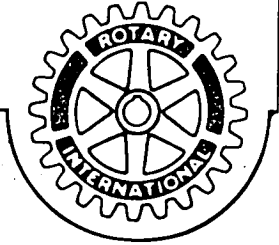


BLASTOFF

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"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

April responsibility: Wayne Young

APRIL 21, 1986

COMING EVENTS

- APR 21 **Dick Underwood**, Specialist in Photography, NASA. Pictorial history of NASA.
- APR 28 **Larry Dyke**, prominent artist from Friendswood will show some of his work and his techniques.
- MAY 5 **Walter Beck**, Manager of Employee Development, Rockwell Int'l. "Attaining Seemingly Impossible Goals".
- MAY 12 **Pending** --(whose reported death in the spring of '84 seems to have been slightly exaggerated!).

DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE
--Corpus Christi, April 24-26, Hershey Hotel.

22 members (plus entourage) have signed up for this fun and inspiring event. Lots of preparations are going on: John Francis is preparing our display. Rockwell (via Lamar Bowles) has donated a model of the space shuttle for our door prize. Charles Post has arranged for Grumman to donate a model of the X-29 aircraft. Lamar has also donated several hundred souvenir key chains for our hospitality room, which I understand Al Jowid is in charge of (Hope Al also understands that). Five members are going early enough to play golf. Terry Stock is the overall chairman of arrangements.

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF APRIL 7: The program speaker for this meeting was Mr. Timothy Beauchemin, a director for the Houston-Harris County Sesquicentennial Committee. Beauchemin, a partner with the CPA firm of White Petrov McHone, presented an overview of this year's sesquicentennial events. There are presently some 450 events scheduled for this area of Texas. As motivation, Beauchemin presented a sound on slide show of Texas historical achievements. The program this year is to celebrate Texas' and Houston's 150th birthdays, to educate our new people about Texas' rich historical past and finally to leave a lasting gift to our citizens, community and children. He urged everyone to find an event of interest to them and to become involved in making it a memorable event in a year of memorable events. In doing so, he pointed out, we will be doing our share in helping Houston through a rough time. It is our opportunity to add our mark on the Texas story.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION is June 1-4

in Las Vegas. On Tues. June 3, there will be a mammoth Texas Sesquicentennial Breakfast in Las Vegas. Seating limited to 650. Time 7 AM, cost \$20 per person. Send checks immediately to Walt Lackey, 7406 Alameda Genoa, Houston TX 77075.



PROGRAM NOTES (Cont'd from p. 11)

MEETING OF APRIL 14: This meeting was the occasion for hosting the Group Study Exchange team from India. The group also presented the program in the form of a short talk by each of the team members, the talks describing a different facet of life in India, geographic and demographic comparisons, and impressions of their experiences in the United States. Leader of the group was Rotarian Aidon Kajiji and his wife Nilofer. He carries the classification: "Bitumen Products-Manufacturing and Distributing". The team members were not "ordinary people"; each was outstanding. In alphabetical order they were: Mrs. Manjiri Chuneekar, owner of Dynamicro, a manufacturer of bacteriological equipment (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thane, just north of Bombay); Dr. Mrs. Rita Dhamankar, a practicing ophthalmic surgeon (sponsored by the South Bombay Rotary club); Mrs. Sujata Rakhra, a marketing executive with Hindustan Levers, manufacturer of household products and detergents (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay Uptown); and Dr. Miss Avril Rebeiro, a dental surgeon in private practice (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bombay). They made a great impression.

Pictured below with our prexy Bob Wren, the Group Study Exchange members are (in the usual order): Rita, Sujata, Nilofer, Manjiri, Aidon (the leader), and Avril.



SPECIAL GUEST at the 4/7 meeting was Buzz Aldrin, former astronaut and moonwalker, and former member of Space Center club, shown here with Steve Sandstedt (Economic Development Fdn.) and member Merv Hughes, their host.

PERSONAL

Rev. Bill Rittenhouse was hospitalized suddenly after church service last Sunday. But we are happy to report that the doctors say it was **NOT** a heart attack. He is reported to be doing fine, even well enough to undergo a stress test Wednesday, but wisdom says no visitors, please. (He would be swamped by friends!) Bill, I understand you spent some time in the Pediatric Section ---that is going to take some explaining when you come back to us!

Gene Lindquist spent a few days in the hospital week before last undergoing an experience that only a "plumbing type doctor" can give you. But he was back at the club last Monday even though still "a little weak".

Hal Neely filled his Paul Harris board in just 2 weeks and Fred Joy was suddenly the winner of \$100 plus the right to name a Fellow.

Say, **Jack Fryday** announced that he is a candidate for State Representative in the Republican primary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MIKE HESSE	4/21
ROBBY WALDRON	4/29
TOM SEWELL	5/1
JERRY HAMMACK	5/2
BOB MONTGOMERY	5/2
RON HOPPING	4/12

(Oversight from last time!)

Rotary Wives

Meet Second Tuesdays
(place to be announced)
and don't forget
old eyeglasses!

