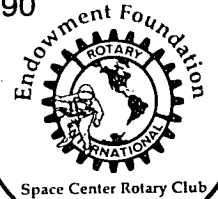


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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"

October 19, 1992

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for October: Mary Wylie

Responsibility for November: Jerry Hammack

- OCT 19 **International Youth Committee.** Chair: Karen Birchenough. Presentations by current exchange students. Auction of remaining Shrimporee items, if time permits.
- OCT 26 **Patty Welborn**, BFI Waste Systems. Recycling.
- NOV 2 **Roger Akers**, Private Consultant. "Americans with Disabilities Act"
- NOV 9 **Walt Lackey**, Past District Governor. "Rotary Foundation"

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- OCT 20 American Red Cross Adult CPR Training Course 6-10 PM. For more details call 333-9700. If you miss this local course, there will be a massive CPR training (5000) in the Astrodome Nov. 15. For good reasons, recall the talk by Dr. Pepe on 10/5, reported here on page 2.
- OCT 31 Volunteer Center/Bay Area daylong Festival at Baybrook Mall. Find your niche in Bay Area volunteering. 50 non-profit organizations display information and their volunteer needs. Entertainment throughout the day: clowns, magicians, scout dens, musicians, story tellers and mall stores decorating their windows in Halloween style theme.
- NOV 20 Weekend cruise to the Bahamas on the Nordic Empress. Just a month away and still some space thought to be available! Call Joe Hang 333-3124. A bunch of us are going!

OUR CLUB AT PLAY

The Shrimporee provided a fine opportunity for us to have some fun together-- while we worked together, the best way to do it. Some of the Shrimporee leaders felt compelled to award prexy Terry Hesson an apron trimmed in orange and white lace appropriate to a Texas EX. Well, Terry dutifully wore the apron at the Shrimporee (see below) BUT somehow an elaborate spoof showed up as an Aggie donation of a 12 day, 4 night trip to Aggiland to be auctioned with other gift certificates. We may not have heard the last of this yet.



PROGRAM NOTES: adapted from notes by Steve Bolton
 Meeting of October 5: Steve Waldner introduced our speaker, Dr. Paul Pepe, Director of Emergency Medical Services, City of Houston, and Associate Professor, Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Pepe's rapid-fire style and meaningful message held the club's attention even into overtime. His subject: Sudden Death Syndrome (ventricular fibrillation) which is the number "uno" killer in the United States. 400,000 Americans die from this every year. The syndrome results from a short-circuiting of the heart, and with the heart not circulating oxygenated blood, death can result in 4 minutes. The average age for men who suffer this is 58, with the average age for women who experience it being 64.

The key to survival in sudden death syndrome is immediacy of action. Early CPR greatly enhances the chance of survival. Dr. Pepe came to us from Seattle where very successful techniques had been worked out. Enhanced 911 service is now available in Houston, where a simple message: "we've got someone not breathing here" can be patched in 11 seconds to the nearest team equipped to respond. After widespread training of the city's firefighters in CPR, the response has been shifted from ambulances to fire engines with a considerable improvement in response time-- and with a release of ambulances to other emergency services for which they are the only appropriate response. Another important link in the chain of survival is the ability to administer electrical shock to reverse the fibrillation that stopped the heart's pumping action. The fire engines are now equipped to do this. They are even now equipped with a system that can automatically determine when and if a shock is needed and tell the operator. Dr. Pepe demonstrated one of these units and the fact that no training is needed to operate it.

His advice: If you want to survive sudden death syndrome, get your closest family and friends to learn CPR. They will save you!



Dr Pepe was emphatic. Learn CPR!

MORE "AT PLAY" !

Your editor paid a short visit to his daughter and her husband in Las Vegas, where a brief trip to Caesar's Palace seemed in order. To show you what a gambler I am, I set out to limit my losses to a \$2 roll of nickels. But before I was halfway through the roll, I hit the jackpot! The sound of 600 nickels seemingly endlessly cascading into the chute was a "charming" sound to say the least. I am happy to report that I promptly scooped up the loot, cashed in and left. I had always envisioned that that is what I would do, and I actually did it!

In order to permit me that visit, several of our good buddies took over the task of putting out the last Blastoff. And I certainly appreciate their work: Steve Bolton wrote the text; Vince Lipovsky saw to it that the photographs were taken (with special thanks to Mac Balfe and Carver Shivers); and Bob Frost handled typesetting and getting it produced.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Earl Maudlin 10 / 1
- Bev Steadman 10 / 2
- Bill Taylor 10 / 4
- Mike Dennard 10 / 10
- Tery Hernandez 10 / 12
- Rishi Grover 10 / 17
- Mike Hernandez 10 / 19
- Beth Stus 10 / 20
- Joe Henkel 10 / 23
- Ray Graham 10 / 31

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AS OF LAST MEETING:

Membership= 169

Attendance= 85.6 %
 (That's showing nice improvement)

Now is the time and here is the good word on the
ROTARY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Foundation has two scholarship programs for college students to study in any country where Rotary has a presence. The first is for college students who are in their freshman year and is designated the Under Graduate Scholarship. The students selected will attend a college in the country of their choice at the beginning of their junior year in college. The Foundation has the final decision on the country the student will study in but normally the student's choice will be honored. The second scholarship is the Graduate Scholarship. The students will be chosen in their junior year in college and will attend the college of their or the Foundation's choice in the fall following their graduation. Under both programs the student must be able to write, read and speak the language of the country of their study. The candidate can not be a relative of a Rotarian.

