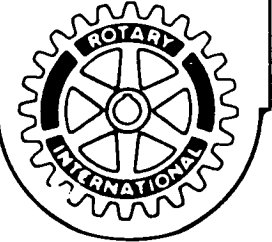


# BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the  
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at 11:45 a.m.  
Holiday Inn, Nassau Bay

DISTRICT 589



Rotary International President, M.A.T. Caparas  
District 589 Governor, Walter Lackey  
Club President, Jim Hargrove  
Editor, Tom Wier

**"Rotary brings hope"**

## PROGRAMS

**Don Kirk, Chairman**

- DEC 22 **Fellowship**, Snacks and Wine (\$5 at the door)
- DEC 29 **Fellowship**, Snacks and Wine (\$5 " " " )
- JAN 5 **Andy Kaufman**, one of our fine Rotary International Scholars
- JAN 12 **Steve Sandstedt**, Executive Director, Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation.

**DECEMBER 22, 1986**

## Longtime Member Gene Lindquist Dies Suddenly

Gene Lindquist, a very active member of this Rotary Club, died at 5:30 AM Wednesday morning, December 17. Most of the club members who were in town probably already know of his death, but he had friends throughout Rotary that may learn this by virtue of the Blastoff, which he regularly sent them. Inside this issue you will find more about Gene and what he did in and for Rotary over the years, but throughout the issue you will see how active he was until his sudden death. He even introduced the last program with all his usual enthusiasm.

### PROGRAM NOTES

**by John Francis**

MEETING OF DECEMBER 8: Ray Miller, that celebrated history buff from KHOU-TV, was our speaker. His appearance was arranged for by Gene Lindquist, but Gene asked Al Jowid to perform the introduction. In view of Gene's death last week, Editor Tom Wier thought you would like, as a report of the meeting, to read Gene's thank you letter to Ray: "Dear Ray: We truly appreciate your honoring our Rotary Club this past Monday noon, December 8th, with a most interesting talk on your subject 'Ray Miller's Texas'. Our membership, as you learned, is about 50% natives of the North and Western areas of our nation, and it was these members who were overly delighted in learning more about the birth of Texas Independence, the birth of Houston (City) - about Santa Anna, Gen. Sam Houston and so many other points of interest some 150 years ago." "Ray, we are also proud to inform you that it was 'your day' because of the fact your listening audience broke the record in attendance since our club was chartered in 1964. I think you sensed that because of the crowded condition in the Holiday Inn/NASA Ballroom." ----Gene Lindquist

(Cont'd. on page 2)

### GREETERS

**Jim McDonald, Chairman**

#### Primary

- 12/22 Carlos Villagomez/Bill Walker
- 12/29 Johnnie White/Charlie Whynot
- 1/5 John Yarbrough/Bill Bennett
- 1/12 (?) Randy Cornish/David Franz

#### Backup

- Jim Shows/Jerry Smith
- Carlos Villagomez/Bill Walker
- Johnnie White/Charles Whynot
- John Yarbrough/Bill Bennett

Rev. Bill Rittenhouse, Pastor of Nassau Bay Baptist Church, performed the final services at Jack Rowe Funeral Home. Interment was at Forest Park East Cemetary.

## **SPEAKERS** (Cont'd. from page 1)

MEETING OF DECEMBER 15: The meeting program was presented by Gifford Nielsen, the Sports Director of KHOU-TV, Channel 11. Giff gave a very entertaining presentation of the transitions he experienced in going into and out of pro football. It included a wonderful account of the awe he felt in lining up against the Super Bowl champions' defensive line of the Dallas Cowboys for the first time. He also talked about the transition to being a sports director and TV personality. He talked about the problems of the Houston Oilers and the expectations he had about upcoming management changes. The program was introduced by Rotarian Gene Lindquist, who brought us dozens of fine programs through the years. The club will certainly miss his dedication to excellence.



## **NEW HELP FOR THE BLASTOFF :**

With the help of almost no broken arms, some "volunteers" have been recruited:

### **Dr. Mike McKinney**

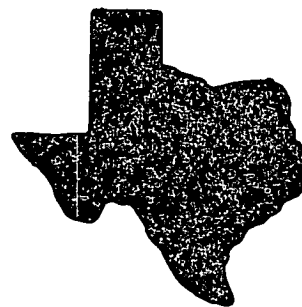
Will research background on designated members for the "Do You Know These Members" section.

### **Joe Skelly**

Will serve as backup photographer (designated hitter?) when your editor can't make the meeting, as happened on 12/1.

