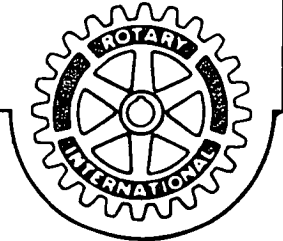


BLASTOFF

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

MAY 5, 1986

DISTR. CONFERENCE REPORT

- 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! But, puleez, no more this late).
- MAY 19 **Judge Eric Andell**, 315th District Court, who has jurisdiction over juvenile delinquents in Harris County
- MAY 26 **Holiday**

40, count 'em, 40 was the total entourage from Space Center Rotary to the District Conference at the Hershey Hotel in Corpus Christi. 22 of those were club members. Total meal reservations guaranteed by the District to the hotel or the boat caterer were about 440 according to Dick Oldmixon, in charge for the District. So Space Center accounted for nearly 10% of the body heat of the convention, more if measured in our hospitality suite, which was a fine success. Hosting the suite were Al and Adele Jowid, Don and Maelyn Kirk, and Billy and Anne Weseman.

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF APRIL 21: The program was provided by Dick Underwood, a photography specialist from Johnson Space Center. Underwood, introduced by Rotarian Wayne Young, presented an entertaining and nostalgic photo essay on the early NASA space programs from Mercury through Apollo. Underwood's commentary, as he flipped through the slides, was equally informative, relaying some humorous and enjoyable insights into his working relationship with the astronauts.

In retrospective, the moon landing still stands out in my mind as the most thrilling and historically significant event in my lifetime. To be able to live in a community with people that accomplished this great feat is a blessing we all share. Mr. Underwood reminded us, in response to a question, that NASA photography is in the public domain and may be obtained through the media services office in Bldg. 2 on site.

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Our club display, prepared by John Francis and transported and assembled by John Watson and Dr. Larry Watson, was one more example of the leadership of Space Center Rotary in the District. There are a few clubs that set the pace on this. The other 90+% seem to be still awaiting the call to duty. Terry Stock and Jim Hargrove handled

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

MEETING OF APRIL 28: Larry Dyke presented a program to the club on his approach to painting landscapes. Dyke, a prominent artist whose works are housed in fine private collections around the world, was introduced to the club by Rotarian Charles Post. Dyke showed how he composes a painting from various reference materials, including his own photographic surveys of America's natural wonders. Dyke works in oils, with some paintings consuming as many as 150 hours at the easel. His style includes about equal parts impressionism and realism. Dyke's works each bear a distinctive name that he selects from the Bible scriptures to describe the feeling or message he intends the painting to convey. Dyke displayed a number of original paintings and prints that were breathtakingly beautiful, one of which is pictured (but not adequately) below.



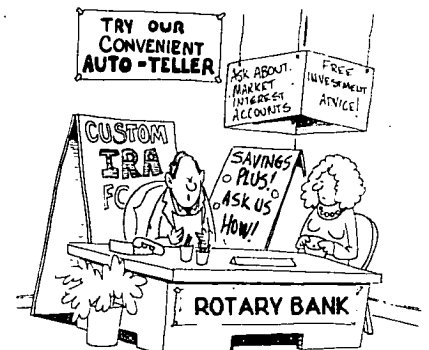
PERSONAL

It was announced at the 4/28 meeting that **Rev. Bill Rittenhouse** might need bypass surgery. At press time he had just gone through the second opinion process and decided to accept the doctors' recommendations that he have an operation. He will have a quintuple (five!) bypass surgery Monday morning (meeting day) at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. Still he was planning to preach the day before this operation. What a man! You know this club has you in their prayers, Bill.

Pe-Te Johnson has had a vocal cord operation and we understand that he will be unable to speak until the middle of May. We wish you a speedy recovery, Pe-Te, and hope that there won't be too many who will take advantage of the opportunity to get in both the first and last word!

