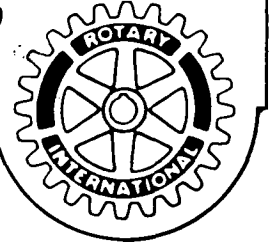


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
at the Nassau Bay Hilton

Rotary International District 589



Rotary International President, Paul V.C. Costa
District 589 Governor, Tyler Baker
Club President, Billy R. Smith

“Put life into Rotary - your life”

August 13, 1990



A PASSING OF TIME

District Governor, **TYLER BAKER**, presented Club President, **BILLY SMITH**, with a Rotary clock at our July 23 meeting. Now, Billy will always be on time (unless he forgets to set it).

COMING EVENTS

AUG. 13 11:45 AM

(at the Hilton)

DR. RON McLEOD, new Superintendent of the Clear Creek Independent School District will speak on issues and objectives.

AUG. 20 11:45 AM

(at the Hilton)

MIKE MARTIN of the Galveston Bay Foundation speaking on the effects of the oil spill.

AUG. 21 7:00 AM

(at the Hilton)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS meet
8:00 AM

(at the Hilton)

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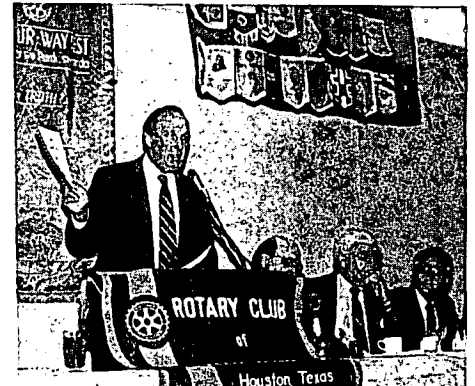
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WATCH THIS SPACE

Beginning with the August 27th issue, the Blastoff will include reports from Rotary Information, Membership Development and other committees. Your written articles should be given to any member of the Blastoff staff or dropped off in the 'Blastoff Business Box' at the meeting on Monday, August 20.



(Left) **DR. PETER BISHOP** of U of H Clear Lake was the speaker to the July 30 meeting. (Right) **ROY PEZOLDT**, Executive Director of the Clear Lake Area Development Foundation, enlightened us at the August 6 meeting on the history and progress of the Foundation.



(Left) **DR. DAVID TAYLOR** calls on the Club to help out with "Project Free Enterprise" - - an effort to inject free market thinking into newly "freed" Communist Block Countries. (Right) Paul Harris Chairman, **AL LIGRANI**, poses with **JULIA VIDAL**, our newest Paul Harris Fellow.



(Left) Sergeant-at-Arms, **VIC MARIA**, congratulates **BILL TUITE** on 25 years of perfect attendance since April 16, 1965. (Right) Newly graduated Blue Badger, **MIKE DENNARD**, has jumped right in by accepting the challenging Program Chairman position. Good work, **MIKE**, and thanks for stepping forward to help!

David Owen Resigns

For personal reasons, David Owen has submitted his resignations as director and as Shrimporee Chairman. The Board has accepted the resignations with regrets.

Always, an energetic and ambitious worker, David will certainly be missed in both capacities. Few Rotarians live the Objects of Rotary the way David does and we hope that he will be able to take on some new jobs soon. David assures us that he will remain an active member of this club.

Mike Brown to Chair Shrimporee

Mike Brown, President of JSC Federal Credit Union, has enthusiastically agreed to assume the chairmanship for the 1990 Shrimporee. Mike had been serving as deputy to David Owen and has attended the planning meetings which began last January. Mike reports that the response to his calls for help have been yes, yes, yes ... Let's all jump in and help Mike make this the most successful Shrimporee ever.

Bill Lowes Accepts Appointment to the Board of Directors

J. W. "Bill" Lowes, III has accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors to fill the position vacated by David Owen. The Board has unanimously approved the appointment. Bill's area of responsibility is Club Service "A" and he oversees the activities of the Attendance, Fellowship Activities, Fund Raisers, and Golf committees. Congratulate Bill at your earliest opportunity.

No Regatta & No Car Raffle

Regatta - The Board, at its meeting on July 17th, decided against holding a rowing regatta as part of the Shrimporee activities this year.

Car Raffle - Although recommended by Jim Hargrove's raffle feasibility committee and approved by the Board, it has been decided that there is not enough time to pull this event together as part of the Shrimporee.

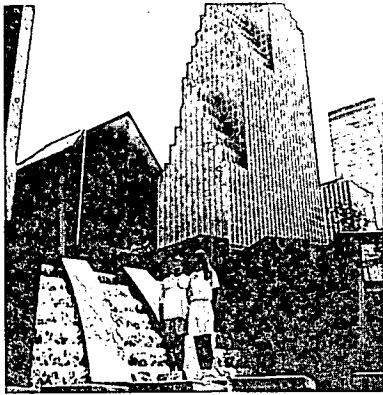
Club Extension. Is An Additional Rotary Club a Feasible Idea For Our Area?

As a result of interest expressed in the formation of an additional Rotary Club within the territory of Space Center Rotary Club (possibly meeting at Bay Oaks Country Club) an ad hoc committee has been formed with Jack Catron as chairman to study the feasibility of this club sponsoring a new club. The committee, composed of Jack Catron, Don Kirk, Jim Hargrove, Jack Fryday, Lonnie Clement, Floyd Boze, Carlos Villagomez, Jack Lister, Charles Hartman, and Billy Weseman, with the assistance of the District Extension Committee, will be holding regular meetings between now and October 1, 1990, at which time they will make their recommendation to the Board of Directors.

