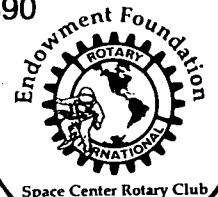


# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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.  
Responsibility for September: David Franz

AUGUST 24, 1992

### MADE FOR EXPORT?

(An open letter to Gov. Bob)

- 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 Nuchia**, Police Chief, City of Houston. Uh-oh ! Also SPOUSES DAY.
- SEP. 7 **LABOR DAY. No meeting !** (Next Blastoff 9/14)
- SEP. 14 **Judge John Kyles**

At the Club Assembly, when all of the programs and projects of the club were discussed in close sequence, we seemed to be developing a new pattern of action for our club. A number of original, remarkably well-organized projects have been conceived, gestated and born within our club in recent years. For example, our Rotary World Health Foundation, the RNASA Space Award, the School Drug Essay Contests, the Free Enterprise Project (and the idea spawned thereby for use of the model for other types of information exchange), the Award for Excellence in Teaching and the about-to-be Law Enforcement Award, as well as others the recollection of which has not immediately surfaced from my fevered brain.

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

- AUG. 27 **Ray Graham Roast and Benefit**, South Shore Harbor Hotel and Resort, It's THIS THURSDAY! Cash Bar 6:30 PM. Dinner 8:00 PM This is being organized as a grand and entertaining event honoring our own admirable Ray. Charles Hartman is General Chairman. George Fleming and Bob Wren have organized the ticket distribution. More details inside. Check on the "IOU" option!
- SEPT.---- THE SHRIMPOREE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SEPTEMBER, 7 AM AT THE HILTON.
- 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. Red Adair and Deke Slayton, Honorary Chairmen:** Donnie Johnson, Chair, Frank Morgan, Vice Chrmn.- - - Auction, Mike Dennard, (assisted by Don Kirk, Jerry Smith, and Jim Hargrove); Golf Tournament, Dennis Dillon and Tedd Olkowski; 5K Fun Run, Mary Wylie and Johnny White; Beauty Contest, Lynette Mason. PLUS: Every member of Space Center Rotary Club!

---More details inside---

THESE SEEM TO BE A BASIS FOR HELPING OTHER CLUBS TO QUICKER SUCCESS--- WHILE AVOIDING THE STARTUP SYNDROME. "REAL HAPPINESS IS HELPING OTHERS." WHY NOT HELPING OTHER CLUBS HELP OTHERS?

Tom Wier, Editor

**MORE  
COMMITTEE  
ACTION**

Progress has been rapid on the Law Enforcement Award just announced in the last Blastoff. David Taylor's committee members divided up the list of enforcement agencies and wrote: "Space Center Rotary Club believes our police forces are a special and valued part of our community and with this annual award we hope to communicate that to the law enforcement profession as well as to the community at large."

Positive responses have been received from HPD/DEA, Harris Co. Sheriff/Marine, League City, Webster, Galveston Co. Sheriff, Seabrook, Secret Service, Constable Precinct 8, Clear Lake Shores, DPS, Lakeview, Kemah, Nassau Bay, and Pasadena.

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**FURTHERMORE:**

The "Teacher of the Year" Award enters its third year! Nominations are being solicited right now. A new action is the publication of the teacher awards, including those for the last two years, by paid advertisement in the football programs at all three CCISD high schools.

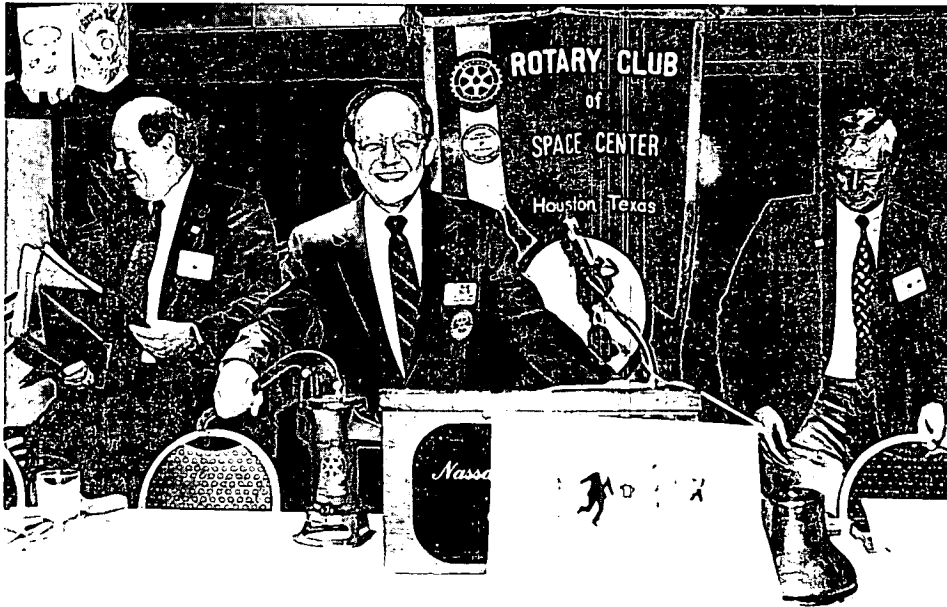
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**PHOTO REFERENCE:**