### **Steve Bolton**

Will serve as writer of the Program Notes for each meeting. John Francis has been doing this faithfully but needed to bow to someone else because he is on too many very active committees. John still will do our halftones for the Blastoff photographs.



**MERRY TEXAS  
CHRISTMAS, Y'ALL**

# HE DID IT ALL GENE LINDQUIST



At age 77, Gene Lindquist was still doing more than his share to keep things moving in Space Center Rotary when he died suddenly last Wednesday. He had been a member of the club since 1964. Before coming to the Clear Lake area with NASA he had already performed in many responsible jobs in insurance, banking and mortgage lending. In 1962 he joined NASA as Assistant Director handling Congressional Relations for the new Manned Spacecraft Center (later named, of course, for President Johnson.) It was 1963 when he opened the Webster State Bank as Vice President and Director. At the same time he was Vice President and Public Relations Officer of banks in Alvin, Dickinson, and League City.

Space Center Rotary came into Gene's life in 1964 and never left. He was club president in 1970-71 and also served for years as a director. Gene was the editor of the club bulletin for 10 years before turning the editorship over to others. But the bulletin was always close to his heart and he continued to personally handle the mailing of each issue of the bulletin to all club members who missed the meetings on the dates of publication and to a large group of other Rotarians in other clubs. It was only on November 17 that we announced that Gene had once again, for the seventh straight year, been the high ticket sales producer for the Shrimporee. At meetings, Gene was always one of the first to arrive to help get things ready and moving, and one of the last to leave to see that things were properly put away. His endless energy in such club activities is going to be sorely missed.

Always an active and sociable member of the club, Gene was a constant organizer of social activities for our Rotary club, including the early Gemini and Apollo celebrations. He was politically active, having been repeatedly elected City Councilman for the City of Webster, and supported local and federal office holders. He was a past president of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce. It was also only natural that he was elected a Paul Harris Fellow by Space Center Rotary.

(Editor's Note: Space Center charter member Vince Lipovsky was one of the sources turned to for memories of Gene. Thank you, Vince.)

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## NEW MEMBER

On December 15 we got ourselves another gem-dandy new member courtesy of Raymond Khoury, who sponsored Larry E. Burrow. Bob Wren did the introduction. Larry's classification is "Banking - Affiliated". He is Executive Vice President of Interfirst Bank Nassau Bay, 2200 NASA 1, P. O. Box 58008, Houston 77258, phone 333-2191. Larry, a native of Wichita KS, earned his BBA from the University of Houston. He and his wife Marilyn live at 1007 Davenport, Seabrook 77586, phone 474-3346. They have two daughters, Lisa, 23, and Barbara, 18. Welcome Larry into the fellowship of Rotary!



### GENTLEMEN

Do not read this notice  
until you are in a jolly mood!

DUES TIME IS JUST OVER THE HORIZON  
Six months' Dues are Due Jan. 1

John Watson, your affable Treasurer  
has agreed to tie up his dogs  
while he graciously accepts  
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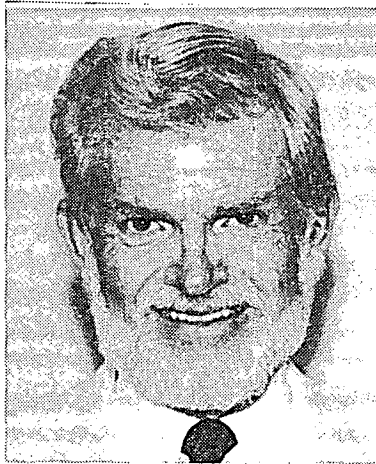
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## THE NEW AND THE NOT-SO-NEW

### DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?

(Now researched by Dr. Mike McKinney. Thank you, Mike.)

**BOB LING.** Bob has spent over 20 years in service with Rotary. He served as secretary, treasurer, director, vice-president, and a memorable term as president of the Galena Park Rotary Club. He relocated here with the Space Center Rotary Club about two years ago. He is involved with international relations work, and enjoys the fraternity afforded by our club. He enjoys sailing and swimming during his leisure time.



**JOE HANG.** Joe is truly an international Rotarian. He was with the Singapore Rotary Club for four years and served actively as secretary, treasurer and vice-president. In 1980 he relocated to Space Center Club and has continued to be quite active. He is in charge of the directory for the Blue Book, has been the magazine chairman, and is on the International Youth Exchange Committee. Joe has greatly enjoyed his 10 years of Rotary service and values the fellowship that Rotary affords.



