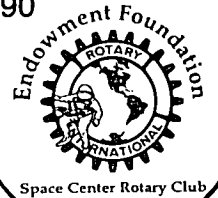


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
at the Nassau Bay Hilton
Rotary International District 5890



Rotary International President: Clifford Dochterman
District 5890 Governor: Bob Ellis
Club President: Terry Hesson

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"

JULY 27, 1992

It Had to Happen--

Dr. David Taylor is at it again. He has utilized the organizational model he developed for the award for excellence- in-teaching to develop a program for a Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award to be sponsored by our club. One outstanding feature is that this is not an award for "bravery", as important as that sometimes is in law enforcement, but an award for excellence in upholding the law in a professional way and serving the community. The criteria are: professionalism, effectiveness, community involvement, and valor. -- Committee members are: Charlotte Garner, Ken Gurry, Dick Hergert, Pete Zamora, Woody Williams, Frank Morgan and Lars Persson. More later! - (Actually, much more!)

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PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for July: Vann Jones and Wayne Young
Responsibility for August: George Fleming, Ed. D.

- JULY 27 Steve Waldner, United Way.
- AUG. 3 Dr. William Martin, Sociology Professor, Rice University. Author of "Prophet With Honor", the life of Billy Graham. Wayne Young guarantees you will like this.
- AUG. 10 Larry Mathis, President and CEO, The Methodist Hospital, Houston. Outstanding speaker.
- AUG. 17 Bob Ellis, District 5890 Governor 1992-1993. Official visit and address.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- AUG. 14 Club Assembly (It's a Friday night but it can't be at the Hilton after all. Listen carefully at the meeting for details!) Committee chairmen need to be ready to present committee plans to Governor Ellis
The schedule is different from previous assemblies. While the President, President-Elect and Secretary are meeting with Governor Bob Ellis at 5:30 PM, the SC Women of Rotary will be hosting a cocktail party honoring Leanna Ellis with all club members invited. Dinner will follow about 6:30 PM and the actual reporting of committee plans will be done "right before God and everybody" starting about 7:30 to 8:00
- AUG. 27 Ray Graham Roast and Benefit, South Shore Harbor Hotel and Resort, 7:00 PM. It's a Thursday. This is being organized as a grand and entertaining event honoring our own admirable Ray. Charles Hartman is General Chairman. George Fleming has organized the ticket distribution. More details Aug. 10.
- SEPT. 26 SHRIMPOREE '92

WOW !

Terry Hesson announced another pioneering action to be taken by our club: A Junior High version of Interact (to yield an early and continuous opportunity for service training: Jr, Sr, college, business). This activity is not known to be in practice at the Junior High level anywhere else. Terry Hernandez will head the project. She has already met with CCISD Supt. Ron McLeod and Alan Schultz, Principal at Clear Lake Intermediate, which will serve as the pilot for the plan. Eddie Janek is vice chair to Terry and is an ideal working model for this as he was involved as a student at both the high school and college level and now at the business level. Things are off to a fast start to get ready for the coming school year in a few weeks. The beat goes on!

PHOTO REFERENCE AT LEFT:

Top: Members Ron McLeod, Terry Hernandez, and Principal Alan Schultz.

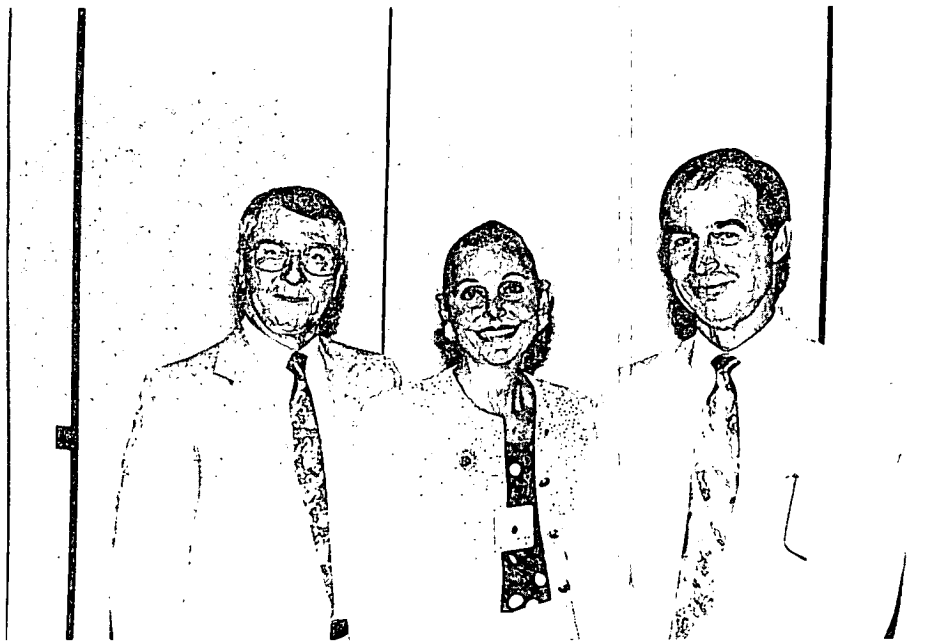
Center: Our friend, Jim Fonteno-Commissioner and auctioneer (All done?--Sold!)