Top: Larry Mathis, President and CEO The Methodist Hospital, Houston.

Center: A happy District Gov. Bob Ellis, with his famous pump

Bottom: Pres. Terry Hesson presents Gov. Bob and Leanna Ellis with an out-of-this-world absolutely beautiful photograph of Planet Earth.



**MEETING NOTES:**

adapted from notes by Steve Bolton

AUG. 10: Don Kirk auctioned off a set of nesting Russian dolls (from the Tsar to Yeltsin) that Joe Hang bought in Russia and donated for the benefit of the Space Center Rotary Club Endowment Foundation. High bid was by a visiting Rotarian. George Fleming introduced Larry Mathis, President and CEO of the Methodist Hospital System, largest private hospital in the U.S. and third largest caregiver for cancer. Larry Mathis pointed out the tough choices that face us on health care. **HEALTH CARE IS NO LONGER LINKED TO ECONOMIC REALITY !** 80% of U.S. has access to health care they want but aren't paying for it. There is a feeling that everyone should be entitled to unlimited care at someone else's expense. He emphasized that **HEALTH PROBLEMS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE NOT THE RESULT OF SHORTCOMINGS IN THE HEALTH CARE AVAILABLE BUT ARE THE RESULT OF POOR PERSONAL CHOICES IN LIFESTYLES** (smoking, alcohol, sex, drugs, nutrition) **AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.** (He also remarked that 60% of malpractice awards go to lawyers, encouraging suits and increasing the cost of health care.)

AUG. 17: New member Alba e' Sanchez, mother of a current foreign exchange student we are sponsoring, was introduced by Karen Birchenough. ---Jack Fryday of the Seabrook Rotary Club (we sponsored them) ceremoniously returned the \$2000 we had loaned them to finance their first fund raiser. That's the way to establish good credit, Jack! ---Bob Wren announced a new "IOU" plan that members can use to attend the Ray Graham benefit. Last chance to take advantage!

Floyd ("keep your seats") Boze introduced our speaker, District Governor Bob Ellis and his wife Leanna. Governor Bob gave us an inspirational and entertaining talk, including illustrations of his points with his "little red pump". Some notables: You must prime the pump! (you have to put something in to get something out)! Any project worth doing will require reasonable effort. When you stop a project, you have to start over. If you pump long enough and hard enough, you can succeed. Plus, our club can be as great as its dominant inspiration! You can be successful if you make enough other people successful! And of course, there's no such thing as a free lunch (other than the one he had just eaten!) ---It was a good time, capped by Terry's presentation to Bob and Leanna of a beautiful framed space photo of the earth.

(NOTE: The Governor's talk was the final act in the annual Club Assembly that began Friday night with the official committee chairmen reports at the dinner party at the Bay Oaks Country Club. Very successful.)

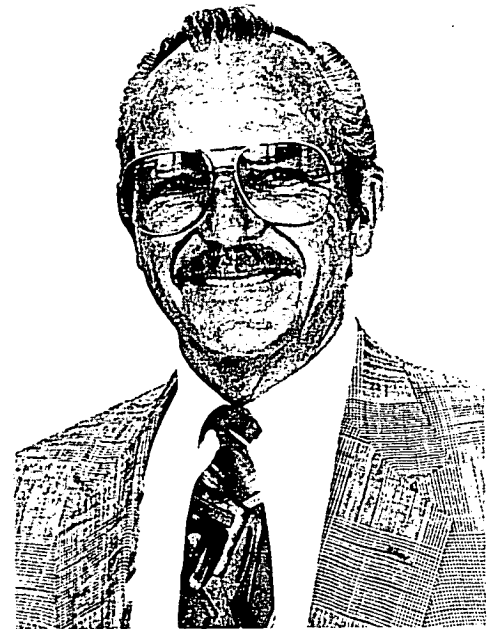
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**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT NOTICE**

September is Rotary Membership Development and Extension month. The emphasis is on club building to achieve a full representation of the business and professional life of our community. Each member is encouraged to propose their number one prospect for membership in the Space Center Rotary Club. Membership sheets will be available at the regular meeting on September 14. Please be prepared to complete your sheet for presentation to the Board of Directors.

