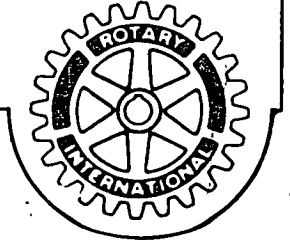


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News Bulletin for the
Space Center Rotary Club

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

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Club President, Jim Hargrove
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"Rotary brings hope"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

- JAN 5 **Andy Kaufman**, one of our fine Rotary International Scholars.
- JAN 12 **Jim Hargrove**. Polio-Plus Program of Rotary International, a program to eradicate once-dreaded diseases. Be PROUD!
- JAN 19 **NO MEETING. Federal Holiday**
- JAN 26 **Charles Hartman**. Our Space Achievement Award Program. Be PROUD of this, too!

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETINGS OF December 22 and 29 were filled with holiday joviality (and without programs). These days provided good opportunities for more in-depth talk with fellow club members.

MEETING OF JAN 5: President Jim Hargrove called us to order, Cap Landolt led us in "My Wild Irish Rose" and Floyd Boze gave the invocation. A belated Christmas present was presented to Ann Fulcher in appreciation for a year of beautiful piano music at our meetings. --- We had a good reaction to the new meal arrangement of going through the regular buffet line in the adjoining dining room and thus having room for 4 more tables in our meeting room. Floyd Boze gave the report on Rotary Magazine and prepared us for an upcoming survey on women in Rotary. Rotary clubs in California have been involved in lawsuits over the admission of women as members. One complication is that only about 35% of the members of Rotary International live in the U. S. Read the article about this issue in the latest Rotary Magazine and let your Board of Directors know what you think. (--p.2)

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

- 1/5 John Yarbrough/Bill Bennett
- 1/12 Randy Cornish/David Franz
- 1/19 No Meeting
- 1/26 Jerry Hammack/Joe Henkel

- Johnny White/Charlie Whynot
- John Yarbrough/Bill Bennett
- Bill Geissler/Pete Gist

JANUARY 12, 1987

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. 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).

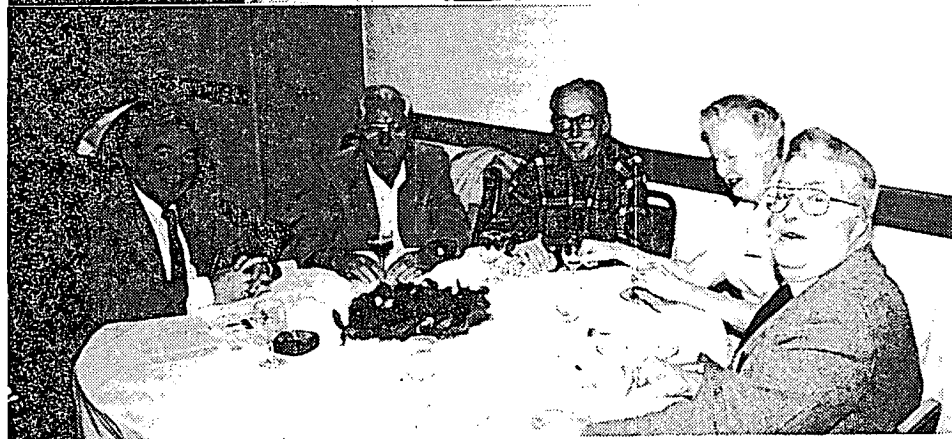
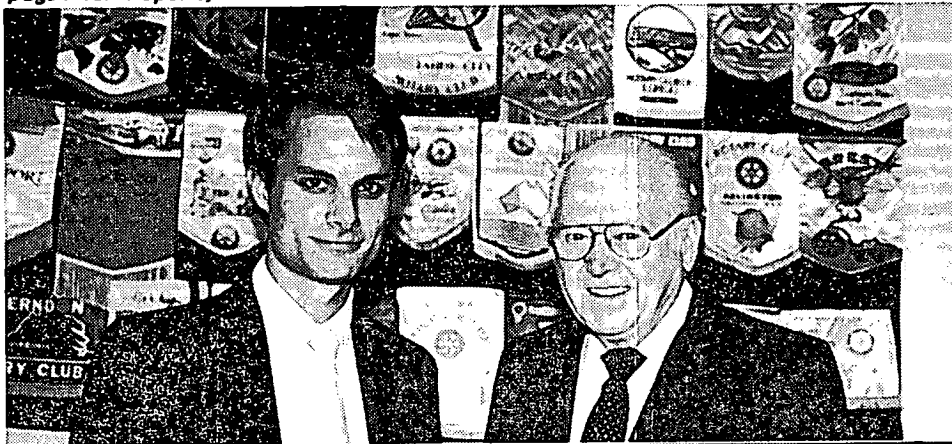
5/15/87 (Friday night). Our Reverse Draw Night. Details to be announced.

