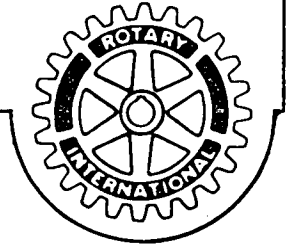


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PROGRAMS

Jack Catron, Chairman

Responsibility for November, Jack Catron

- NOV 9 **ROTARY INFORMATION COMMITTEE presentation, chaired by Eddie Harris and Al Holguin**
- NOV 16 **Dr Myra Gochnour-Hooker**, Experiences on her India Group Study Exchange trip sponsored by Space Center Rotary and District 589
- NOV 23 "Pending", "Under Development", "To Be Announced", etc.
- NOV 30 **William N. Kirby**, Texas State Commissioner of Education. "The Need for Economic Education and How it Relates to the Economy". Introduction by Jay Welch.

GREETERS

Fellowship Committee

- 11/9 Johnny White/A. B. Olsen
- 11/16 Roger Headrick/Roy Iles
- 11/23 Bill Geissler/Jerry Jones
- 11/30 Ralph Karraker/Jim Shows

Jim McDonald, Chairman
Officer/Director/New Memb.

- Terry Hesson/Lee Paschetag
- Tom Wier/Ray Graham
- Lamar Bowles/Tom Chaffin
- Joe Shirley/Jay Gupta

PLEASE--TAKE YOUR BLASTOFF HOME

Then use it to let your friends know what Space Center Rotary does.

NOVEMBER 9, 1987

GOV. BUSSE

INSPIRED US AGAIN

when he visited us Oct. 19. See report on page 2.



FLASH !:

Our club will sponsor a full year exchange student, Scott Salmond from Australia, thanks to club members and wives who have volunteered their homes: Lanny and Debbie Lambert, Bill and Joan Geissler, Joe and Sandy Shirley, Bruce and Karen McCorkle, Don and Beverly Kyle, and Jim and Joy Harlan. -----That is actually an "oversubscription" and they will meet to resolve the "final four".

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF OCTOBER 19: Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Fellow, Jack Denike. Good work, Jack. (Photo page 4)

District Governor Al Busse keynoted our program on Polio-Plus, a worldwide program of Rotary International to eradicate Polio and 5 other dread but immunizable diseases by the year 2005 through mass inoculation of children, primarily in the third world. It is the goal of our district to raise \$1 million of the \$120 million needed to purchase the vaccine. That's right, when we give, we are just paying for vaccine, no overhead, no doctors' salaries, etc. UNICEF and the World Health Organization are our partners in this as are Rotary Clubs around the world. Between them they provide the volunteers and trained people needed to assure that every child in the world has been vaccinated.

Gov. Al's guest, Rhonda Breedlove, was a victim of the last polio epidemic in the US which occurred in 1954. While she has successfully overcome the difficulties caused by polio, she does have to live with the muscle destruction and post-polio syndrome which eventually attacks the muscles that compensate for the destroyed muscles. In some victims, polio destroys the muscles related to breathing and causes death. At a cost of just \$0.12 per shot, this has got to be the most cost effective investment you could make--- and if you give by December 31, your gift will be doubled by a matching donation.

MEETING OF OCTOBER 26: Al Jowid introduced Gerry Griffin, President and CEO of the Greater Houston Chamber of Commerce, formerly a 25-year NASA employee whose last assignment was as head of the Johnson Space Center. Accompanying Gerry was Ellie Aldridge, Marketing Executive of the the Houston Economic Development Commission. Key points of Gerry's address:

- The winner of the Space Station contract gets to buy one of the Stadium Skyboxes needed to help keep the Oilers in Houston.
- The banking/financial community was the last to recognize the downturn and will be the last to come out of it.
- The Houston workforce doubled between 1973 and 1984. We are now back to the 1982 level of jobs.
- The Clear Lake and Texas Medical Center areas are top bright spots in Houston's economy. Space and medicine are increasingly recognized as Houston's strengths.
- The Houston Chamber serves as an umbrella for local chambers such as ours.
- The want ad index, a tried and true economic indicator, has been up for the past 4 months, indicating that the Houston economy has bottomed out and the "entrepreneurial juices" are again flowing. Unemployment is down from 12% to under 9%.
- We must use our political clout (while we have it)- look what the "Tip O'Neal" years did for Massachusetts.
- We must think internationally, not just in terms of Clear Lake, Houston, Texas or even national markets.
- Despite dramatic gains, Atlanta has kept a "crisis mentality" about competing for new business opportunities. Houston must do the same.

