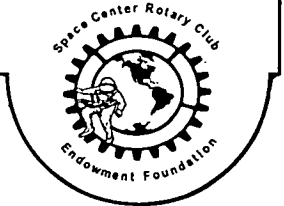


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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"



November 30, 1992

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for November: Jerry Hammack

Responsibility for December: Mike Hernandez

- NOV 30 **Patty Welborn**, BFI Waste Systems. Recycling.
- DEC 7 **CCISD Choir and Brass Quartet.**
- DEC 14 **PDG Sonny Nichols and his GSE team.** Next Blastoff scheduled for this date.
- DEC 21 **Christmas Fellowship**

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- DEC-- NO GOLF OUTING IN DECEMBER AND POSSIBLY JANUARY.
- DEC 2 Next District Meeting of Project Free Enterprise. 7PM
6750 W. Loop South #860, Ed Burdzinski's office. 666-7700.
- DEC 5 Bridgeport Afterschool Players fund raiser -- viewing of the Christmas Boat Parade from the home of Danielle and Roland Dupuis on Clear Lake. Buffet supper and beverage included for \$15 donation. Reservations limited, first come-first served.
- DEC 11 Joint Christmas Party with Space Center, Seabrook and Harrisburg clubs at Louie's On The Lake. About 6:30-7:00. Full buffet dinner. 16 pc Kurland Street Band (big band era sound). Party dress but not formal, (unless you wish). Call Bill Taylor at 488-2733.

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

(Let it be so always)

THE CRUISE BUNCH WENT TO LUNCH--

and to snack time and to dinner and to snack time and to midnight snack time and to breakfast and to snack time--We got more food in the weekend than most would in a week. And it was good --and graciously served! What we didn't get an excess of was sleep-- but what the heck! And who needed all those quarters quickly gobbled up by the bandits. Actually some of us came out even or very, very slightly ahead. Ron and Jean Bliite, Bill and Joni Dusenbury, Cecil and Judith Ferguson, Dick and Margaret Kidder, Bert and Florence Kraft, Tim and Debbie Kropp, Billy and Linda Smith, John and Carolyn Watson, Alan and Mary Wylie, and Tom and Marge Wier were ably escorted through their paces by Joe and Cheng Hang. We declared our meals together a makeup and thought of you-- between sips of wine!



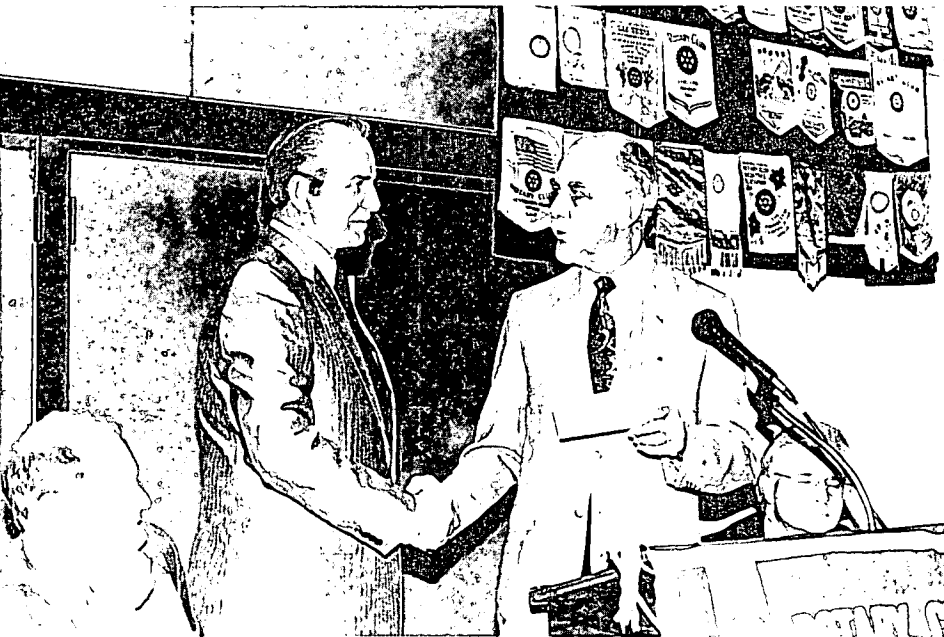


MEETING NOTES

MEETING OF 11/16: It was Spouse's Day and there were tons of introductions --(Whoa! That's not a good expression for all those lovelies!) Lots of introductions-- followed by many pre-program items.

