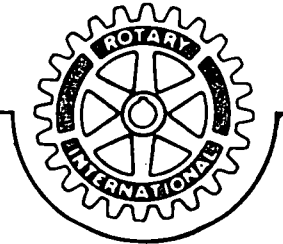


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PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

FEBRUARY 9, 1987

Responsibility for Feb.: Wayne Young

**VERY IMPORTANT
NOTICE!**

The Board of
Directors is today
seeking an
expression of your
wishes about a
change in the
meeting place and
procedures.

If you are at the
meeting today--
HAVE YOUR SAY!

If you are
receiving this
through the mail
because you
weren't here 2/9--
HAVE YOUR SAY!
(see inside)

- FEB 9 **R. Richard Allen Rudy**, Special Assistant to
Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire.
"Houston's Competitive Edge"
- FEB 16 **NO MEETING.** Federal Holiday
- FEB 23 "The Oilers Are Coming" - (In person)

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF JANUARY 26: **Sam Marullo** announced that his committee is seeking members who can give up an hour to address a high school Career Explorations class on the subject of Economics or on their chosen profession. Call Sam at 488-0615, if you can help.

The program of the day was our own **Space Achievements Award Banquet** coming up March 12 at the Hyatt Regency. We hope to sell 1200 tickets at \$200 each. One key indicator of the importance of this event is the two White House calls received by Jim Hargrove last week. **Charles Hartman** is the Chairman of the Foundation we have set up to put on this event. The Advisory Board, which selects the annual honoree, includes Aaron Cohen, Barry Goldwater, Alan Shepard, Deke Slayton, Kathy Whitmire and an impressive array of admirals and generals.

(Photos on page 2 with this report continued on page 3.)

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

- 2/9 Jim McDonald/Jack Denike Roy Iles/Kirk Koepsel
- 2/16 Bob Mitchell/Ron Nicksich Jim McDonald/Jack Denike
- 2/23 Carlos Villagomez/Jim McFeron Bob Mitchell/Ron Nicksich
- 3/2 Jim Shows/Jerry Smith Carlos Villagomez/Jim McFerron

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ROTARY NATIONAL AWARD FOR SPACE ACHIEVEMENT

January 26 meeting report speakers-- See p.3 for reports



PROGRAM NOTES

(Continued from P. 1.) --by Steve Bolton

John Francis described the large lead crystal trophy that has been designed and executed by Steuben Glass Company.

Jack Lister, Chair of the Selection Process, told us that 24 individuals were nominated by the advisory Board and 7 were selected for the final vote, which ended in a tie. (My, oh my, what do we do now?)

Program Chairman **Owen Morris** reported that Ron Neal of NBC News will MC, Alan Shepard will keynote and special videos will be prepared by the Jet Propulsion Lab and NASA.

Billy Smith heads the Speakers Bureau and urged us to talk this up when we visit other Rotary Clubs or other groups that might send a representative to this historic happening.

Charles Hardwick, Chair of the Beneficiary Committee, described the process we will use to choose beneficiaries, once we know how much money we raise. All will go to enhance education in the field of space.

Don Robison is putting together an elaborate booklet to commemorate the event and could use your help in selling ads. The booklet will be on the same quality as the one produced by the Downtown Rotary Club for its Vince Lombardi Award.

Hal Neely is assembling a VIP guest list and solicited our help if we have connections in the right high places.

Terry Stock really needs our help in selling the 1200 tickets. 150 are spoken for already and 600 letters of invitation are out. Many individuals will want to attend this event and many space related businesses and/or organizations will want to be represented.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2: After **Jim McNatt** called the meeting to order, Carlos Villagomez led us in #29 "Cielito Lindo". Here's hoping we have several practice sessions before we attempt to sing #29 again to our fellow Rotarians in Mexico City.

Shrimporee Chairman **Terry Hesson** announced that this year's Shrimporee will be held on Saturday, September 19, and he presented a \$5000 check to our 1986 primary beneficiary, the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps, represented by Patty Williamson and Pete Mine. The money will be applied to the \$80,000 cost of a new ambulance.