An unusual "second wind" session then involved a thorough presentation by officials of the Italian Space Agency. Charlie Whynot read a proclamation from Judge John Lindsay recognizing the importance of the Houston-Italy Week" and the visit of our speakers and special guests: Carlo Bongiorno, Director of the Italian

(Continued on page 4)

SPACE CENTER

WOMEN OF ROTARY

Members attending our October meeting enjoyed an informative talk by Al Ligrani on the Rotary Foundation via Paul Harris Fellow. Thanks, Al.

Carlos Villagomez has asked our help. The young patient from Mexico who is being given corrective plastic surgery by the joint program of our club and St. John Hospital needs transportation to and from medical appointments. Rachel and Carlos have taken on much of the responsibility but they need help. Anyone who can help please call Ann Webb or Anne Weseman.

Our November 12 meeting will be at the Hilton as usual. The program will feature talks by representatives of the St. John Hospital Medical Well-Life Program on stress management through exercise.

Welcome new members Agnes Skelly and Rachel Villagomez! We also encourage wives to attend the Monday November 30 Rotary meeting to share in the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow award to one our members. --by Florence Kraft.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LANNY LAMBERT 11/2
EDDIE TARIN 11/11

Do we by chance
have a CARTOONIST
in our midst? -----
Wouldn't that be fun !!!



TOP LEFT: Gerry Griffin: TOP RIGHT: Owen Morris
 CENTER: John Watson, Pres. Jim McNatt, and Prof. Bongiorno
 BOTTOM: International Youth-- Dr. David Taylor, Harold Jones, his wife Audrey Jones, Gerta Osterhuysen (exchange student), Joe Webb (Sugarland club), Alan Wylie and Dave Gochnour.

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by Steve Bolton

Space Agency; Enzo Letico, Italian Space Agency Representative in Washington; and Luca Brofferio, Italian Consul General in Houston. On behalf of our club, John Watson presented the Italian group a space artwork print.

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2: Owen Morris reported that we are progressing well toward our goal of raising \$30,000 from our club for Polio-Plus. This amount would prevent 120 deaths and 3600 crippling cases of polio. We need to hear from every member as to whether they will contribute or not and how much (in writing so we will know where we are and when we are through). CASH CONTRIBUTIONS BY 12/31/87 WILL GET YOU FREE TICKETS TO THE DISTRICT RAFFLE AND WILL BE MATCHED AND COUNT TOWARD SUSTAINING OR PAUL HARRIS FELLOW AWARDS. (\$100 will get you \$200 credit, \$500 gets \$1000).

Alan Wylie introduced our speaker and Rotary District Chairman for International Youth Exchanges, Harold Jones, who attended with his wife Audrey, Joe Webb of the Sugarland club and Gerta Oosthuysen, a full year exchange high school student from South Africa hosted by the Sugarland club.

Harold paid tribute to Bob Wren, David Taylor and Alan Wylie, who have been key to our club's growing participation in youth exchanges. He challenged us to get involved in the longer term exchanges such as the 3-month and one year programs. Joe Webb gave testimony as to the value and enjoyment gained by his club and his family through hosting Gerta. His young children will always remember their "big sister" from South Africa.