Alan Wylie introduced his newly sponsored member, Jeff Attwater (1st photo). Welcome!

Charles Hartman presented Ray Graham (second photo) with the proceeds of the roast event held for Ray, an amount announced as being between \$1 and \$50,000. On top of that, Mike Waters of Clear Lake Rehab Center announced that Ray's bill would be "deeply discounted", which Mike, ever alert, said would be between "\$1 and \$50,000". Ray got a standing ovation.



Bill Taylor ran over the details of the Christmas party -see p. 1. Maggie Adams brought forth the long awaited new club directory, an event that always involves some finger-crossing because of complexities. An exchange visit to Mexico City next spring was presented by Gonzalo Montoya and his Aeropuerto counterpart. Ole!



Ken Wedemeyer of Macy's showed us current ideas for dressing for business on a budget. He addressed both the men and women in the audience. An important theme was ideas for accomplishing the transition from business day to evening event without having to go home to change clothes. Some simple conversions can be added to or subtracted from the daytime wear. He recommended taking advantage of the change-of-seasons sales because in Houston medium weight can be worn all year. (3rd photo).

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Al Brady and Gen. Hal Neely asked that you be advised which current members of the club are Paul Harris Fellows. Here is their list. There are 66 members who are Fellows. Several members have sponsored multiple Fellowships. This list also does not include former members or non-members who have been sponsored, such as spouses, parents, children or friends. Otherwise, the club's list would be over twice as large.

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| Gerald Allen | David Baldwin | John Balfe |
| Lamar Bowles | Floyd Boze | Al Brady |
| Lonnie Clement | Maggie Denike | Dennis Dillon |
| Robert Driver | Stephen Erickson | Robert Frost |
| Clay Fulcher | Edwin Geissler | William Geissler |
| Myra Gochnour-Hooker | | Ray Graham |
| Kenneth Gurry | Jonathan Hall | Jerome Hammack |
| Joseph Hang | James Hargrove | Charles Hartman |
| Terry Hesson | Albert Holguin | Mervin Hughes |
| Ralph Karraker | David King | Don Kirk |
| Robert Kraft | Don Kyle | Alfred Ligrani |
| Vince Lipovsky | Jack Lister | J. W. Lowes III |
| Victor Maria | James McDonald | Robert Mitchell |
| Frank Morgan | Owen Morris | Harold Neely |
| Selma Neumann | Aaron Olsen | David Owen |
| Tim Rainey | Wm. Rittenhouse | Larry Rowe |
| Billy Ray Smith | B. E. Steadman | Della Stephens |
| Claire Taylor | David Taylor | John Tenini |
| William Tuite | Richard Veth | Carlos Villagomez |
| John Watson | Anne Weseman | Billy Weseman |
| Charles Whynot | Thomas Wier | Woodrow Williams |
| Robert Wren | James Wyatt | Alan Wylie |
| Wayne Young | | |

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ITEMS FROM OUR BOARD MEETING

District Gov.-Elect Billy Weseman has asked our club to host the district assembly for training (i.e. run the show, not pay for it) with about 300 to attend. Terry Hesson will get more information before a decision is made. -- The club's service budget for '92-'93, after projecting expenditures and income, faces an \$18,000 deficit if executed as proposed. Some budget cuts will be required and a special meeting of the directors over service committees will be called to review the budget figures. If the directors involved cannot get the budget slashed, the executive committee will make the necessary cuts. -- Bill Lowes reported that the luncheon food format is being reviewed and that the hotel is receptive to the idea of a one meal "expanded salad bar" at one price. This will be resolved soon. -- Jack Lister was appointed as chairman of the nominating committee for the club election coming up in December. Candidates were being chosen at press time.