Space Center Rotary Club has been very successful in this program principally because of our excellent local candidates. Our selection process is very simple. We request the senior counselors at the high schools to send us a list of students that qualify for the two scholarship programs. We send them an application for the awards and during the Christmas break we interview them. Our committee evaluates the students as to who we consider will be the best ambassador of good will for Rotary, which is the Foundation's purpose. The students must have good academic records so they will not embarrass Rotary but this is not a scholarship award.

If you know a student that qualifies and would be interested in this program, please give us their name and address and we will invite them to participate.

Don Kirk (488-3383 or 488-5681)

65 OR OLDER ?

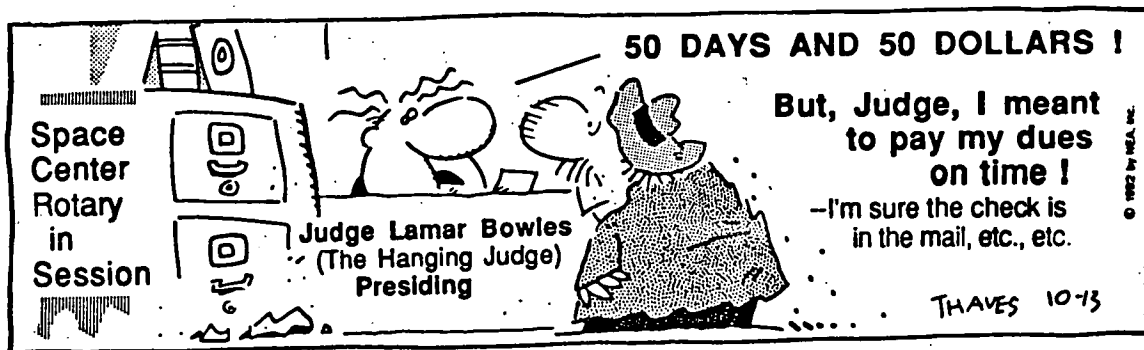
(After the last Board meeting, I received a letter that asked that I "CAUSE TO BE PRINTED" in the next Blastoff certain pertinent information. That sounded so official and "legal" that I figured I better do it! A fella doesn't want to get sued, you know! So, here 'tis, straight out of the good book--Rotary, that is.)

Exemption from attendance requirement:

A member's absence shall be excused if he or she is a senior active member and (i) has been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for an aggregate of twenty (20) years or more and has reached the age of 65 years, or (ii) has been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for an aggregate of fifteen (15) years or more and has reached the age of 70 years.

However, to take advantage of this provision of the Rotary Club Constitution, the member must notify the club secretary in writing of his or her desire to be excused from attendance. If approved by the board of directors, the members absences shall not be computed in the club's attendance records, but if desired by the member, his or her attendance may be computed. An important consideration in this election is the member's desire or not to accumulate years of perfect attendance.

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A MESSAGE FROM YE OLDE EDITOR

Dear Senores y Senoras y Senioritas: If your Editor is going to survive, he will need some help. The most difficult part of this job is hound-dogging people for the information that you should have presented to you in this publication. Hence, I beg you to take the initiative, especially if you are a committee chair, to let your fellow members know what is happening in your group by getting the information to me. I am available by phone, FAX, U. S. Mail, whether hand-written, typed, or computer printed, as well as by notes slipped to me at a meeting or by words whispered in my ear (the good one, that is). So please take the initiative!

We have something like 42 committees in this club (depending on which week it is !). There is no way that I can hit that many moving targets. You realize how many calls it takes to make one conversation with you busy people, from your own experience. I have a recorder. So if you can stand to listen to the message and talk to a machine, please take the initiative. I do return calls.

A few minutes ago, I got wind of a fine thing being done by one of our committees. I learned it by happenstance from another member. But that is not a very dependable process for carrying out our function of informing the membership. You will hear more about it in the next Blastoff, which will be distributed November 2, 1992. But, Committee Chairs, please take the initiative ! Please consider it part of your personal responsibility. ("Raise your right hand and repeat after me--").

Tom Wier: Phone 334-2539 FAX 334-2530
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DID YOU KNOW THAT

Of all the active Space Center Rotarians, sixty eight (68) are Paul Harris Fellows and fifty three (53) are Paul Harris Sustaining Members.--- Are you one of them?--- Do you know how to become a Fellow or a Sustaining Member?