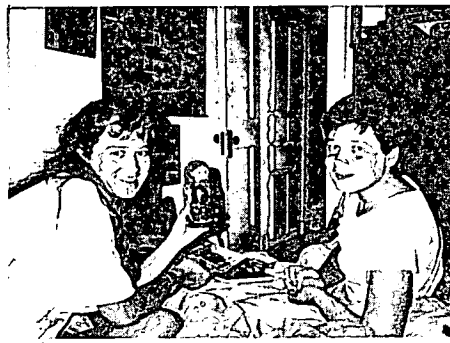
The general policy on extension, as expressed in the Rotary Manual of Procedure is as follows:

"The club is the medium by which the program of Rotary is promoted and the Object of Rotary is attained. Therefore, in order that Rotary may exert its widest influence, it should progressively establish new clubs throughout the world wherever and whenever it can reasonably be expected that a successful club can be maintained.When the organization of a new club, having the same territorial limits as an existing club or clubs, is being considered, there should be a minimum of forty (40) available classifications from which the new club will be able to draw fully qualified members without conflicting in any way with the membership of an existing club, or clubs....."

Sponsorship of a new Rotary club should not be taken lightly or undertaken without all issues, pro and con, being examined. If you have information which you feel will be helpful to this committee, please talk to them. Committee meetings will be open and you can ask Jack Catron to let you know when and where.



(Left) **SASHA BURGROVA** of Moscow and **DIANA TAYLOR** Visit Downtown Houston. (Right) **DIANA** receives a wooden peasant doll from Soviet Teenager, **SASHA BURGROVA**.



FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

District 589 conducted the first Rotary sponsored short-term, home-to-home youth exchange with the Soviet Union this summer by hosting three teenagers from Moscow and sending two American teenagers to stay in the U.S.S.R. The district also hosted three young people from Baku, a large city on the Caspian Sea in the Soviet Union.

Sasha Burgrova is a 15-year-old from Moscow who lives on the 15th floor of a large, boxy, residential building. Her family consists of her parents and her three year-old brother in a two-bedroom apartment.

Sasha's father is on an important committee of the communist party, and manages a taxi service as well as owns a souvenir shop. The three-room shop is located on the ground floor of one of those tall buildings and contains a variety of clothing, jewelry, and knick knacks. He is said to be well off, and helped pay the travel expenses for Sasha, her good friend, and neighbor Andrey Progonov, and a nephew, Misha Krasnoselskii.

Sasha stayed in the home of Dr. David Taylor of Space Center Rotary. She was matched with 15-year-old Dea Taylor. While here, she spent a week in Galveston, attended various events around Houston, and participated in quite a number of social and entertainment activities.

Sasha was shy, spoke very little due to her limited English, but was bright and observant and readily understood her day-to-day experiences. Using a dictionary, she communicated increasingly while here.

And yet, to find out how she felt about her trip to the United States, it was decided she would write it down. Here's Sasha's report:

What I Like and What I don't Like In America

I saw many interesting and many not so interesting things here. Some things I liked, and some things I did not. I very much liked active games like bowling and others, but museums and the theater I didn't like at all. I liked Galveston. The ocean was pretty, but the water was too salty. It was interesting to tour the ship and submarine. Downtown Houston was very nice. It is possible to be impressed with the quantity of goods available here, but I had heard much about this and seen reports on TV so I wasn't surprised. I was surprised that everyone (from little people to old people) seemed to be very happy, always smiling. Also, I was impressed everyone seems to trust and believe each other. Surprisingly all shops, cafes, and restaurants work 24 hours without breaks for lunch or weekends off. I was also surprised that people here love Russians. In general, I liked it here very much, but couldn't adjust to the climate - - too hot!. So, I was pleased with everything.

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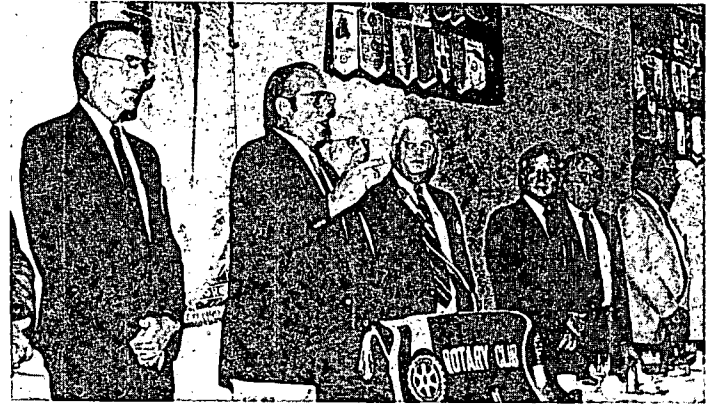
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!

The following hot-blooded Rotarians were born
in the hot month of August:

1st	Jean Hatch
2nd	Delia Stephens
3rd	Myra Gochnour-Hooker
5th	Gonzalo Montoya
7th	Dixie Robison
8th	Johnny White
12th	Sam Marullo
14th	Allen Wilkenfeld
15th	Jerry Clark
17th	Ed Richards & Dick Veth
21st	Al Ligrani
23rd	John Rizzo
26th	Steve Waldner
28th	Jay Welch
29th	Don Kyle
30th	Kim Parmer & Clark Wright
31st	Winnette Wimberly

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Head song bird **Ray Graham** leads the club in
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been led.



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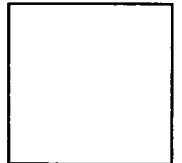
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