NEW MEMBERS (PART ONE)

Rudolph Allen (Rudy) Rozacky, sponsored by **Bill Allen**, was one of the four new members inducted into our club on April 7. A native of Wisconsin, Rudy got a BBA in Management from UTA, and is now the general manager of Giles Volvo, Inc., 20101 Gulf Freeway, Webster 77598, phone 332-0753. Rudy and his wife Debra and their one small offspring live at 5346 Royal Parkway, Friendswood 77546, home phone 482-2503. Rudy's classification is, not surprisingly, "Auto Dealership- General Manager".

Albert Alexander (Al) Holguin was introduced to the club by **Cap Landolt**, and was inducted into the classification "Municipal Government-Administration". Al gets that classification by virtue of being the City Administrator for the City of Webster. His office is located at 311 Pennsylvania, Webster 77598, phone 332-1826. Al was a member of the Aransas Pass Rotary Club for 17 years and is a past president of that club. He claims to be a native of Shafter TX. (That doesn't enlighten me very much, Al, but as long as it's Texas, it's okay). Al and his wife Shirley have four children ranging in age from 4 to 16 years. They live at 601 Bay Club, Seabrook 77586, phone 474-9350. By the way, he holds a BBA and attended Southwest Texas University and the U of T.

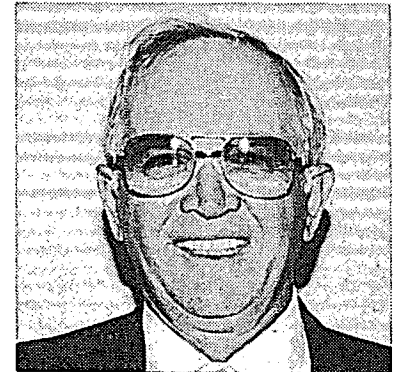


COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: You are missing a fine opportunity if you don't let the Blastoff staff help you make the results of your work known to the rest of the club members.

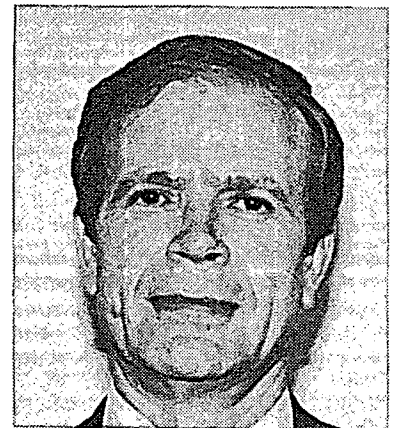
LEADERSHIP CHANGES



Sam Calanni has been our Treasurer but he has left us for the thin air of New Mexico. Darn these transfers, anyway! But you have our very best wishes, Sam.



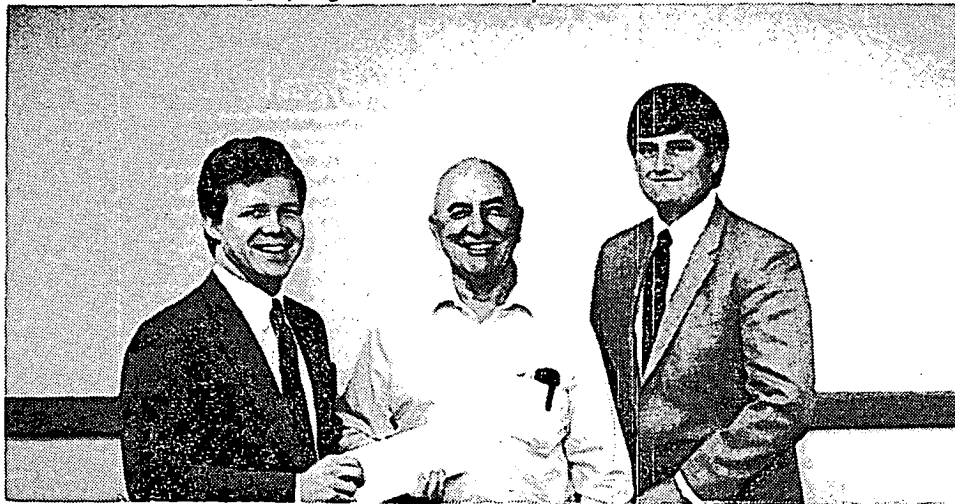
Bill Weseman will be taking over the interim job of Treasurer to fill out the rest of this Rotary year (i.e., until July 1. You did a fine job as Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill.



John Watson will be stepping into the shoes of Sergeant-at-Arms until July 1, worrying about our paraphernalia, the food, the meeting space, the ailing microphone the hotel furnishes, and probably more other things than he ever wanted to know.