Bottom: Vic Maria, Donnie Johnson, and Terry Hesson were among those who took the bus ride to view a possible prototype for the CL Center. NOTE: There are several County buses with that sign!

Always look on the bulletin board for pictures that we did not have space to print.

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Pictures for the directory will be taken starting about 11:30 before the meeting. The new pictures are so much better than the old ones that you need to come have yours taken!



"Real Happiness Is Helping Others"

Last year I expressed some thoughts in a "Making A Difference" piece that concluded with the statement: "Service is where the pleasure is; enjoying Monday lunch with friends is your bonus."

Terry Hesson has stressed similar sentiments from the podium on several occasions and I know many of you feel the same way. Now our new International Rotary President Clifford Dochterman has focused the Rotary world on his thought in the form "Real Happiness is Helping Others." What a wonderful, simply distilled statement. It would make a good creed! -- a belief to live by.

To quote Cliff Dochterman, Rotary International President:

"How many times has your life been enriched by merely reaching out in kindness to those in need? How many of your closest friends have grown when you work side by side in serving others? Isn't it amazing what a unique feeling of satisfaction comes to us when we respond to a real call for help? Rotarians share a tremendous secret and a universal truth: That real happiness- perhaps the deepest of human longings- may be found most easily by helping others."

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

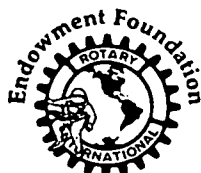
Recent contributions

In Memory of Weida Rideout (mother of Billy Weseman)

Floyd Boze
Billy R. Smith

In Memory of Ann Welch (wife of Jay Welch)

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Space Center Rotary Club

Notice to all
committee chairmen-
or anyone with a need
to communicate
through the Blastoff

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Nov. 30	Nov. 24
Dec. 14	Dec. 8

Be a hero-
pay attention at
meetings !

A lot of good stuff
slides by if
you don't !

Get there early
enough to visit
with friends-
or to make new
ones !

I would bet a pretty
penny that you can't
name everyone ! Let
alone tell me what
they do !

PROGRAM NOTES

adapted from notes by Steve Bolton

JULY 13: Member of the week was General Hal Neely, who admitted to 56 years of marriage, 25 years of Rotary, and to having retired at age 81 after holding several significant post-military jobs. We honor you, General Hal and Jane. County Commissioner Jim Fonteno was not only the featured speaker of the day, he auctioned off the week at Space Camp Houston given by Carolyn Blacknall. Ray Graham was the successful bidder.--Fonteno gave a knowledgeable update on taxes, jails, hospitals, roads and parks that affect our area. Among notable points he cited the exceptionally low recidivism rate (13%) at the Federal prison in Illinois, where treatment of prisoners is conciously harsh. (Something to think about.) Harris County has tried to take AIDS patients from the private hospitals but that has resulted in a large influx of AIDS patients from other parts of the country, which the county is not prepared to handle. It was a case of being too good.

JULY 20: Carlos led the singing in very commendable fashion! David King invoked us, Bill Lowes pledged our allegiance and Dick Hergert humorously introduced our visitors. Tedd Olkowski was the member chosen to reveal his life history this week. Amid various humor, he condensed things to: telephone work and his two hobbies--golf and golf! --Two new members joined the fold: Keith Huff, sponsored by Bob Richmond, and David Murphy, sponsored by Jim Wyatt.

Cindy Mencacci described a mammoth attraction coming to our area: The world's largest dog racing operation, Gulf Greyhound Park, just off I-45 in La Marque. With four levels, each larger than a football field, with 318 teller windows, with races about every 12 minutes and closed-circuit televisions throughout the air conditioned complex, you can "bet" there will be some excitement. Their expectation: over 2 million visitors a year. Combine that with the NASA Visitors Center and you have SOME DESTINATION, as they say in the travel business.

