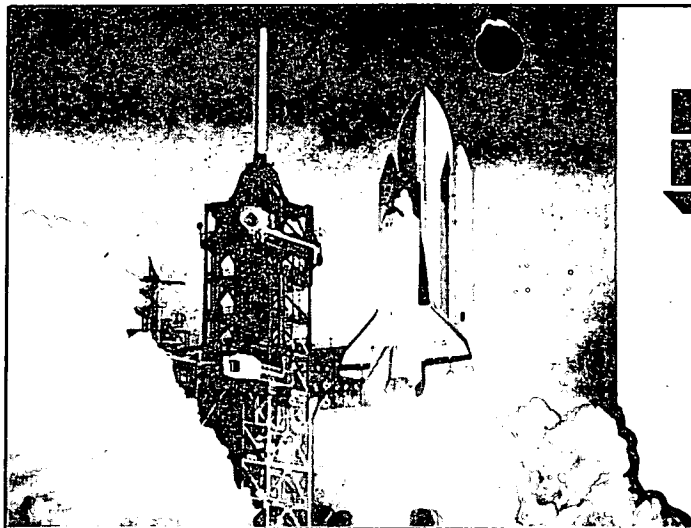
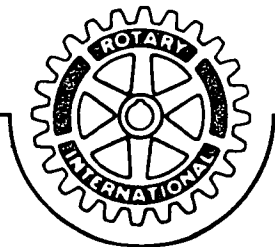


BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at noon
Holiday Inn, Nassau Bay

DISTRICT 589



Rotary International President, Edward F. Cadman
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"You are the key"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

April responsibility: Wayne Young

- 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.
- APR 21 **Dick Underwood**, Specialist in Photography,
NASA. Pictorial history of NASA.
- APR 28 **Larry Dike**, prominent artist from
Friendswood will show some of his work and
his techniques.

PROGRAM NOTES

MEETING OF MARCH 24: Our guest speaker was Gean Leonard, Chief of the Galveston County Organized Crime Control Unit. Gean was introduced by Rotarian Gene Lindquist, who continues to do a great job of coming up with interesting speakers. Mr. Leonard gave essentially a "good news-bad news" presentation on the state of organized crime in our area. The bad news is that organized crime does operate in our area, especially in the trafficking of illegal drugs. The good news is that our local Organized Crime Control Unit is working effectively and their efforts are receiving the public's support to deal with the problem. Of course, we can always do better. Mr. Leonard said that he has been working in this area for 13 years and on one occasion watched a seizure of enough marijuana to fill five 18-wheelers. This is a problem that we, the public, are going to have to combat for a long time. We can be thankful for people like Gean who are willing to spend their lives in trying to make our community a better place in which to live.-----(Cont'd on page 2)

by John Francis

APRIL 7, 1986

COMING EVENTS

DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE
--Corpus Christi, April
24-26, Hershey Hotel.
This event really is worth going
to if you can possibly find the
time. Even if you have never
been to one you will come away
with some new fast friends.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE
1986 SHRIMPOREE DATE--**
It's Saturday, September
20. It is our tradition that
every member of the club works
on this so mark your calendar to
avoid conflicts. We need you!

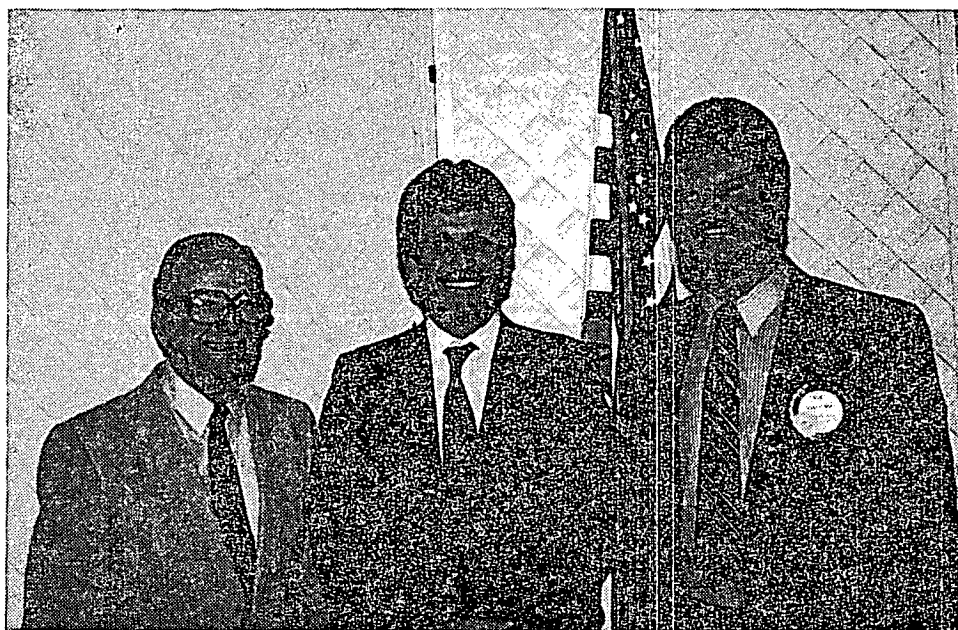
**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION is June 1-4
in Las Vegas.**

ROTARY WIVES meet next for
lunch on Tuesday, April 8 at the
Flying Dutchman on the
waterfront in Kemah at noon.

