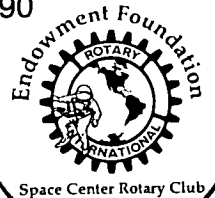


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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"

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for August: George Fleming, Ed. D.

- AUG. 10 **Larry Mathis**, President and CEO, The Methodist Hospital, Houston. Outstanding speaker. Recognized authority on management of hospital and medical care. "National Health Care-Tough Choices"
- AUG. 17 **Bob Ellis**, District 5890 Governor 1992-1993. Official visit and address.
- AUG. 24 **Kenneth L. Mattox, MD**, Professor of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine; Chief of Staff and Chief of Surgery at the Ben Taub General Hospital. "Excellence in Trauma Care."
- AUG. 31 **Sam Nuccia**, Police Chief, City of Houston. Uh-oh! Also SPOUSES DAY.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- AUG. 14 **Club Assembly. THIS FRIDAY!** 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 inside.
- SEPT. 21 **SHRIMPOREE GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP.** South Shore Harbour Country Club. 4 Man Florida Scramble. Shotgun start at 1:00 PM, but don't miss the practice at 11 AM and lunch at noon. Deadline Sept. 17. Call Tedd Olkowski, 332-3622.
- SEPT. 26 **SHRIMPOREE '92**

AUGUST 10, 1992

TAN ME HIDE WHEN I'VE DIED, CLYDE---

Terry Hesson holds up for auction the Kangaroo skin donated to the Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation by Bill Geissler. Steve Erickson, of the Outback Restaurant, was the winning bidder. -- To remind you, the purchasers at these auctions get credit toward a Floyd Boze Fellow Award from our Foundation. Donors of auction items get the personal satisfaction -- and the chance to argue with the IRS, if they choose. Thank you, Bill and Steve.





INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE

In addition to the program featured last Monday, Karen Birchenough furnished the BLASTOFF this insight: We don't send our exchange students unprepared. By means of an orientation camp and other get togethers the students are introduced to public speaking skills, reminded about their Texas and American history, briefed on more prominent current events around the world. They are educated on the importance of being an ambassador for their family, for their country and for their Rotary Club. They get tips on how to interact with their host families and how to express appreciation for all the considerations being given to them.



Twenty seven American students from D-FW, Houston and East Texas have completed the orientation and are preparing to live in thirteen different countries, including England, Belgium, France, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Hungary, Turkey, Japan and Brazil.

BON VOYAGE !

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PHOTOS:

Top: Steve Waldner, of United Way

Center: Dr. William Martin, Rice Univ.

Bottom: The large group of participants in International Youth Exchange hosted by our club August 3.



PROGRAM NOTES:

July 27: Our own Steve Waldner reported on the revisions to the United Way of America and its new relationship with the local United Ways, including a more clearly defined mission, more direct representation of local United Ways and more volunteers and professionals on oversight committees.

As your editor, I want to exercise a prerogative and relate to you a recent experience I had with the United Way. I recently hired a young man who, I soon discovered, was a genuine homeless person. I had never been that close to one. -- He was sleeping in his car with all his few possessions in the back seat. The car was in a regular state of disfunction. It was keeping him broke so that he never could get together enough to rent an apartment (with the requirements for advance payment of rent and security deposit). His family would not take him in. His young wife-to-be was pregnant, and that was another cash drain. Yet he was a good worker when he could keep his mind off his problems. -- I wanted to help, but I did not know how to go about it. I had already advanced him more money than made sense.-- I called Steve Waldner for guidance. He sees these problems so often that he knew who could do what and he made things happen. By the cooperation of the various groups that work with United Way the cycle was broken. I was amazed at the speed of response. It showed me the value of the professional performance of the United Way!
--Thank you, Steve Waldner.

AUG. 3: (adapted from notes by Steve Bolton).

Dr William Martin, Sociology Professor, Rice University, discussed the success of Evangelist Billy Graham: what he has accomplished and how he brought it about. You know many of his accolades. The basis of his success, Dr. Martin, who has first hand knowledge, attributes to three things steadfastly adhered to: simplicity, organization and personality. He uses a simple non-denominational theology, a few simple points repeated over and over. "Preaches so that even children can understand." He recruits and submits to a strong board of successful Christian business leaders. No one who can benefit financially is on his board. His personality embodies traits of US culture: self-made, uses latest technology, has small town charisma, and is able to inspire people to follow him out of love and admiration. Dr. Martin's book "Prophet With Honor" gives you more insight into this unusual man.