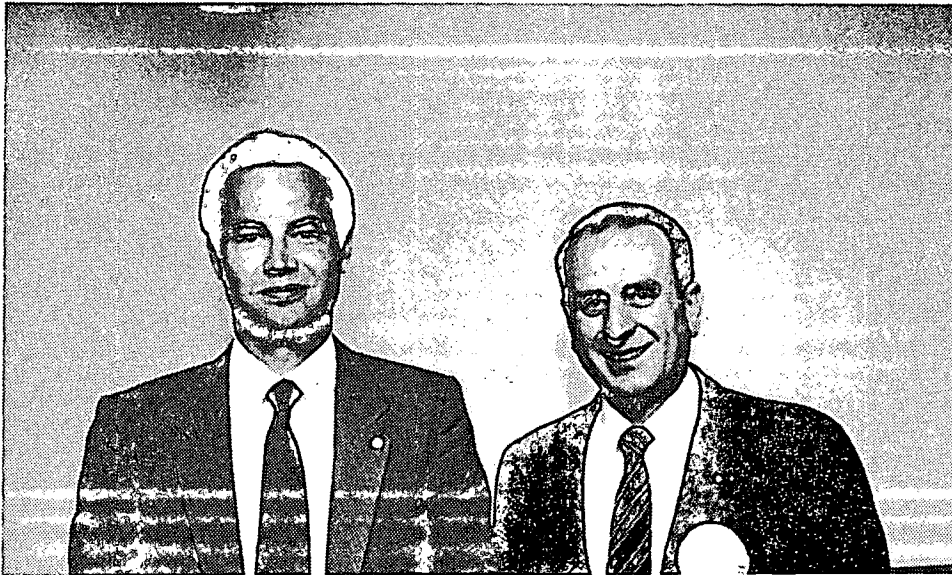
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BILL CHEN	5/5
RALPH SCHIMMEL	5/6
JOHN ZARCARO	5/6
JIM HARROVE	5/12
BOB WREN	5/12
TERRY STOCK	5/15



John Smith
"All you want is a plain old checking account?!"

NEW MEMBERS- WELCOME THEM



William J. Walker, sponsored by **Marvin Matthews**, was inducted at the 4/21 meeting into the classification "Banking-Administration". Bill is president and CEO of South Shore National Bank, 2901 South Shore Blvd, League City, 77573, phone 334-5522. Although a native of Midland, Michigan, Bill received a BBA from Stephen F. Austin State University. Bill and his wife Janet and 1-1/2 year old son Matthew live at 2752 Masters Dr., League City 77573, phone 538-4015



Dan Agnew was brought into our membership under the sponsorship of **Robbye Waldron** on 4/28. Dan is also a banker, his classification being "Banking-Marine Financing". In "real life" he is vice president of Texas Commerce Bank-Clear Lake, 2475 Bay Area Blvd., Houston 77058, phone 488-2100. Dan got his MBA from the University of Texas. This Kansas City native lives with his wife Lisa and two children (11 and 8) at 2412 Jackson Lane, League City 77573, phone 554-7355. ++++++ **It is a certainty that these two bankers will find other bankers to talk to in this club!!!!!!**

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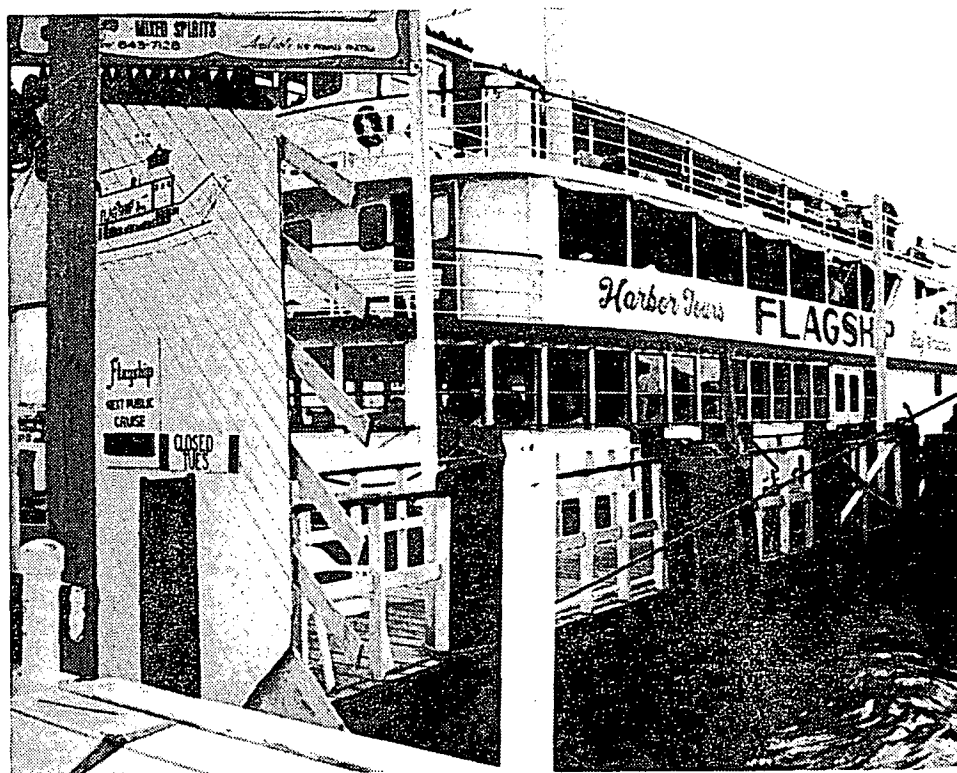
Contributors have signed up for
3-6-12 months, some for
alternate months, so there is
room for MORE! DON'T WAIT!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE (cont'd. from page 1)