PROGRAM NOTES (Cont'd from p. 1.)

MEETING OF MARCH 31: The club program was presented by Dr. Tom Pruett, a Rotarian from the Brazosport Club. Dr. Pruett, an optometrist, was introduced by one of our own Rotarian optometrists, Dr. Ron Hopping. Dr. Pruett's presentation covered the early activities of an eye-care program for Mexican residents living in cardboard shacks south of Juarez, Mexico. Having been one of the founding volunteers of the program, he was able to provide some very interesting slides and descriptions of the primitive working conditions under which his team had to perform examinations and surgery. His program has matured and has been adopted by Rotary International 3H program in Mexico. The team now has a fully equipped surgery van at their disposal. This program has a special meaning for our club since we are in the initial stages of a similar international service project. Everyone involved in our program to aid deformed children from other lands was encouraged by the success that the eye care program has enjoyed. We also want to commend our own Drs. Hopping and Hopping for their work with such a fine program. -----

(See the March 31 meeting photographs on the next to last page of this Blastoff.)



March 24th Speaker Gean Leonard flanked by Gene Lindquist, who did the introduction, and Prexy Bob Wren

What Rotary Does for You (a quote)

"Rotary brings you once a week into close contact with a cross section of the community's civic life. Rotary gives you the viewpoint of many men, leaders in business and professions of every description. Rotary gives you opportunities to be of helpful service to others. In what is found greater satisfaction? Rotary increases your knowledge of your fellowmen, and by knowledge of others you come to know yourself better." (from a Canadian club bulletin, via Boston, Mass.

HUB, via The Scandal Sheet, to your very own Blastoff)

PERSONAL

Dick Chandler has cut the cord on us, folks. Not only did he get married last year and move to Pennsylvania, but now he has joined the Rotary Club of East Lancaster PA and resigned from our club. Dick, we are glad to see you continuing your excellent record of service with Rotary. It's our loss, but you know the door is always open.

Henry Wong also resigned because he said he could not attend the meetings. And **Paul Montgomery** is dropping out because he is moving "across town". Come back and see us, fellas.

Tim Rainey has "taken the plunge" --but not into one of his pools. Tim and Fran Ladd were married a few weeks ago and just moved last weekend into their new home at 1212 Arbore in Friendswood. Congratulations to both of you.

Although we did not induct any new members into the club in the last two weeks, there are many in the "pipeline" with all the necessary committees doing their jobs to process the applications. Check the postings at the meeting room door.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JACK DENIKE	4/9
JACK FRYDAY	4/15
KEN GURRY	4/15
GEORGE HALL	4/15
FRANK MORGAN	4/16
JERRY CLAUSE	4/19
CHARLES ALBER	4/19

TO: Prospective Contributors

FROM: Space Center Rotary Club

SUBJECT: MONTHLY CONTRIBUTOR RECOGNITION PROJECT

The Bulletin Committee has been authorized by the Board to proceed with the execution of the important task of raising additional funds for support of all of Space Center Rotary's worthy projects. Monthly contributions are being solicited. In return, we propose to insert an extra sheet in the Blastoff, which is published every two weeks, to carry "advertisements", or probably more accurately stated, to recognize those who have made contributions applying for that month.

We have devised a format for this insert that we believe will be of appropriate taste, that will make interesting reading by the members, and that will provide exposure for the contributors in a favorable setting. A general example of the layout is shown on an attached sheet.

In order to make this activity successful as well as practical for execution, we have adopted some policies that we believe will be necessary to govern it:

1. Contributions are being sought from individuals and businesses in an amount of \$50/month each. Each \$50 of contribution will be designated to apply to a specific month.
2. Each month, the previous month's contributors will be recognized in the insert section of the Blastoff. Each contributor for that month will be furnished a space (currently planned to be as shown on the example), which can be used for an ad or any message (in good taste, of course).
3. As a practical matter, copy for the spaces provided needs to be camera-ready to exact size (1" x 2") when submitted, or needs to be text that can be typed to fit by our computer.

(OVER, please)

4. Also as a practical matter, copy and payment must be furnished before the 22nd of the month in order to appear in the following month's publications.

May we count on your support for this important project?

Bob Wren, President
Space Center Rotary

John Watson, Director
Club Service "D"

Tom Wier, Chairman
Bulletin Committee

TO: Space Center Rotary Club

We will contribute \$50/month to Space Center Rotary in support of its programs for _____ months, with our message copy to be published in consecutive months as soon as space becomes available.

We understand that you will be publishing (in two issues of the Blastoff for each \$50 of contribution) copy submitted by us meeting the requirements outlined above.

- Our contribution, in the form of a check payable to Space Center Rotary, is attached.
- Our copy is attached or has been furnished previously.

Signed _____

Company _____

Date _____

Address _____

WE ARE NOT ALONE

Here is how the Fort Worth TX Rotagraph challenges its membership to increase the meaningfulness of its club:

Do You Know This Man?