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

DUES ARE DUE!

SPEAKER PHOTO

Rotary International Scholar Andy Kaufman was introduced by Hal Neely. (See page 1 for report).



HOLIDAY MEETINGS (PHOTOGENIC FROM ANY ANGLE)

Space Center

WOMEN OF ROTARY

The group held their first meeting of 1987 on Thursday, January 8, at Lakewood Yacht Club. All meetings will be on the **second Thursday** of each month until July. Lunch is \$10.00 and will be served at noon. Come at 11:30 AM to visit if possible. RSVP's are to be made directly to Lakewood (smart move!) by Wednesday. Pat Hargrove would welcome your suggestions.

new Director

Terry Stock has been appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Ralph Schimmel running to 6/30/88. Besides being next high in the election, he has good experience as an officer of another Rotary club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LAMAR BOWLES	1/5
CARL BECHTEL	1/6
LON CLEMENT	1/10
JOE HANG	1/12
DAVID ROSS	1/16
BILLY R. SMITH	1/18
CAP LANDOLT	1/19
RALPH KARRAKER	1/20
PETE ØIST	1/20
BOB LINDGREN	1/20
BOB MITCHELL	1/24

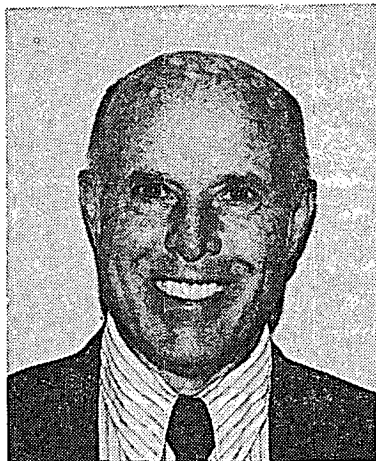
GOLF ●●● ○

Bob Frost announced that January 22 is the date of the next golf outing. He will announce details (where, etc.) today. The December Golf Fellowship was flat rained out--twice!

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

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

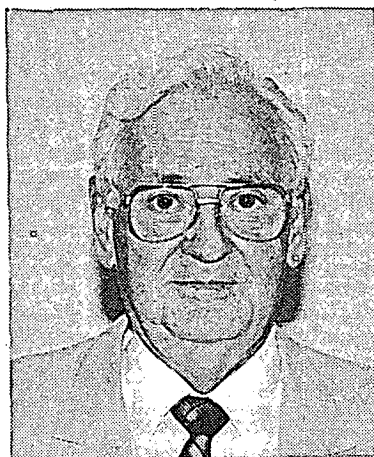
Al Brady. Al has been with the club for the last 18 years. He is just about as retired as a person can get. He is retired from the U. S. Air Force, from NASA, and in February he retired from Lockheed as the Logistics Liason Officer with Cape Canaveral. He was a fighter pilot in WW II, was recalled for Korea, where he flew missions in that arena, and decided to stay on with the service for the remainder of his military commitment for retirement. He is active on the Sr. Citizens Committee, Attendance Committee (vice-chairman), Space Shuttle Payload Committee, Rotary Foundation Committee, and the scholarship program. He describes the club as being a "great bunch of guys".



Woody Williams. Woody was sponsored for membership in our club by the late Gene Lindquist in 1972. He was a pilot in WW II with the 20th Fighter Group in England. He was also recalled for the Korean conflict, decided to stay on with the Air Force and retired in 1968. Since then he has run a small-business consulting service. He is active on the Space Shuttle Payload Committee, Trade and Professional Handicapped Committee, and is an Attendance Buddy.



Roger Lyons. Roger has been active in Rotary for 35 years. Back in Blackberg VA he had 3 years of perfect attendance during his membership from 51-56. In Bryan TX he participated 10 years with Rotary. From 1966-1984 he was in a Wisconsin club. He joined Space Center club in 1984. He was the director of Health Clinics at the University of Wisconsin for over 20 years. Now he is the director of the DOD Primary Care Clinic near St. John Hospital in Nassau Bay. He is on the Magazine Committee and the Handicapped Committee. He and his wife Nell will be traveling to Australia and New Zealand next month and he plans on distributing our Space Center banners to clubs in those countries.



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ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

David Taylor, Chairman., International Youth Committee

Rotary International strives to foster world peace and understanding through youth exchange. One exchange program is now available to Space Center Rotary whereby out children, ages 15-18, can live abroad in Rotary-supervised homes while attending a year of high school. The graduated senior can also live abroad the year after high school but must attend school in the foreign country, even if not fluent in the language.

The student will live with four families in the same school district, changing homes every three months, with a Rotary counselor in charge all year long. Rotary will provide \$80-100 in local currency; living expenses are provided by the family or Rotary; and the student's financial obligation will be to purchase round-trip air fare, medical insurance, and wardrobe.