SPACE CENTER ROTARY SUPPORTS--

At the 4/7 meeting, Tom Thompson, head of the Youth Committee, presented checks in support of Boy Scout and Girl Scout activities. Unfortunately, your editor's camera got sick about that point and we have no photo record. He presented a check for \$500 to Boy Scout Handicapped Troop 1511 in support of the 4-week summer day camp program. He then presented a check for \$500 to the San Jacinto Girl Scouts for their Badge Box Bonanza program.----- The Youth Committee made two additional presentations at the 4/14 meeting. The camera worked this time and we show below Dr. Ron Hopping of that committee presenting a check for \$750 to the Youth Village Boy Scout Troop 950 Scoutmaster (for 26 years) Chris Christman, while club member and Boy Scout District Executive Jeff Bush looks on happily. In the lower picture, Dr Ron is presenting a \$1000 check to Bob Stephens, club member and YMCA Board Chairman, and Steve Bolton, club member and YMCA Executive Director. This money is anticipated to staff the Friday night Teen Night program for a whole year.



The CONTRIBUTION/AD PROGRAM is off to a fast start. Charlie Alber has joined the Blastoff Committee and is nursing the paperwork through the point where payment and copy are in hand. Don Kirk, Terry Hesson, John Watson, Gene Lindquist and Billy Weseman are helping with the solicitation. Come one, come all--NOW!

**These individuals
or Firms made a
\$50 contribution
to Space Center
Rotary projects
during APRIL.**

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ISSUE

NEW MEMBERS (PART TWO)

Tim Singleton, Jr., one of the 4/7 foursome, entered our fellowship under the sponsorship of **Ron Rosenhagen**. Tim occupies the classification "Banking-Credit Analyst". He is in Loan Administration and Credit Review with MBank Clear Lake, P. O. Box 58000, Houston 77258, phone 486-9130. You might or might not guess that he is a native of Atlanta GA. However, Tim has attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Houston at Clear Lake, and he holds a BBA in Finance. Tim and his wife Sara live at 1521 Silverpines Houston 77062, home phone 280-0007. **Our own Rev. Bill Rittenhouse** offers this "testimonial": "He must be a good man because his wife is so nice." (Note: Tim is pictured alone at right because of the camera's near fatality and Ron wasn't available for the repeat).

Marcel Olbrecht, sponsored and introduced by **Terry Stock**, was also one of the four members to join the club on April 7. The Classification committee thought the term "Chemical- Plant Manager" fit just right since Marcel is plant manager of Conza Inc., P. O. Box 1400, La Porte 77571, phone 474-4100. Marcel brings another Ph. D. to our roster; he received his Doctor of Technical Sciences degree from Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland. Marcel and his wife Lucie live at 15723 Crestbrook, Houston 77059, home phone 486-7193.



Reverse Draw Pays Off

At the 4/14 meeting Don Kirk handed Prexy Bob Wren a check for \$5100+ as net proceeds of the club's first reverse draw--along with a prediction (promise?) that it will be \$15,000 next year.



ONE FINE OPPORTUNITY

The club's activities are expanding. We need reporters to track these activities, to attend the committee meetings, and to prepare short reports for the Blastoff. This is a fine opportunity to become involved in the activities of the club! If you are not otherwise significantly involved, and have a strong desire to meet club leaders and to contribute to the success of this club, see me now! **New Members, don't say you weren't asked, because new members are preferred for this, as a matter of policy.**

Tom Wier, Editor

WHERE WE STAND

The membership channels have been busy. Dr. Ron Hopping reports for Terry Stock's Membership Development Committee that during Feb. and Mar. we inducted 9 new members while losing 3, principally to transfers. There are lots of proposals working and total membership was 162 at the end of March. Attendance continues to hover at 82%.

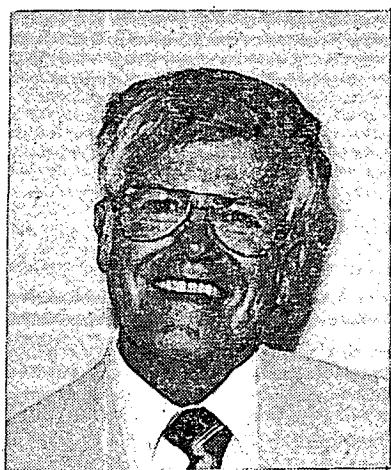
THE NEW AND THE NOT-NEW
DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?



Bess



Stock



Eggleston



Thompson

Greg Bess, an Additional Active in the Attorney-at-Law classification, is serving the club by his activity on our Space Flight Memorial Foundation. He is both a director and secretary.

Terry Stock, a CPA whose classification is simply "Partner", is not only the very active head of the membership development committee, he is pushing the District Conference activities for the club.

Jack Eggleston, "Senior Active", heads the Rotary Information committee. We have been giving him a heavy work load with all the new members. But he loves the work!

Tom Thompson, Chairman of the Youth committee, runs one of the hardest working operations of the club. There sure are a lot of 7AM meetings! That group has filtered the many requests for support and has handed out \$3800 so far this year with more still to go. This committee reviews every year. There are no "automatic" repeats.

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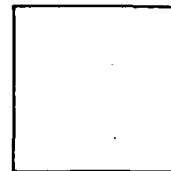
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