Wayne Young introduced Arturo Jacobs, head of the 17 county IRS District headquartered in Houston. ("Daddy, what's the IRS?" "Hush, son. just keep stuffing those bills in that mattress.") Arturo told us that the new tax law was the most sweeping reform he has seen in 27 years with the IRS. He hopes you will tell your congressman to leave it alone for a while so that people will get to know how to live with it. It was necessary because of the real and perceived inequities of the old system. Houston is a hotbed of abusive tax shelters-- last year IRS audited 5700 returns and found an average of \$70,000 more to be paid, largely due to these shelters. The Houston District collected \$22 BILLION last year and has 200 people answering phones. Try calling Wednesday and Friday mornings to avoid busy signals.

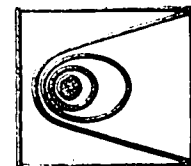
(2/2 meeting photos on page 4)

PRESIDENT JIM HARGROVE KICKED OFF THE AWARD REPORT



Shown at left are Charles Hartman (Chairman), John Francis, Jack Lister, Owen Morris, Billy Smith, Charles Hardwick, Don Robison, Hal Neely, and Terry Stock.

Let's get behind this massive effort. It is going to be something that we can be proud of--and it will help with a positive action for Houston in the aftermath of setbacks. Let's get out a big crowd of people to honor the person who has made the greatest contribution to the exploration of space over the last 10 years.



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Meeting Photos of February 2: (Report on P. 3)

1. Wayne Young 2. Arturo Jacobs 3. Terry Hesson presents \$5000 check.



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

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Alan Wylie Alan has been in Space Center Rotary for the last four years. He is on the Youth Committee, Foreign Exchange Committee, and helped magnificently with the Shrimporee for years. He was with NASA for 19 years. During that time he participated in navigation systems planning which allowed the Apollo spacecraft to complete successful lunar landings. He then transferred to Rockwell where he is in charge of onboard shuttle navigation software. He enjoys all sports, especially golf. He has been married for 11 years and has three healthy children.



Carlos Villegomez Carlos has been in Space Center Rotary for 10 years. He is on the World Understanding Committee, Fellowship Committee, and Special Events Committee. He led the club in the weekly song in the past, which he enjoyed so much that he got a bit "carried away". He is a graduate of Texas Barber College. He now owns a unique business in Webster which is a combined hair cutting establishment and beer garden. He is an avid golfer and a long distance walker (chasing lost golf balls). Seriously, he walks up to 5 miles daily. "Mecho Man" is married, with three children and two grandchildren.



Al Jovrd Al has been in Rotary since 1974. He was the president from 1981-82. He was the Shrimporee Chairman in 1979, and now is the chairman of Rotary World Health Foundation. He was with NASA 25 years, where he was the project manager of the Challenger project until December 1985, when he retired. Now he is with McDonnell Douglas, and is the manager of Strategic Planning for the Houston Division. He gives seminars on wine and wine tasting, and had a restaurant in the Clear Lake area in the past. He enjoys tennis and skiing in his spare time.



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Golf ●●● ○

Happy winners of the Space Center Rotary Golf Fellowship Play at Golfcrest Country Club on January 29 lined up at the February 2 meeting: Hang, Cantu, Kirk, Robison, Ligrani, Cordell with Chairman Bob Frost at the mike.

In Handicap Play, Al Ligrani was first, Don Kirk second, and Bob Frost (and his son-in-law, Scot Scully) tied for third. David Cantu and Joe Hang tied for first in the Callaway Flight. Longest Drive (hole 9)-Don Robison, Longest Drive (hole 10)- David Cordell. Lamar Bowles acted as host for the group but did not get to play.

Bob Frost stresses that this is FELLOWSHIP golf, not professional stuff. And if you look at the gross scores, you would be convinced that you could fit right in, too! And that's the point. Join in. Play is the fourth Thursday of each month (the 26th for Feb.). Bob Frost will announce the place.



Space Center WOMEN OF ROTARY

All meetings will be at Lakewood Yacht Club 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 serves as organizer/leader of the group.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DAVID TAYLOR	2/15
BILL ØEISSLER	2/18
BILL WESEMAN	2/17
RANDY ROOF	2/18
JAY BANKS	2/21
AL HOLQUIN	2/22

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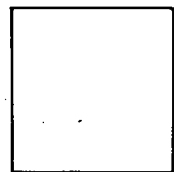
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