There are dozens of countries which participate and the student has a preference. The students are selected for this honor based on their academic and social skills, and their ability to be an ambassador of good will and fellowship for our country.

Contact Dr. David Taylor for further information about applying for this excellent opportunity for our youth.

In addition, Space Center Rotary Club is looking for four families in the Clear Creek or Clear Lake school district who would like to host a foreign student for three months as our part of this exchange program. When we have four families lined up we will offer to accept a student for a year.

Please step forward if you can help us get this new year-long exchange program off the ground at Space Center Rotary--- either proposing outbound candidates or a host family.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE - 6 months

Yes, attendance is fun! Ask the following people who had 100% attendance for the 6-month period of July through December of 1986:

Floyd Boze	Jack Denike
John Francis	Robert Frost
Clay Fulcher	Charles Hartman
Bill Hill	Fred Joy
Dave King	Bert Kraft
Al Ligrani	Bob Lindgren
Frank Morgan	Billy Smith
Bill Webb	Jay Welch
Billy Weseman	Tom Wier
Jim Wyatt	

(Note: If you think there are any bookkeeping errors, contact Billy Weseman pronto)

Yes, attendance is profitable! Ask Bill Bennett who won the \$150 attendance pot. Each month there is an Attendance Pot drawing. All you need is 100% attendance for the preceeding one month. (Yes, make-ups count).

You owe it to yourself to be active in ROTARY !!

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BASHFUL BOZE
(To a sea of expectant faces):

**"KEEP
YOUR
SEATS,
GENTLEMEN"**

Those pieces of paper in his hand are not something from the sheriff's department, but he considers them deserving of your attention just as much.

He is talking about the ROTARIAN magazine, a publication and project dear to his heart.



HE MAY PLEAD, petition, importune, appeal, solicit, entreat, beg, implore, pray, supplicate, beseech, obsecrate, enjoin, adjure, obtest or conjure. (Frequently at substantial length!)

BUT ARE YOU LISTENING? You should be, because he's right. You would profit by reading your ROTARIAN.

RIGHT NOW there are some extremely thought-provoking articles on the subject of women in Rotary. Don't think you know it all until you have read these, whatever your present opinion.

DUES NOTICE-----

DEAR JOLLY FELLOW ROTARIANS:

Our fun and fellowship may lull you into not taking dues notices seriously. BUT we have noticed that our affable treasurer John Watson has been feeding his dogs only on alternate days-- and they are getting a bad disposition. SUGGESTION... Pay your dues while he still has them tied up! Yessiree !

We're coming, John. We're coming!

TRAVELING IN 1987 ?

If you have qualms about your ability to resist Traveler's Diarrhea, here is a recommendation from club member and internist Dr. Mike McKinney:

The risk of "TD " can be decreased by ingesting only items which are bottled*, cooked or peelable. There are some medications which are usually helpful as well. To prevent "TD", chew 2 Pepto Bismol tablets 4 times a day (with meals and bedtime), beginning the day before you leave through 2 days after your return.

This is safe and usually effective. Before your trip, count your need and buy ample. They are not expensive. ---One more suggestion: no ice or picante sauce. Good Luck!

(*Ed. Note: Other risks can also be reduced by removing the bottle before ingesting contents.)

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

A TOUCHING ROTARY STORY

Tom Cobb, Secretary of the Humble - Intercontinental club sent in this report.

"A woman had called you, Governor Walt, telling of her need for glasses. She had no money and her glasses frames were broken and had been glued together several times. Finally, the glue wouldn't hold any more. She had noticed a Rotary sign in a store asking for used glasses to be donated. (Even though our club has a glasses project, the sign wasn't ours.)"

"I happened to be downtown the same day, so on the way back I stopped at her trailer home on the Aldine Mail Route. I found the whole family present - a husband, 25, wife 24, three children and another on the way."

"There was no food in the house and her husband told me he had a job at a fast food store working six hours a

night, five days a week. However, he hadn't been paid yet. I gave them what money I had to buy food and milk for the kids, which were cute and clean children. The Humble Rotary club quickly arranged for an eye examination and glasses, thanks to the generosity of Rotarian Mike Mann, an optometrist."

"The mother picked up her glasses last Thursday. It was then discovered that her daughter, age 5, was practically blind. I learned that if I had the same sight I wouldn't have been able to find my car keys. The little girl received her glasses this week."

"The club has also advanced \$100 as a loan, to be repaid, to help the family with the rent."

"We know this kind of story takes place all the time all over the world, thanks to Rotary, but it gives you a lift to be part of a simple event like this. Two people who were blind, now can see."

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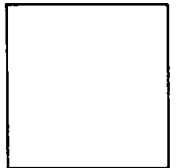
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