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SOMETHING YOU NEED TO KNOW (but may not know)

From the Rotary Club Constitution:

SECTION 4-Termination-- Non-Payment of Dues. .1 Any member failing to pay his dues within thirty (30) days after the prescribed time shall be notified in writing by the secretary at his last known address. If the dues are not paid on or before ten (10) days from the date of notification said membership shall automatically terminate.

.2 Such former member, at the discretion of the board, may be reinstated to membership upon his petition, and upon payment of all his indebtedness to the club, provided that no former member can be reinstated to active membership if his former classification has been filled.

Lest ye forget ! Eh?

LITTLE BY LITTLE WE LEARN--

When Carlos Villagomez called me and said: "Tom, are you the editor of the Blastoff?" I knew I was in trouble! The fact that he had to ask told me that the small type on the back page was n't communicating. How can you ask members to help with the news when they don't know whom to call? Well, Carlos in his forthright manner resolved that: "You ought to put your name and phone number in the Blastoff where it can be found easily." My comments on the handy club directory didn't satisfy him. My protest that members seem to leave the Blastoff on the table after the meetings didn't satisfy him either. You know Carlos; he's a bulldog when he thinks something needs to be done. So, you shall have my name and number!

Thereby you can call to spread the word among all the members about your committee actions, "human interest" about members, and coming events. Now you know---- please help me.

Tom Wier, Editor
334-2539

FAX 334-2530 (6 rings)

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DUES ARE OVERDUE !
And Lamar apparently is going to put some teeth in his collections! (Why else would he be getting prices on pit bulls?) It's in the mail, Lamar! Enough is enough.

ABOUT MEMBERS

It was good to welcome back John Rizzo to active participation last week after a lengthy illness. It was too long, John.

Marge Wier, now out of Clear Lake Rehabilitation Hospital, has improved strength and endurance that her friends quickly notice. She uses her walker routinely instead of the wheelchair, does more for herself, too! Good attitude and continues physical therapy at home. Beverly Kyle and Nancy Boze are other Rotarian spouses known to be benefitting as outpatients.

I ran into Dixie Robison coming out of the post office with a large bundle of mail. "AHA, you've been on a trip!" And sure enough she had-- a hunting trip for big game in Africa-- with great success. The details, which I am saving from you, make a great story-- or a program for that matter! Dixie has promised it to us one way or another when she has a little time to get organized. There is much to tell. Remarkable!

This space could have told your news to other members if you had called the editor--

Tom Wier, Editor
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CLUB ASSEMBLY

If you are a committee chair, YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE AT THE ASSEMBLY FRIDAY AUG. 14 with a complete report--in your hand or in your head--to tell Gov. Ellis what you are going to accomplish and how you are going to get it done. --Nuff sed?-- Please don't disappoint! Pretty please!

THE RAY GRAHAM ROAST AND BENEFIT

We are honoring a Rotarian who exemplifies our "Service Above Self" belief and which he put into practice to an extent that almost became the ultimate sacrifice. We seek not only to honor him but to assist in the misfortunes he has suffered in doing this as well as the future therapy that will be involved. Think of him, SMILE, as he likes to make us do, and come to dinner!

We encourage you not only to come enjoy the event, but also to sell the other ticket you were given. SINCE EACH TICKET ADMITS TWO TO DINNER, YOU CAN BRING YOUR SPOUSE OR "CHOSEN ONE", AND STILL HAVE A TICKET FOR TWO TO SELL TO A FRIEND OR ASSOCIATE. Just enough for a nice party-- for a fine cause! Remember that reservations need to be in by August 20 to assure your place at the August 27 event. That's reasonable.

1992 SHRIMPOREE

Do you realize that in just 7-count 'em-7 weeks you will be at the Shrimporee enjoying the food and festivities-- but also doing your share of the things that make the Shrimporee a great event. SOoooo--it's time also to be thinking just what you can and will do to make the auction (our main money-making event) show some particular profit that you can say "I made that possible".

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE Jon Hall, Chairman

You heard Carlos V. , the one actively pursuing the collection of medical equipment and medicines, give his absolutely last , final, unequivocal and irrevocable date for assembly of these materials. So it is time to give a tip of the sombrero to some principal participants: --

For donation of supplies: Dr. Linda McClintoch, Gary Stremel, Dr. Myra Hooker, and the United Way among the principal ones.