PAUL HARRIS

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

(A communiqué from Al Brady and Hal Neely)

In April 1988 the Space Center Rotary Club, in an effort to stimulate participation in the Paul Harris Sustaining Member program, contributed to the Rotary International Foundation an amount of money equal to \$100 for each member of the club who at that time was not a Paul Harris Fellow or a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. The money was designated to be credited to the opening of a Paul Harris Sustaining Membership account in the name of each of the specific individuals. Many of these individuals are no longer members of this club and there are others who are still members but have not made any additional contribution to their Sustaining Membership account. In both cases the accounts are inactive. The committee is in the process of surveying these individuals as to their future Sustaining Account plans.

It is a "no pressure" survey. But if anyone who was a previously designated recipient does not anticipate contributions at present or in the foreseeable future, then that person is asked to consider releasing the designation so that a re-designation can be made to provide matching funds for someone else who does wish to participate. This request is being presented to both current members and former members. Between the two groups there is a potential to put to more active use nearly \$10,000, a sum that could also be matched by new contributions thereby implemented.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Many of you may remember the series of commentaries that I did under this title between my first stint as editor of the Blastoff and my current go at it. It has become quite popular to write on the theme of encouraging people to make a difference, even articles in national publications. I'm sure I didn't start it but I am still at it. My articles were written in recognition of the outstanding (even heroic?) work by many of our members, work of conception and execution that made a difference in our community. Work that made our club not just good but outstanding!

We have a lot of new members since then. Many of you who are new may not have yet felt the pull of the harness or even know how to get hitched up to our 40-plus committees system. Here are some thoughts.

First, decide that you, personally, are going to do something to make a difference in the work of this club with the help of the Rotary fellowship.

Next, pick a program of the club that you would enjoy supporting. It's like when you choose a career: If you don't like it, you are not going to be very good at it. Also, you will find that some of the many committees only meet occasionally (if at all?) while others are at it constantly. Those with a program that runs all year will endear Rotary to you much more quickly.

Third, immerse yourself in the work of the committee. Contact the chairman. Volunteer (if you can bring yourself to say that word). Ask questions- about the committee's scope, organization, membership, what you can do. Suggest possible new ideas. Attend meetings. Help when you are asked. Service in Rotary is the path to new friendships and fellowship.

If the list of committees is not on the Bulletin Board, ask for it.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Dusenbury	12/01
Mary Allen Wylie	12/01
Charlotte Garner	12/05
Terry Hesson	12/08
Charles Whynot	12/11
Mike Cornett	12/12
David Franz	12/12
Ray Paulikowski	12/13
Dick Gregg	12/19
Keith Huff	12/23
James Harlan	12/29

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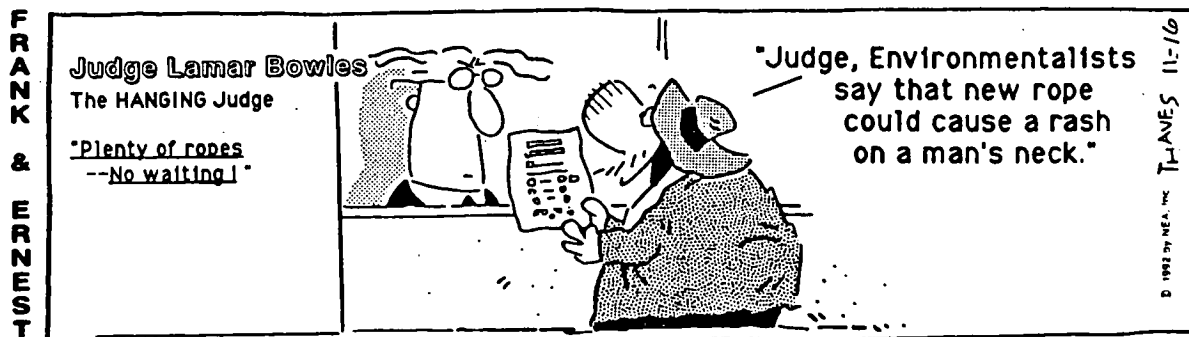
Who will be the first to call the editor and correctly point out the changes recently made in the logo of the Space Center Rotary Endowment Foundation? Public recognition will follow. \$\$\$\$? ++(Members of the Foundation Board are not eligible).