To quote Vann Jones: "The Astros and Michael Jackson have something in common: They both wear a glove for no apparent reason." -- OK, so the Astros didn't score when we went to see them, but 34 Space Center Rotarians and friends had a good outing, jolly bus ride and all that! We were pleased to have as our guests 8 children residents of Hope Village and 2 of their adults. It was a treat for 'em!

Dave Baldwin was announced as having donated through Savings of America \$1750 to sponsor the Shrimporee Fun Run. Way to go, Dave!

There is more to tell you about the Shrimporee--including two famous Honorary Chairmen--but it will have to wait till I catch my breath! Besides you wouldn't want to spoil the surprise, would you? OK, next time then.

GOLF (DENNIS DILLON'S DIVOT DEVOTEES): The July 16 outing turned out to be small but they had a great time. So let's talk about the future action: Thursday, August 19, with tee-off at 2 PM at Baywood Country Club, where Bob Frost is serving as the host member. Call him. -- Then there will be the Annual Shrimporee Golf Tournament Fund Raiser at South Shore Harbor Country Club. Tedd Olkowski is tournament chairman. The goals are 120 golfers and for each green and each tee to have a corporate sponsor. All club members, golfers or not, should talk this up to known golfers and potential sponsors. It is not too early to start the rumbling!

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Little known fact: Cliff Dochterman in 1939 at age 13 was the youngest Eagle Scout in the United States! (See, you should have read your Rotarian.)

Did you see the Houston Post front page success article on Mike Hernandez? Nice!

For Jay Welch and all of you who have lost a spouse, if you will wait until December, I will print for you a poignant yule season poem I wrote 26 years ago upon the death of the wife of my youth, the mother of my children.

TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT--

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Lamar is reported to be looking into a collection agency that just received a shipment of cat-of-nine tails. Uh-oh!

Danielle Dupuis , transplanted to Clear Lake from the Garden State in the 80's, she joined Rotary a few years ago and got into Youth Committee work. How fitting since she and husband Roland have seven children! Since they are now adults and scattered around the world, she is expanding the activities of the Youth Committee, particularly seeking to have businesses sponsor 9th and 10th graders for short term assistance with day work or scholarships. Active by nature, she spends considerable time with a local theater group and has choreographed several productions. Danielle and Roland like to fish, and have even gotten into the billfish action. (Then there was that Polish cooking party she did for Rotary!)



The interview of Clark Wright by Tom Wier was done now so you would know who you are talking to when he calls for your biographical information.




Clark Wright joined Space Center Rotary in 1990 and has now been tagged to extract from each of you your background information for publishing in the Blastoff. Of his Rotary activities, he professes to like best working in the fish preparation room at the Shrimpoore. (So don't tell him it's hot in there!) Clark grew up in Beaumont, graduated from The University in Mathematics, and has been working with computers ever since, now managing a number of UNIX systems at the Space Center. Clark and his wife both have jobs, as well as a 4-year old son. So they slip their schedules: He goes early, comes home early to do the childcare. PS: He currently serves as president of the Galveston Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.



Joseph Marcinkowski grew up in Brooklyn. He spent over 26 years in the energy industry with Shell Oil, Amerada Hess and MW Kellogg. He lived in Europe, the Caribbean, New Jersey, Massachusetts, California and Algeria, North Africa before moving to Clear Lake City. His background is financial and his experience has been in business analysis, data processing, human relations and procurement. He held positions as Sr. Vice President, Director of Planning and Controller. He developed broad experience in "start ups" and "turnarounds" and consulted in these areas for over 10 years.

Here is where it gets interesting for you or your company or employees. In early 1990 Joe followed his instincts concerning improving education by opening the Laser Professor in Clear Lake. The Laser Professor is a training center which utilizes interactive videodisc and other multimedia tools to help learn a variety of subjects. For example, he teaches Computer Software Applications, Memory Skills, Business Skills, OSHA Safety Programs, Back Injury Prevention, and now Academic Tutorials (such as English as a second language.)---Joe, it sounds like a project of widespread potential. It's a good thing you and Laura don't have all three of your daughters in college at the same time--but almost!



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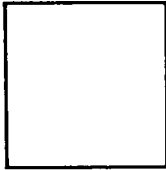
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