Jim McDonald, Chairman  
Membership Development Committee

**Ready to Roast, Ray?**



**RAY GRAHAM**

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**SHORT TERM  
FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE**

We have an active short term (2-months) program going in our club in addition to the long term described in a previous Blastoff. Club members involved are:

Luwan and Frank Tull  
Daughter, Tiffany Tull, CLHS  
Exchangee, Gaelle Treguier,  
France

Karen Birchenough  
Son, Jamey Birchenough,  
Alexander Smith Academy  
Exchangee, Jose' B. Noblejas,  
Spain

Joe and Linda Henkel  
Daughter, Leigh Henkel, CLHS  
Exchangee, Linda van de  
Sandt, Germany

David Taylor  
Daughter, Dea Taylor, CLHS  
Exchangee, Ann-Uristin Yost,  
Germany

Mark and Diane Sheridan (non-Rotarian)  
Daughter, Elizabeth Sheridan,  
CLHS  
Exchangee, Aua San Martin,  
Spain

# IT TAKES A HEAP OF WORK TO MAKE A SHRIMPOREE

If you have never worked on a Shrimporee, this list of committees, chairmen and co-chairmen tells you something about the organization and effort that goes into it. If you have worked on one, this list tells you who is responsible for what this year. Either way, this is the event where EVERY member works. If you haven't volunteered for a committee, your choice may still be possible; otherwise, it's the cleanup committee, chum, according to prexy Terry Hesson. ASK !

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRMAN</u>	<u>CO-CHAIRMAN</u>
(In addition to those listed on page 1.)		
Major Contributors	Dixie Robison	
Entertainment	Donnie Johnson	Bobbie Slayton
Children's Activities	Steve Erickson	Maggie Adams
Fish Fry	Jim Wyatt	
Shrimp Boil	Bob Montgomery	
Fish/ Shrimp Procurement	Al Holguin	Bill Lowes
Beans	Vann Jones	
Red Sauce	Eddie Tarin	
Cole Slaw	Jon Hall	Bill Bennett
Beer and Wine	Bill Austin	
Soft Drinks	Mike Porterfield	Rishi Grover
Logistics	Alan Wylie	
Site Preparation	A. B. Olsen	Jon Hall
Clean-up	Ken Goedeke	
Food Service	Bert Kraft	John Watson
Tickets	David Baldwin	Dave Sincox
Personnel	Al Ligrani	
Aprons and Towels	Bill Tuite	Bill Tuite III
Public Relations/ Printing/Advertising	Danielle Dupuis	
Women of Rotary	Adele Jowid	
Security	Ed Geissler	Vic Maria
Volunteers	Steve Waldner	
Ad Book	Eddie Janek	
Parking	Don Kyle	
Signs	Keith Cook	Huey Barnett
Treasurer	Dave Hamblin	
Hot Dogs	Mike Hernandez	

Donnie Johnson conducted a spirited meeting of the Shrimporee chairmen following the August 10 club meeting. She announced that there will be a meeting of chairmen EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING SEPTEMBER AT 7 AM AT THE HILTON. Things are shaping up and Donnie is providing enthusiastic leadership!  
SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE FOOD SERVICE HELP AGAIN THIS YEAR. WHAT FINE FOLKS THEY ARE !

**REMINDER:** Auction Chairman Mike Dennard provided well written solicitation letters in your packet. Mail them! Call to solicit a product, service or \$\$gift\$\$ ! Pick up the auction item! Take it to Days Inn (NASA 1) for storage! - --It works, and you can be proud!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

(If your birthday is not on this list for this month, see Ed Geissler, Chairman of the Administrative Committee to get our info updated)

Della Stephens	8/02
Myra Gochnour-Hooker	8/03
Keith Cook	8/05
Gonzalo Montoya	8/05
Dixie Robison	8/07
Linda Halladay-Putnam	8/08
Johnny White	8/08
Sam Marullo	8/12
Joe Marcinkowski	8/13
Jerry Clark	8/15
Richard Veth	8/17
Rosanne Zarcaro	8/20
Al Ligrani	8/21
John Rizzo	8/23
Steve Waldner	8/26
Jay Welch	8/28
Don Kyle	8/29
Clark Wright	8/30