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GOLF RESULTS

The turnout for the Nov. 19 outing was only 5, so a fivesome played the South Shore Country Club (Jerry Smith was host). Colin Coker was the Rotary winner, but Floyd Boze and "Marshall" Dillon worked at raising their handicaps (with some success). As always they had a great time, this time finishing just as it started to rain

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Billy Ray Smith was born in Kilgore Texas (hence the Billy Ray--and I bet he never would have left if he had foreseen the Kilgore Rangerettes). But such is life and he grew up from age 5 in Liberty TX, home of Price and Bill Daniels. Went to "boot camp" (sometimes referred to as Texas A&M University) where he earned a BS in Mechanical Engineering in '59. Later he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston in '70. He was employed as an engineer for 2 years before joining the family hardware business (Kemah Hardware and Supply). But he has been in the general practice of law in Clear Lake City since '70, emphasizing real estate, wills, trusts, probate, and business organizations.



But there's more: Adjunct Professor at University of Houston Clear Lake, Legal Studies, teaching property transactions. Member of St. Christopher Episcopal Church, League City, teaching the Bethel Bible Study Series, member of the Vestry, and Lay Eucharistic Minister. Member of Space Center Rotary since June '74, Paul Harris Fellow, served as chairman of several committees, Director for three years, Sgt. at Arms, Secretary, President Elect and then President '90-'91. Presently serving as Parliamentarian, President of Board of Trustees of Endowment Foundation, and Director of RNASA Foundation. At District level: served on GSE France planning and selection committee and Gov.'s Representative for Gov. Fitts Presently, Chrmn. of District 5890 Community Service Comm. Married to Linda Claire, 8 children and stepchildren (3 marines) and 6 grandchildren. (Ed. note: Wait a minute! We have the same number of grandchildren but he got his doctorate 27 years after I got mine and his BS 19 years after I got mine? I have a feeling there is something humorous about that but I'm not sure! Either he's too young or I'm too old, or both.) His hobbies are computers, photography and flying stunt kites at the beach.

George Fleming of Flagstaff AZ became a Texan when he was transferred to Ellington AFB in 1942 as a Pilot Instructor. George had joined Rotary in Arizona in 1940 where he taught before serving in the Army Air Force as a Captain, Pilot Instructor at Ellington, Carswell and Randolph AF Bases.

George attended Arizona State U., U. of Southern California, and U. of Houston and earned BA, Masters and Doctorate degrees. George had an active career in hospital administration, serving as Personnel Director, VA Hospital, Houston; Chief Executive, Mainland Hospital, Texas City; Associate Administrator, Methodist Hospital, Houston; Chief Executive, Santa Rosa Medical Center, San Antonio; San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Baytown; and retired from Methodist Hospital, Houston in 1988. George has been recognized for his activities: Past Chairman of Texas Hospital Association and recipient of Collier Award, Distinguished Hospital Administrator-1985; Life Fellow American College Health Executives; Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award-1967; St. George Award-1968.



A Paul Harris Fellow, George has been a Rotarian for 33 years in six different clubs and president of Baytown and La Marque clubs. George has been married to Elaine Rogers Fleming, M.D. for the past eight years and has two children: George, a lawyer, and Scott, a businessman, both in Houston. He has 3 grandchildren.

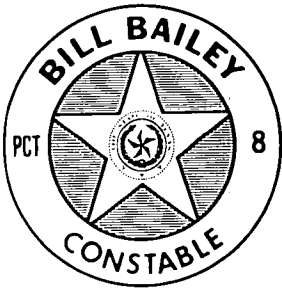




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PROJECT FREE ENTERPRISE III

The District Free Enterprise committee now has a commitment to send a third team to Poland in April. Selection of team members begins soon with a need for individuals who can speak on: General business start-up and feasibility; formal business plan; management; marketing and sales; and finance and accounting. If you are interested in being a part of this activity, see Dr. David Taylor.

NOTE: Please respond promptly when you are requested to furnish information about yourself for possible publication in the Blastoff.

--Vee would not want to make zee editor mad at us, would vee?

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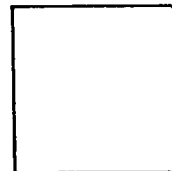
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