the general meeting arrangements for our club in Corpus, while Lamar Bowles provided the door prize and souvenirs. Space Center had 6 delegate votes for choosing the nominating committee for Governor-elect. Our own PDG Floyd Boze is now on that committee. Floyd and Nancy squired the RI president's representative and his wife around Corpus for the entire meeting.

Our 3 foundations and 5 fund raisers were pointed to by prexy Bob Wren in his address to the entire assembly. Bob described our developing Space Flight Memorial Foundation. He also announced the award of the \$1000 Paul Harris Fellowship door prize by Space Center as a challenge to other clubs to honor someone with Fellowships. Al Jowid (see photo) described our Rotary World Health Foundation in an impressive 10-minute address to the assembly (with slides). Past president Charles Hartman, in his usual smooth (and unrehearsed) manner, gave the group a view of our activity in connection with the space achievements award dinner. And past president Bill Webb gave one of his charming motivational talks on fellowship (which he has likened to the glue that holds Rotary together in one of our columns) but this time he likened Rotary to a wheelbarrow. The good working wheel is fellowship, which doesn't just happen. It must be planned and executed. To quote Bill: "The clubs that plan and practice good fellowship are the ones that grow, have projects that succeed, and have fun at their meetings." That's us, folks.

Space Center ran away with the golf trophies. Winners were Al Jowid, Don Kirk, Billy Weseman, and Lamar Bowles. As simple as it may sound, I never could get all these golfers and their trophies together in one place at one time for a photo. So just imagine them standing with great big smiles and clutching their trophies triumphantly! ++++++ The Friday night boat ride with catered BBQ and Dixieland band and the Saturday night formal banquet were gala affairs!



MORE HELP FOR THE BLASTOFF!



Marvin Matthews has agreed to help your editor with insights on members, a matter I have been pleading for help on in these columns for a year now. Well, Marvin happened to be in the right place at the wrong time last week when he graciously consented. ++++++ Marvin has been a club member since '72, is a past president and director, has worked on district committees, was the first Shrimpooree chairman and its organizer, was the first chairman of the Space Shuttle Payload Project for high school students, and is reported to be a gourmet cook, which I am willing for him to prove 'any old time'. Now he adds a new dimension of service by helping ye old editor. THANK YOU, MARVIN.

An Open Letter to Rotary Wives

Marge and I appreciate very much the individual thoughtfulness and personal help for her physical condition (MS) that you provided voluntarily and graciously during the District Conference in Corpus Christi. She loves you for it! May you be blessed with good health!

-Tom Wier

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



Neely



Frost



Joy



Montgomery

Gen. Hal Neely, who has served many civic causes, has made a major personal effort contribution to Rotary in seeking and screening scholarship applicants for RI programs as well as work to raise such funds for RI.

Robert Frost is currently organizing the monthly golf fellowship for Space Center Rotary--starting this month. See him now to get in on the fun!

Fred Joy, a quiet friend and Shriner, served as a board member for a number of years and recently has been working on the fiscal policy analysis committee.

Bob Montgomery scored a success for the club last Shrimporee by designing and building a special table for air cooling the shrimp quickly without having to use water, thereby preserving the precious good taste of the fresh cooked shrimp. It worked well, Bob!

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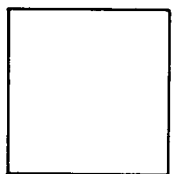
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