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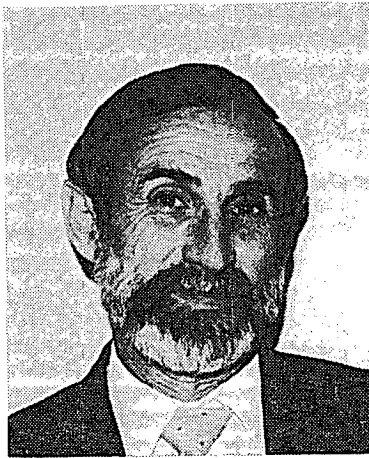
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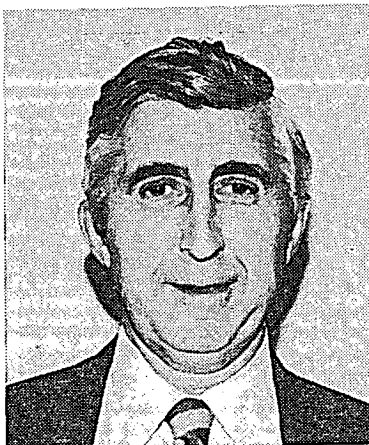
MEMBER PROFILES

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Jay Welch. Jay has over 20 years of perfect attendance with Rotary. The last 7 have been with our club. He was president-elect of the South Houston Club in the past. He works with the Free Enterprise Committee, which educates students on our system of commerce. His most "distinguished" contribution is commanding the "Porta-Potties" brigade for the Shrimporee. He is with the Texas Council on Economic Education, working with students from kindergarten through 12th grade. His grandparents were some of the first settlers of League City and he was in the first graduating class of Webster High school in 1949.



Jim McDonald. Jim has been with us for four years and is chairman of the Fellowship Committee as well as being on the Youth Committee. He is with Johnson Space Center at Rockwell as an engineer for 14 years. He has 4 grown children and 7 grandchildren. He likes to golf and snow ski. (He would have made a good Canadian Mounty, eh?)



Tim Singleton. Tim has been with us for 2 years and is chairman of the Youth Committee. He reports that business is "brisk" as Commercial Loan Officer for MBank. He enjoys golf and tennis and is active with the Nassau Bay Baptist Church. He reports that he and his wife Sarah are "without children" -- as yet.



Golf ●●● ○

Baywood Country Club

10/22/87 results

First Flight:

1st low net	
Rodney Kottwitz	65
2nd low net	
Bill Predmore	67
Long Drive	
Steve Brecht	
Closest to Pin	
John Lee	

Second Flight:

1st low net	
Ron Hooker	66
2nd low net	
Mike Antonini	67
Long Drive	
John Towner	
Closest to Pin	
John Towner	

Space Center Rotary Club Fall Championship

A November date will be announced very soon for this tournament for Space Center Rotarians only. The winner gets to keep the beautiful traveling club trophy until the Spring Tournament as well as getting his name engraved on it! Will it be you?

COMMITTEES:

Eddie Tarin reports that a special meeting of the Membership Development Committee and its "VOLUNTEER" members was held on the 19th of October and the theme was "BUILDING CLUB MEMBERSHIP". "It is our responsibility to propose qualified people for the unfilled classifications. Don't set on your assets, propose a good qualified person for membership, NOW!", he said.

NEW MEMBER (See column at right)



NEW MEMBER

Jim Maas sponsored and introduced Bruce McCorkle on Nov. 2 (photo at left). Bruce joins us in the classification "Insurance-Commercial" and is the owner of his own agency, Bruce McCorkle Insurance Agency at 15610 Hwy 3, Webster 77598, phone 488-2720. A native of Oklahoma City, Bruce attended Central State University and has a BS in Biology from the University of Oklahoma. Proud parents of two subteens, Bruce and his wife Karen live at 3611 Lonniewood, Houston 77059, phone 480-4512. Welcome Bruce, who has shown his Rotary inclinations early by volunteering to be one of the host families for international youth exchange.

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE FORMED

WE CARE --(Tentative name, but seems right!)

At the 7AM Board meeting last week, the Officers and Directors appointed a new committee to solicit worthy local projects and to evaluate them for consideration by the Board. Jerry Smith was named Chairman, with other members being Charles Hardwick, Tom Wier, John Francis and Lamar Bowles. The committee will function under the portion of Community Service B for which Tom Wier is the Director responsible.

BLASTOFF HONORED

The District 589 Bulletin Committee, headed by Bill Dettlefsen and Will McNair, paid a nice compliment to the Blastoff as "an outstanding and informative bulletin" for the club. The pat on the back "didn't hurt too bad". Thanks!

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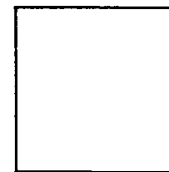
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