**LARRY WATSON.** Larry joined Rotary about one year ago. He is involved with the St. John's/Rotary World Health Foundation, even being one of the surgeons attempting to provide free plastic reconstructive surgery to underprivileged children of the third world. Of course, he was active with the Shrimporee, and cooked "tons" of shrimp. He enjoyed going to the Corpus Christi District Conference, and is looking forward to the New Orleans trip with his wife Nancy. Larry served on the greeting committee in the past and is our current Historian.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JOHN WATSON	1/2
JACK LISTER	1/2
MERY HUGHES	1/4
BOB LING	1/4

## GOLF ●●●○

The rains came and didn't go away so the golfers will play another day: Tomorrow, Tues. 12/23. Still at South Shore Country Club, hosted by Joe Hang. Medal play, two flights: Handicap and Callaway. Usual longest drive, closest to pin contests. 12:30 PM. Join them!

## XMAS PARTY:

Our Christmas party at South Shore Country Club was judged a fine success. We heard expressions like: "Best ever!" used repeatedly. So, for those of you who didn't make it, too bad-but you'll get another chance next year. (Does that sound like Aggie talk of years past?) ---Meanwhile congratulations to Tim Rainey and his committee.

## ROTARY BOARD:

Voted in favor of moral support requested by the Clear Creek Country Theater's new drive to build a new theater in Seabrook.

Accepted the resignation of Jack Fryday for lack of time due to new business commitments.

VOTED TO SEND TERMINATION LETTERS for non-attendance to 9 members and for non-payment of dues to one other member.



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**1987 ROTARY DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE**  
**"WAY DOWN YONDER IN NEW ORLEANS"**  
 April 30, May 1 & 2, 1987  
 New Orleans Hilton

Plan your "Spring Mini-Vacation" for April 30, May 1 & 2, 1987 in New Orleans at the District Conference. Governor Walt is doing a splendid job in offering guidance, support and Rotary spirit, and you can be assured he will have outstanding Rotary information presented by RI and chairmen of each avenue of service at the Conference.

The District Conference is not all work and no play--as you know if you have attended previous conferences. Action-packed activities are being planned for the Ladies of Rotary by Chairperson Barbara Morefield and Co-Chairperson Joyce Roberts.

Thursday, April 30

Plans are underway to offer transportation on April 30 via charter bus which will include a genuine Cajun lunch in Lafayette, Louisiana prepared by genuine Louisiana Rotarians. The buses will be stocked with all the necessary refreshments and certainly the best of Rotary fellowship.

The bus will offer you the chance to relax and not worry about airline terminals, cab or bus to hotel, luggage being lost, parking fees for your car, valet tipping, or any of the hassle associated with public or private transportation.

Poll your members to determine interest in taking the bus and pass the information to Chairman Ira Disken, (713) 777-2020. He will appreciate your call.

Friday, May 1

Rotary plenary session thru lunch and then the fun begins. You will be free to do your own thing or -- golf tournament, tennis tournament, racketball tournament, horse races at Jefferson Downs, hospitality suites.

Saturday, May 2

Rotary plenary session thru lunch and free time until start of Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Great entertainment plans are underway by Chairman Mark Taylor, Houston Club. You will also be able to show your appreciation to our Governor Walt for the leadership he is providing the District during 1986-87.

Our Rotary Headquarters will be the New Orleans Hilton, home of the Creole Queen Riverboat and Mr. Jazz himself, Pete Fountain. His Club is in the Hilton and he will be performing.

Again, now is the time to plan your "Spring Fling" with your Rotary Ann and enjoy Rotary fellowship and the excitement of New Orleans.

See you Way Down Yonder in New Orleans.

Gil Richards

# COMING EVENTS

**2/19/87** Interclub Visit to Mexico City's Aeropuerto Club! The Space Center group leaves Intercontinental Airport Thursday morning 2/19 at 8 AM. We return Sunday. \$299 per person (double occupancy) includes airfare, ground transportation, hotel, portage, and certain taxes (see the printed sheet to be distributed at today's meeting). We will stay at the Sheraton Maria Isabel, no less! There are special events you should ask about. There is also a special side trip available as an extra.

**3/12/87** Aerospace Award Dinner, sponsored by Space Center Rotary through one of its Foundations. Hyatt Regency. \$200/plate. MORE LATER!

**4/30-5/2/87** DISTRICT CONFERENCE New Orleans (See special flier).

**5/15/87** (Friday night). Our Reverse Draw Night. Details to be announced.

**6/7-10/87** Rotary Intl. Conv. Munich with additional tour by Space center club.

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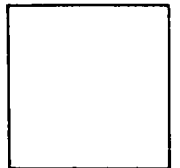
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