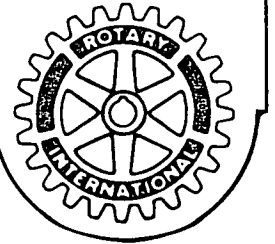


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PROGRAMS

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MARCH 9, 1987

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MAR 9 **CLUB ASSEMBLY. Committee Chairmen report progress.**

MAR. 16 **Dr. Max Faget, winner of the Space Achievement Award of our foundation**

MAR. 23 **Galveston Jr. League, Proposed Ronald McDonald House of Galveston**

MAR 30 **Texas Parks and Wildlife**

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF FEB. 23: Many announcements made at the meeting are reported elsewhere in this bulletin. Dan Ecklund won the \$50.00 drawing for perfect attendance in January. (Be sure you stay qualified.) Three new members were inducted, see P. 4 +++ Our speaker was Greg Stengle, spokesman for the Houston Oilers. Greg told us that the Oilers are still in a rebuilding program and that they are the youngest team in the NFL. They have been "in transition" since 1980. In 1986 they won 4 out of their last 8 games and were the second most improved defensive team in the league. They are in good draft choices position but need support from the fans in these hard times, especially having to compete with the more successful Astros and Rockets. (Has this been discussed with Bud Adams?)

(Photos on page 2, with a continuation of this report)

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GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

3/2 Jim Shows/Jerry Smith

Carlos Villagomez/Jim McFerron

7/9 Bill Walker/Johnny White

Jim Shows/Jerry Smith

16 Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler

Bill Walker/Johnny White

3/23 Chaires Whynot/Bob Mitchell

Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler

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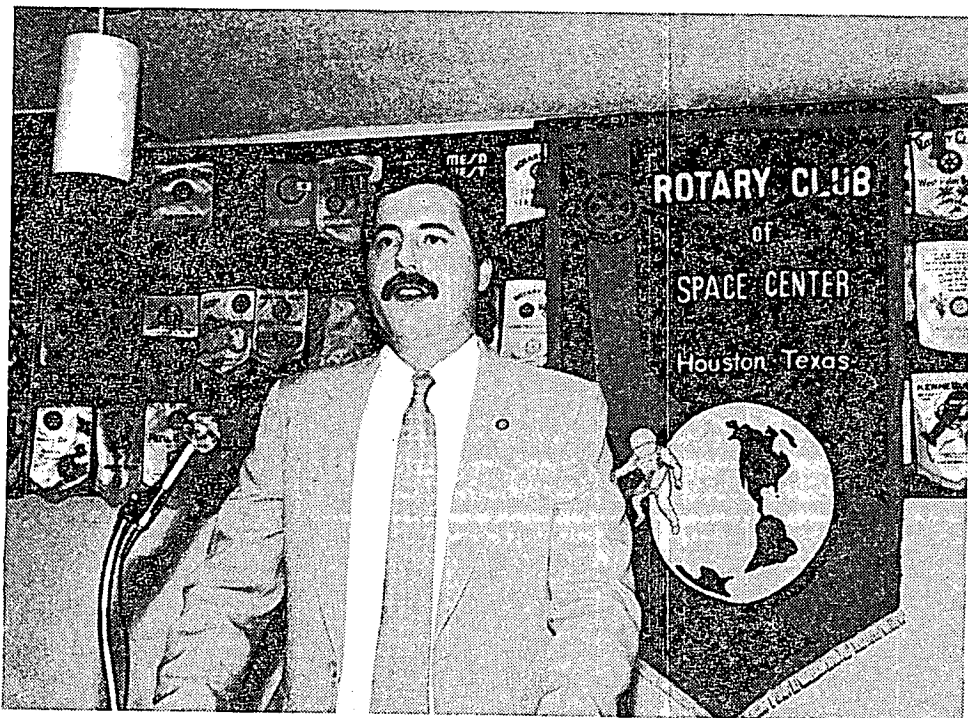
"CAP" LANDOLT, AT 83, IS LOST TO US

Revered for his accomplishments, for his friendliness, and for his booming song leadership, Cap died suddenly at his home last Week.

With Rotary since 1939, Cap had been a member of Space Center Rotary for 14 years. He had worked with the Clear Creek Independent School District for 27 years in the past, where he held the position of Superintendent. As we said in this publication just two weeks ago "He has contributed a great deal to the community and has a street, a school, and a park named after him. He is truly the grand old man of Space Center Rotary." He'll be missed. The hushed singing of "Smile" at last Monday's meeting was a moving tribute.