He is owner, partner, corporate officer or manager with discretionary authority in a reputable, recognized business or profession, or he acts as a local representative of a recognized business or profession in an executive capacity.

He is a good citizen. He is not a member of any other service or any other Rotary Club.

He loves his fellow man. He would enjoy and appreciate the privileges of community service, fellowship and leadership that derive from being a Rotarian.

He would be able to attend meetings regularly, would contribute his talents and his service to our club.

If you know this man; if you like him and feel that he would make a good member of our club and classification is open, contact the Rotary club office for a proposal form and propose him!

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"And when do you feel this hostility toward authority figures?"

"Mix a little foolishness with your serious plans: it's lovely to be silly at the right moment"---HORACE

The headmaster was shocked to see a cadet wipe his fork on the tablecloth. "Young man," he said, "Do you do that at home?" "No sir," said the kid. "At home we have clean forks." ---AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE

New Remedy for Baldness: Mix alum and persimmon juicee. It doesn't grow hair, but it shrinks your head to fit what you have. ---Selah!

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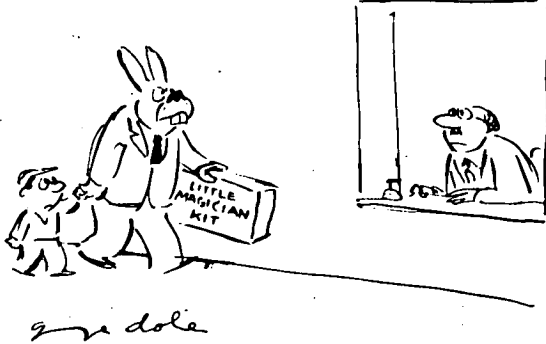
Yours

Chuck Jacobson called our attention to this article in FORBES of two weeks ago

BACK TO MAIN STREET

The business club, spurned in the Seventies for its Main Street squareness, is making a strong comeback. Rotary International, for example, passed the million-member mark last month with much help, surprisingly, from Asia. Last year 968 new Rotary clubs were formed--nearly twice the number in 1975. The total reached 22,000 worldwide 32% more than a decade earlier. An average of three new clubs joins each day, most of them in Asia--including India, Japan and Korea--where there are now 186,000 members, nearly 20% of the total. "A developing middle class and upper-middle class recognizes a need in their communities for this type of group," says Jack Giles, a Rotary spokesman. In the U.S., where the typical annual membership fee is \$100, the ranks are filling up with young professionals who want to tune in to colleagues and communities. The clubs are also attracting a growing number of older men who are staying active longer.

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COMPLAINTS



MORE USEFUL INFO FROM THE ROTARIAN

(Floyd Boze has been trying to tell us!)

You've heard of Murphy's Law: if anything can go wrong, it will. Here are a few others:

Stewart's Law: It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

Oscar's Observation: The other line always moves faster.

Milton's Maxim: The conclusion of the matter is where you get tired of thinking about it.

Smith's Rule: The spot you are scrubbing is always on the other side of the glass.

Gold's Law: If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

Devlin's Dilemma: If you hit two keys on the typewriter, the one you don't want always hits the paper.

Balance's Law: The length of a minute depends on just which side of the bathroom door you happen to be.

Bedfellow's Law: The one who snores always falls asleep first.

---MILTON F. MORALES

Past District Governor, RI
Independence, Missouri, USA

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MARCH 31

MEETING PHOTOS

It was a proud day for the Schimmel household at Rotary last Monday when **Ralph Schimmel** chose a wonderful way to honor his wife, **Fannie Lou**, for all the years of support that she had given him in Rotary. She was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow and received the plaque and medallion to mark the honor. Bless you both!



Dr. Tom Pruett, our speaker (at center), was introduced by **Dr. Ron Hopping**. Both Dr. Ron and Dr. Desiree Hopping have participated in the program to bring free eye care to rural Mexico.



The Rotary Wives group of Space Center Rotary has begun a project of collecting used eye glasses for use in the program described by Dr. Pruett. That program is now sponsored by Rotary International. Here **Anne Weseman**, coordinator of the Space Center Rotary Wives group, shows off the first box of used glasses to prexy **Bob Wren**.

**THE NEW AND THE NOT-SO-NEW
DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?**



Fustok



Dugan

Dr. Abdel Fustok is a plastic surgeon working on the Space Center Rotary/ St. John Hospital project.

Robert Dugan is a contractor serving as a director on the Space Flight Memorial Foundation project sponsored by Space Center Rotary.



Cornish



Francis

Ransom (Randy) Cornish, a CPA in our midst, has "volunteered" to develop the humor sections of the Blastoff and its insert expansion for your very own pleasure. He starts this with the next issue.

John Francis, Classification: "Advertising", not only contributes time and effort to this bulletin, he heads up the Public Relations committee, serves on all of the major ad hoc committees, and has been elected a director for next year.

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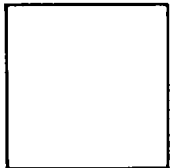
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