(You are about to learn)

For a contribution of \$1000 to the Rotary Foundation, you can become or you can designate a Fellow. For as little as \$100 (with the intention of contributing \$1000), you can become a Sustaining Member.

But the good news is that you can now become a Fellow for only \$500 as our club will match any amount you contribute toward a Paul Harris Fellow. Write your check today!

KEEPING UP

The Board has spent a lot of time recently reviewing the status of our membership, who's not keeping up their attendance, who's not meeting their dues obligations. Those are things that are not optional. The Board has reluctantly (that is the right word) had to pull the switch on over a dozen members recently.

The Board has also wrestled with fund raising philosophy. Mike Dennard, Mike Brown and David Taylor have been asked to serve on a panel to review the Shrimporee and how it is structured and to develop new ideas. North Shore and Brazosport clubs represent outstanding performance at fund raising.

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Jingle Bells--

A JOINT CHRISTMAS

Bill Taylor announced tentative plans for the joint Christmas party with Space Center, Seabrook and Harrisburg clubs. The date has been set as Friday, Dec. 11, 1992. Dinner and live music will be served up at Louie's on the Lake at a price of \$25.00 per person. Make plans

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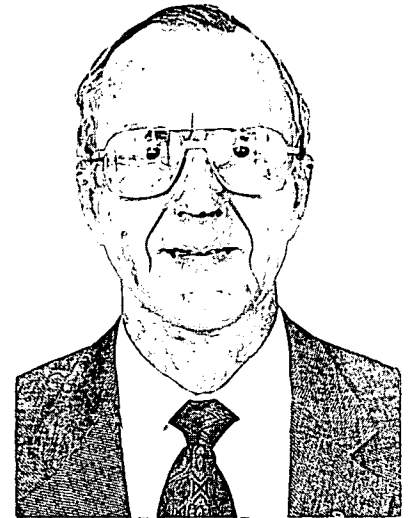
The Junior Interact Club at Clear Lake Intermediate has had several meetings of a preliminary nature (recruiting and explaining) and was scheduled to meet to elect officers last Thursday. As far as is known, this is the first time the Rotary idea has been introduced to such a young group (6th,7th,8th graders). Faculty sponsors are: Jan Cribb, Marie Small, and Cheryl Lane-- with Tery Hernandez riding herd on the project for us.

Ron Blilie has been a member of Space Center Rotary since 1985. He is a member of the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Foundation board of directors and chaired our club's Youth Committee in 1991-1992. He is currently chairing the mentoring committee.

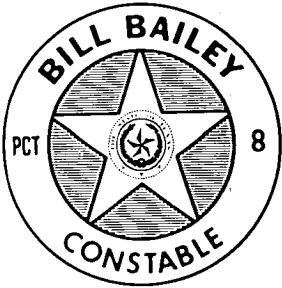


Ron was born in Denver, Colorado in 1935 and was raised in St. Paul and Moorhead, Minnesota. In 1958 he married Jean Woiwode. They have two children -- Todd, age 28, who remodels houses and lives in Round Rock, TX-- and Robin, age 25, who is married and a 4th year medical student at Southwestern Univ. in Dallas. Ron attended North Dakota State University, where he earned a BS and MS in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for NASA from 1963 to 1984 and was primarily involved in the development and operation of the in-flight simulators used in astronaut flight training. He currently works for Honeywell at the Space Engineering Center in Clear Lake.

He joined the USAF through the North Dakota Air National Guard in 1953, was commissioned and awarded the navigator rating in 1956. He retired in 1990 as a Colonel after serving as commander of the 111th Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Field.

Rosanne Zarcaro escaped from New Jersey to Clear Lake at age 1 and grew up here with her parents, John and Rose Zarcaro, and three brothers. She graduated from the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1986 with a BA and a concentration in communications. Now she is General Manager for Space City Realtors but also handles all marketing and public relations for the firm. In addition she serves on the Marketing Task Force for the Clear Lake Economic Development Foundation. Rosanne is relatively new to Space Center Rotary but enjoys it very much and is being active in its work. She is cochairman of the Public Relations committee, of which Eddie Janek is the chairman. So far she has helped with the Shrimptree (including doing all the program typesetting) and with the Earth Day Celebration. She is also helping with the Blastoff. On a personal note, she says she enjoys photography and listening to live music, traveling, and spending time with her family and friends, which include her Yellow Lab pup, Charlie. Also to quote her: "And I just bought my first house, in Bay Glen."



Space Center Women of Rotary have begun holding birthday parties each month for the folks at Hope Village. They plan to have the party on the second Thursday of each month to honor those who have birthdays that month. Here are Shirley Dillon, Sandra Predmore and Marilyn Burrow with the honorees at a recent party.

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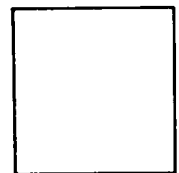
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