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

MEETING OF MARCH 2: Steve Sandstedt of the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation (CLAEDF) was our speaker and he is pictured at the bottom of this page. He came to the area to provide staff leadership to CLAEDF in early 1985 and has seen membership in the foundation grow from 22 to 70 members with a goal of 130 by the end of 1987. +++ Steve sees Clear Lake as a focal point in our national effort to keep the USA competitive in the commercial side of space. The purpose of CLAEDF is to bring more basic jobs to Clear Lake—jobs appropriate to the present economic and professional level of the area's current population. --(Cont'd on p. 3)



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WOMEN OF ROTARY

The ladies were served a beautiful salad luncheon at their Thursday, February 12 meeting at Lakewood Yacht Club. Although there was no official program, there was much "informal discussion" dealing with such subjects as the trip to Mexico City, the space artifacts that NASA is sending as a loan to the Rotary Club there for the new Space Museum, the sponsorship of Arabia Temple Shrine circus tickets, group "dues", the formation of a nominating committee, the Museum Guild trip to Fort Bend County, the upcoming LPGA tournament at South Shore Harbor, and other events that the ladies may want to participate in. They would welcome new friends into the fold.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LLOYD GARLAND	3/2
WAYNE YOUNG	3/5
PAUL REISSNER	3/7
CHARLES POST	3/8
BILL WEAVER	3/8
JOHN FRANCIS	3/12
BILL TUIE	3/13
GERRY ALLEN	3/15
DR. ABDEL FUSTOK	3/16
JERRY SMITH	3/18
LARRY ROWE	3/19
ROY PEZOLDT	3/19
JIM McDONALD	3/20
JIM MAAS	3/21
ROGER LYONS	3/22

PROGRAM NOTES (Continued from P. 2.) --by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MARCH 2: +++ CLAEDF sees 4 "building blocks" as key to our success as a high tech area: 1. A positive entrepreneurial spirit- a can do attitude. 2. Strong linkages between industry and higher education. 3. Suitable space to house new high tech companies. 4. Adequate financial resources. +++ In carrying out its purpose, CLAEDF works closely with Gerry Griffith and the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Economic Development Foundation and Mayor Whitmire's office. +++ In Steve's view, CLAEDF is the best vehicle to: 1. Market the Clear Lake Area, 2. Make sales, 3. Close deals, 4. Help new and existing companies to implement plans.

We can help by telling our legislators how important high tech education and development are to our area and urging them to make decisions that will support it.

Al Jowid reminded us that club members have shown poor response to the purchase of Space Award Banquet tickets even at this late date. You can see the serious look on his face below! Don Robison also expressed the need for ads in the Space Awards program booklet. This is a time when Space Center Rotary needs everyone to stretch in order to make this, our most ambitious program ever, come off well. The eyes of the nation, literally are on us.

Terry Stock reminded us to make plans to attend the Rotary District Convention April 30-May 2 in New Orleans. Registration is just \$35 plus meals and for just \$60 you can have round trip transportation on a special bus. The Rotary Club of Lafayette LA is planning a special luncheon for us in their city's American Legion Hall.

Our famous trip to Mexico City will have to go unheralded until we can sort through some of the many photos taken by members to find the ones that best represent the trip. Photo submissions are invited!



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NEW MEMBERS



Mike Porterfield was sponsored by Jerry Jones for the classification "Architect-Commercial". Mike is a partner in the firm of Tillinghast Randall Architects, Inc. at 1006 South Shore Drive in Clear Lake Shores, 77565, phone 334-5535. Mike received his Architecture degree from Texas A&M University. The Porterfield household includes wife Cindy, two small children, and "one on the way". They live at 6519 Soledad, Houston 77083, phone 933-3860. Mike is a native Houstonian.



Frank William (Bill) Taylor was sponsored by Dave King. His classification will be "Insurance- Commercial". Bill is Manager and Co-owner of Craig Insurance Agency located at 15210 Hwy 3, Webster 77598, phone 488-2733. He attended Lamar University, then the University of Texas at Austin, receiving a BBA in Accounting. Bill and his wife Susan live at 723 Seamaster, Houston 77062, where you may reach them by phone at 486-7549.



