely for current activities. Know your fellow club members-- all of them if possible, not just a few. Work when asked. If that does not come soon enough, make your availability and desire for action known to an officer of the club. The Fellowship Committee (Jim McDonald) and the Membership Development Committee (Terry Stock) also both have responsibilities to help you just this way.

Make Rotary meaningful to you by your personal action!

Your Editor,

PARTY PHOTOS --- ● Chuck Jacobson greets Charles Hartma ●

and part of too tall John Watson (whose missing head has been restored in the bottom photo). --Ron Rosenhagen and Dan Atwood doing what comes naturally at one of the several loaded serving tables. --Floyd Boze unloads wisdom on Anne and Bill Weseman.



Here 'tis, Lads:
**Bill Webb's
 Chocolate Lust**
 (A 3-layer bit of Joy)

- 1 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Mix and spread evenly in a 9x13 pan. Bake at 350F for 15 minutes. Then cool.

- Mix
- 8 oz cream cheese
 - 1 cup powdered sugar
 - 1 cup Coolwhip (out of a 12 oz pkg)
- Spread on the first layer.

- Mix
- 2 small pkgs. instant chocolate pudding
 - 3 cups milk
- Spread on the other two layers

Put the rest of the 12 oz pkg of Coolwhip on top. Sprinkle with more nuts.

**Call me when ready!!----
 Because I remember it
 from the party!!**

(NOTE: Ladies, wish we could put in the recipes for all those great dishes, but we obviously can't. We wanted to honor what we believe was our only male cook participating, even if it may be the only dish he can cook. Besides, we needed to "humor" Bill a little.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CLAY FULCHER	3/28
HAL NEELY	3/20
WILL OWEN	4/2
BILL RITTENHOUSE	4/6

Pepper . . . and Salt

Draconian Measure

"Middle-age Tax Base Is Diminishing in Proportion to Expanding Percentage of Aging."—News note):

With a growing number of oldsters
And a middle-age bracket dilution.
The former hope euthanasia won't be
Proposed as a fiscal solution.

—George O. Ludcke.

Grate Ratings

I can sit for hours
And stare at burning wood.
Nice thing about a fire-place:
The reception's always good!

—R.C. Shebelski.

Daffynition

An unrecognized celebrity:
a livid legend.

—Daniel F. Hinkel.

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



"I have not forgotten our anniversary, Flo. I'm on the way home with a six-pack."

*Thank you for a happier day,
Wall Street Journal.
(stock market pages, too)*

REVERSE DRAW-- REPORT:

A big room full of people had a lot of fun --and suspense-- at the March 7 Reverse Draw party at Hobby Airport Hilton. Here are the names of the winners, starting with the big winners, who were actually drawn in reverse order to this.

Royce McKinney --\$10,000
Ann Bowles --\$5,000
Bob Cummings --- \$500
Dr. Desiree Hopping \$500
John Zarcaro \$500
Paula Hoppe and
Edwin Harris (split) \$500
Al DuPont won the use of a
condo in a Colorado resort
for a week.

THE BOARD AND THE
COMMITTEE THANK ALL
CONTRIBUTORS FOR
THEIR PART IN THE
SUCCESS OF THIS
EVENT.

We have not previously reported that Bill Kerber's request for resignation was accepted in February with regrets.

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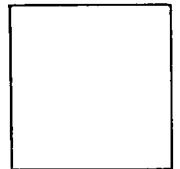
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Terry Hesson	Jim Kennedy
John Watson	Charles Hardwick
Don Robison	Billy Smith
Lamar Bowles	Ralph Schimmel
Joe Shirley	



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