For storage (rent free and temperature controlled): Herb McElveen.

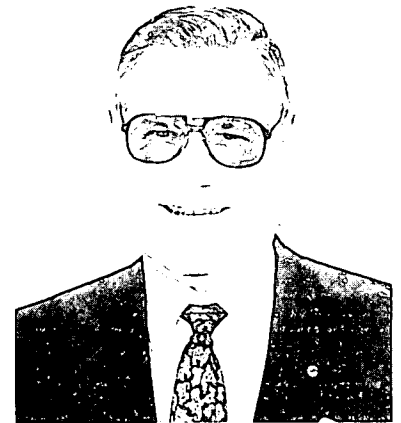
For dispensing the medical equipment, outdated medicine and clothing in Mexico: Our Sister Club, the Aeropuerto Rotary Club of Mexico City.

Rotary is the organism that makes a lot of individual things add up to important results.

Dick Gregg, A NATIVE-BORN Houstonian, took the direct path to lawyerhood: Lamar High, University of Texas and UT Law School. He and wife Starr have four children, all now in college (Pause for weeping!). The oldest, however, is preparing to take the bar exam. Dick has been practicing law in the Clear Lake area since 1965. He started Rotary in LaPorte but moved early to Space Center and has been active here for ten years. Dick has an interest in community activities and is City Attorney for Nassau Bay, as well as having several other cities as clients. In fact, he started his career in the Attorney General's office. One interest is serving as a board member of Armand Bayou Nature Center. For 1992 Dick is Director of Community Service B for our club.



Dennis Dillon. Born in Wheatland, WY in '26, the last of 6. By age 10 he had moved out of the "dust bowl" and was attending schools in Corvallis WA. Enlisted in the V-5 Navy officers training in '44, commissioned in '46. Went to sea for a year including the underwater blast at Bikini, then 6 months on a weather ship out of Adak, Alaska. Married to Shirley of Wenatchee, WA in '48. Finished college with BSCE from Oregon State College in '49.-- So at age 23 he went to work for a large general contractor, Peter Kiewit and Sons, until 1972. Worked for EBY Corp from then until retirement in March 1989. He and Shirley have one son, Bob, 33, Branch Manager for a company in Dallas. They travel, he is a Deacon at Second Baptist Church, active in the Gideon ministry, and Golf Committee Chairman. Dennis has been in two other Rotary clubs and firmly believes that Rotary is a great way to serve- both before and after retirement.



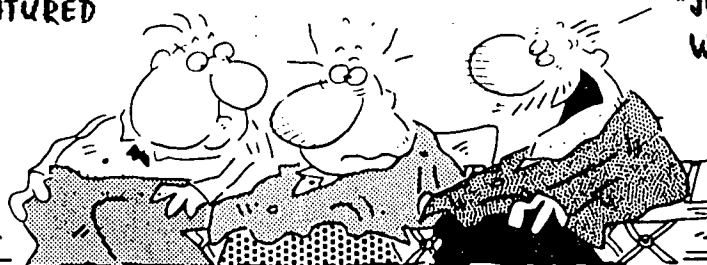
J. W. Lowes, III- "Bill" to most of you. Born a NATIVE HOUSTONIAN just before WWII. Graduated from Reagan High School (he says with no jail time) and graduated from Texas A&M with BS. I bet he looked good in those shiny boots!-- Admits to "playing" at engineering for about .7 years while attending UofH Law School at night.-- That allowed him to change careers to a "legal" one--- and he has practiced law since with offices in Clear Lake since 1978. It is a general practice with emphasis on debtor/ creditor, corporate and real estate law. Translation: You need it, he does it!



Bill lives in Bay Oaks with his lovely (and obviously tolerant) wife Sharon and 7 year old daughter Kelley. (Hmm, "He was born just before WWII, the daughter is 7, let's see, that made him ??? Aw, you're bragging, Bill !) He has been in Rotary since "the Jim Hargrove presidency", active with the Cook Shack and Beer Drinking Squad at Shrimporee, former Chairman of the Fellowship Committee, former Director, and now Sergeant-at-arms. Hobbies- golf, golf, golf!




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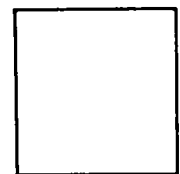
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