Randall Earl Hopkins, sponsored by Hal Neely, answers to the name Randy. His classification is "Photographic Equipment Manufacturer". He is president of Presige Images, Inc. at 1042 Hercules, Houston 77058, phone 486-7700. Randy attended the University of West Florida and the University of Texas, receiving a BBA in Economics and a BBA in Managerial Psychology, as well as doing graduate study in Organizational Behavior. A native of Bristol TN, Randy, with his wife Carolyn and two sons, lists his home address as 1503 Festival Dr., Houston 77062, phone 488-0699

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

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

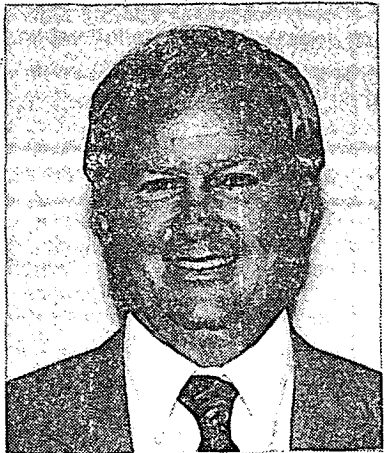
Ralph Schimmel. Ralph joined Rotary in 1973. He was a director from July of 1985 to January 1987, and was chairman of the membership committee for three years. He enjoys the fellowship that the club offers and especially gets enthusiastic every year around Shrimporee time. He and his wife, Fannie Lou, are both Paul Harris Fellows. -- He worked 45 years for IBM in numerous capacities, including working with NASA contracts since 1962. He is an avid ham radio operator and describes himself as a golf "hacker".



Bob Wren. Bob joined Rotary in 1976. He has held every office except sergeant-at-arms, including treasurer, secretary, president-elect, president and currently is our past-president. Next year he may be elevated to "way-past-president" and be in charge of pouring ice tea at the meetings. -- During his year as president, he initiated or completed many projects, one of which was adding 11 Paul Harris Fellows. He currently is working at the district level. Among other things, he is the zone leader for Polio Plus. During his presidency, he started the Sister Club relationship with Aeropuerto Rotary Club, which culminated in our recent Mexico trip. He is also very active in youth sports. His soccer team went to the state quarter finals. He was president of the Friendswood Little League Assn., and was chairman of the board at the YMCA. In his spare time he works at NASA. His hobbies include scuba diving in the Caribbean and snow skiing.



Ken Gurry. Ken has been with Space Center Rotary since 1977. He served on the scholarship, youth, program, senior citizen, membership development and membership committees. -- He got his degree in Civil Eng'g. at Georgia Tech, then as an Air Force fighter pilot, he survived 100 missions over N. Vietnam. He has owned his own business in commercial contracting and maintenance of air conditioning and heating systems for 14 years. He is chairman of the planning and zoning committee for Webster and was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Clear Lake Hospital in the past. -- He enjoys traveling, snow skiing, fishing, tennis and jogs 2-5 miles each evening. He has two children whom he subjected to Texas A&M for their education. His son will be following in Ken's footsteps by entering pilot training in the Air Force.



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SPACE AWARD TROPHY

Paul Schulze, Director of Design for Steuben Glass, was in town to do some final work on the trophy and he visited the club as John Francis' guest. John is the Chairman of the trophy Committee of the Space Achievement Award Foundation. You will be hearing more about the trophy and the recipient on our March 16 program, when the recipient, Dr. Max Faget is the speaker.



PERSONAL MATTERS- LEARNED AT THE BOARD MEETING

David Taylor's work with youth on the district level caused him to ask for replacement as chairman of the club's International Youth Committee. The Board was very pleased that Alan Wylie has agreed to take over the chairmanship. +++
There was an unusual spontaneous rousing applause at the Board meeting to honor Charles Hartman for his Herculean work in making the hospital equipment and NASA museum pieces for Mexico City a reality. Thank you Charles. He continues to make things happen two years after his presidency. The District Assembly was found to coincide with the scheduled date for our Reverse Draw, so the Reverse draw has been rescheduled for May 22, 1987. +++ Please express your condolences to our good friend and member Jim Wyatt, whose mother died recently

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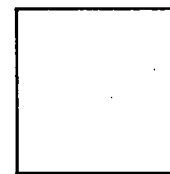
Terry Hesson	Billy Smith
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OTHER NEWS

Our own Bill Webb is doing special duty for Governor Lackey by helping to get the new nearby provisional South Belt-Ellington Rotary Club up and running. He appeared at our meeting to ask us to please make up at the new club and share your Rotary experiences with them. It meets at Fajitas Rancheros on Scarsdale and Beamer at noon on Tuesdays. Bill says the menu is varied and the food is good.

David Taylor is recruiting members who will volunteer to host 2 foreign students per home for the weekend of April 4 as part of the district's hospitality.

LATE BULLETIN: Joe Hang is pleased as punch to report that he and his family became United States citizens on February 27.



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