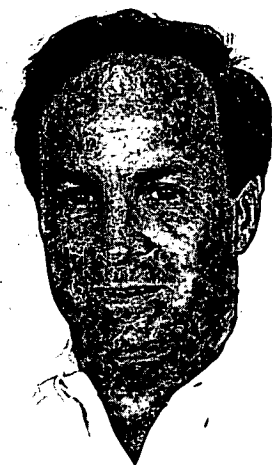
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I like this message I found in my fortune cookie recently:  
**"Your principles mean more to you than any money or success". --Amen.**

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(Please submit written material where possible 10-14 days before publ.)

**Mike Porterfield** joined Rotary in 1987 and, by virtue of admirable work on the Administrative committee and Environmental committee, he is now a club Director in charge of Club Service A. Mike is another NATIVE HOUSTONIAN. He got his Bachelor of Environmental Design from Texas A&M University in 1978 and is now a partner in the firm Randall-Porterfield Architects, Inc. located in Clear Lake Shores. They specialize in commercial, parks, marinas, roofing and custom residential. He belongs to appropriate professional organizations including serving on the Board of the National Council of Architectural Registration. Mike and wife Cindy (who is active in Women of Rotary) live in El Lago with their three children: Houston, Austin and Tyler. Mike and Cindy, are you all into city planning, or something?



**Dixie Robison** is an animated mother of three children and five grandchildren who has been active in community leadership in the Clear Lake Area for the past 23 years. She has worked on the Shrimporee since the first one, even before she was a Rotarian. She is a financial consultant with a firm whose initials may be enough: MLPF&S. This dynamo is a real Who's Who type (in 2 or 3 of them). Sample of her community leadership over the years: President, Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce; Director, Clear Lake Economic Development Foundation; Director, past Chairman, of the Bay Area YMCA and Chairman of its successful capital fund campaign; Director of Bridgeport Communities in Schools; Member Advisory Board, School of Professional Studies, UHCL; Chairman, Vocational Office Education Advisory Board of CCISD (10 years); Bay Area Community Service Advisory Board; Advisory Trustee, United Way. That's not all, folks, but it should give you the idea that Dixie has energy, is a great planner, and a diligent executer. Great to have her on our team! What's more, she's an effective shot with a 30-06. (She'll tell us about her recent African safari some day.)






**Vann Jones** worked during high school as a sports reporter/photographer for the Gadsden (AL) Times and as a sporting goods salesman for Sears. At the U. of Alabama, he worked part-time for UPS, making big bucks for a 20 year old, and graduating in 1983 with a BS in Business (Marketing, Human Resource Management). Joined the Chick-Fil-A organization as an operations manager for 2 years, then became owner/operator of Chick-Fil-A in Baybrook Mall. He was instrumental in development of the company's first free-standing restaurant with first year sales of over \$1.7 million. In 1986 he joined our club and has been busy since, serving on the Youth, International Youth, and Free Enterprise committees and chaired the Bean committee 3 years. In 1988, Vann joined NASA/JSC as a program analyst in procurement. Since 1990 he has been a contracts manager in the Space Shuttle Procurement Division. Vann and Terri and 2-year old Katie live in Seabrook.



**Vince Lipovsky** is a native of Bridgeport Conn. and a graduate of the Univ. of Conn. with a BS in Industrial Management/Engineering. During the summers of 37-40 he took US Army Artillery and Cavalry training. He became a mechanic with Sikorsky Aircraft in 40-42, joined the Marine Corps and became a fighter pilot in the South Pacific in WWII and in the Korean War. (Incidentally, he escorted Lindberg on two strafing missions in the South Pacific.) Professionally he was a Project Engineer with Avco Lycoming in their Aircraft Engines Div. and later in their Research Division, where he was Warhead Coordinator on Titan ICBM's. Still later he was Houston District Manager and Washington DC Principal Representative for US Army and NASA business. He was also Contract Rep for General American Transportation Corp. Vince and Florence have been married 40 years, with 2 UT grads.--Vince is a CHARTER MEMBER of our club, past director and has over 6 years of perfect attendance.



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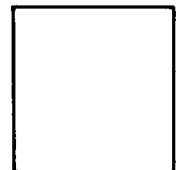
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