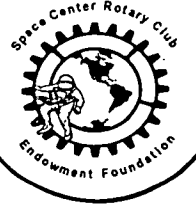


# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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"

March 8, 1993

## PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman  
Responsibility for March: Bob Richmond

- MAR 8 **Hank Moore**, Read-Poland Associates. "How to Get Something Done in Washington."
- MAR 15 **New Zealand Group Study Exchange Team**
- MAR 22 **Constable Bill Bailey** (Need we say more?)
- MAR 29 **Thaddeus Lott**, HISD Principal. "Believing and Achieving"

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

- MAR 11 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT ROBERT BARTH DINNER. In Houston at the Houstonian. \$24.50. See Jack Lister.
- MAR 25-27 DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, MARRIOTT HOTEL. This is our chance to make a big splash! Let's have a big turnout to celebrate our own Billy Weseman's role as District Governor-Elect. We will have our usual most popular hospitality room!
- APR 17 EARTH AWARENESS DAY CELEBRATION AT BAYBROOK MALL. This is Space Center Rotary's 4th year of the leadership role for the Clear Lake area in this national program! Sandra Sausley is in charge.
- APR 17 HABITAT HOUSE FOR HUMANITIES (District project). 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Join in building a house for a homeless family. We need 12 to 20 volunteers. Ask Vic Maria.
- JUN 21 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 93-94. 7PM It will be a good evening, so please bring your spouse. Hope to have entertainment and lots of fellowship. (Perhaps thy cup will runneth over!)
- SEP 18 SHRIMPOREE

## RNASA HONORS TOM STAFFORD

One of the offsprings from Space Center Rotary, the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA), honored former astronaut Tom Stafford at its banquet and executive forum at the Hyatt Regency in Houston on Feb. 18. Aerospace executives from around the nation came for the black tie event.

Stafford was awarded the National Space Trophy while four others received Stellar Awards for career space contributions, notably: Peter Wilhelm, Director of the Naval Center for Space Technology; Dr. Roger Bilstein, professor of history at UHCL for his work in aerospace history; Charles Caughren, site director for Rockwell's Orbiter Final Assembly and Test Operations; and Otto Goetz, manager of the Space Shuttle Main Engine Office at Marshall Space Flight Center.

This annual event established itself with a national audience from the first year it was held. The group of Space Center Rotarians that developed this award program deserve much admiration.

## MEETING NOTES

2/22 MTG.: Terry called on three more directors to give us reports on the committees under their charge. Donnie Johnson, Director for Club Service D, covered Club History (Sandy Sausley, chair) with a need for facts on any club activity of importance; District Activities (Jack Lister, chair) such as coordinating attendance at the dinner for RI President Cliff Dochterman, and anything else the Gov. or club Pres. requests; Magazine (Floyd Boze, chair); Membership (Jim McDonald, chair) with its great new form making clear the sequence of processing new members; and Memorials (Larry Rowe, chair) with a report of a new bench ordered as an addition to our memorial in Clear Lake Park.

Mike Porterfield, Director for Club Service A, covered Attendance (Vince Lipovsky, chair) that continues the battle to keep us filling our attendance duty; Constitution and By Laws (Billy Ray Smith, chair and parliamentarian) keeping us legal; Fellowship (Bill Taylor, chair) promoting participation in our recreational and social activities; Golf (Dennis Dillon, chair) which promotes both fellowship and fundraising; and Shrimporee (Bill Taylor, chair) which is being analyzed for a new format to reach for greater accomplishment.

Joe Hang, Director for Club Service B, covered Program (Vann Jones, chair) that asks the entire membership to be alert to any truly outstanding programs that they may hear of for our meetings; Blastoff (Tom Wier, editor) with its search for reportorial help as well as a new editor to meet Tom Wier's request for replacement; Roster/Directory (Maggie Adams, chair) that has an update scheduled to go to press at the end of March and beseeches you to provide information where incorrect or incomplete- A DO IT NOW MATTER!; Public Relations (Eddie Janek, chair) now seeking to produce a tri-fold brochure to publicize Space Center Rotary to all the community; and the Telephone committee (Bob Montgomery, chair) that functions in emergency needs for communication to the membership.

**MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Vic Maria announced several important dates (which have been incorporated into the events calendar on the front page of this Blastoff). LaWann Tull told us it was time to get in applications for candidates for short term summer exchange, a wonderful experience for youth. Pete Zamora called attention to the information on the five outstanding law enforcement individuals being honored (and which were detailed in the last Blastoff). This is a great new program of our club. Past District Governor Tyler Baker presented a show on Goodwill Industries.

3/1 MTG. Speaker for this meeting was Bill Read of the U.S. Weather Service who brought us lessons learned from Hurricane Andrew In Florida. Some of his points: Andrew was a Class 4 storm with Carla (1961) being the last Class 4 storm to hit in our area. Alicia was a minimum Class 3 storm. Planes, ships, and even buoys are now included as sources of storm progress information. The time to evacuate the area is when the landfall prediction is 72 hours and location is predicted anywhere from Louisiana to Corpus Christi. One mistake the public makes: "Don't worry. The government will take care of me." Texas policy does not order evacuation, only recommends. So it comes down to your decision. Florida policy, on the other hand, includes an ordered evacuation. Bill Read says "Make the decisions NOW as to what actions you will take. Don't wait until you have to take action." That includes your choice of evacuation route, what emergency equipment you will take, and whether you can get it all in your vehicle. New Doppler radar here now can accurately show detail from New Orleans to Brownsville. **ADVICE: Pay attention to the leading "onset of hurricane conditions" edge location. NOT where the "eye" is in judging when you will be in trouble.**

## MEETING PHOTOS

Sequence below refers to speakers named in left column: Donnie Johnson, Mike Porterfield, Joe Hang, and former District Governor Tyler Baker.



## PHOTO FINISH

The picture of our speaker Bill Read didn't come out, so we have the picture of Shirley Lindquist introducing him (clever, eh?). But we owed Shirley a picture anyway because we couldn't find hers when she was doing hurricane duty for the Red Cross in Hawaii a few months ago. Next, we have Lisa Ehrler introducing John Lowery, whom we successfully sponsored for the New Zealand Group Study Exchange. John, owner of Design at Work, will be one of the five young people going. The final picture is living proof that if you hit that little golf ball often enough you might win a trophy for your club (see story at right).



## WE WIN GOLF TOURNEY

Tuesday February 16th we challenged three other Rotary clubs to a golf tournament.

Our worthy opponents were : Houston Heights, Harrisburg and the Rotary Club of Houston. The tournament was held at the beautiful Inwood Golf Course.

The much valued prize was the annual "THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON" trophy. Twelve members of our club played with the best eight scores being used.

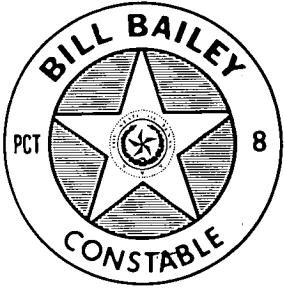




Our team consisted of - Colin Coker, Bill Predmore, Bill Lowes, Bill Dusenbury, Floyd Boze, Bailey Chaney, R. Carnavale, Frank Morgan, Lamar Bowles, Joe Hang, Vic Maria, and Don Kirk - listed in order of lowest net score first.

Our club owns the trophy for a full year, but if you want to see it you will have to set an appointment with Dennis Dillon. You see it's at his house. Dennis was quoted as saying "The team won it , but I'm going to keep it for them".

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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

John Balfe	3 / 2
Wayne Young	3 / 5
Ed Geissler	3 / 7
Harold Nance	3 / 10
Kenneth Hoffman	3 / 12
Carson Stephens	3 / 12
Bill Tuite	3 / 13
Gerald Allen	3 / 15
Tim Kropp	3 / 17
Gerald Smith	3 / 18
Larry Rowe	3 / 19
Jim McDonald	3 / 20
Roger Lyons	3 / 22
George Fleming	3 / 26
Clay Fulcher	3 / 28
Gary Stremel	3 / 28
Harold Neely	3 / 30

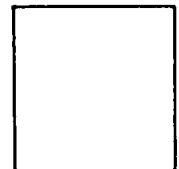
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