

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

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"



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WHAT'S NEWS

PROGRAMS

- JAN. 31 DON UBANKS
AMERICANS WITH
DISABILITIES ACT
- FEB. 6 MEDITATION
- FEB. 14 ROBERT COLBERT
CANDIDATE FOR U.S.
REP
SPACE STATION
JOBS
- FEB. 21 HOLIDAY (NO
MEETING)
- MAR. 14 DR. DEBAKEY!!!
- PLUS LARRY MATHIS, CEO
OF METHODIST
HOSPITAL
- MAR. 17 DEBBIE MANTOOTH
ASST. D.A. & CHIEF
PROSECUTOR
- MAR. 21 BRAD THOMPSON
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EVENTS

- MAR 4 SPACE CENTER
ROTARY NIGHT AT
THE RODEO, Contact
Richard Hergert 280-
0444

SPRING FUND-RAISER - TO BE
ANNOUNCED

Contact: David Taylor
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BIRTHDAY CORRECTION

KENNETH GOEDEKE JAN. 29
(Due to an error, Kenneth's
last name appeared as
"EDEKL" sorry Ken)
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Jamie Rebecca Jones

Born December 29, 1993.
Wt. 5# 14oz. 19 1/2 inches
long. The proud parents are
Vann & Terri Jones and big
sister Katie who is 3 1/2.



DEC 10, 1993

**IT'S A
WONDERFUL
LIFE**

By Gene Oley

Many of you may remember the movie classic starring Jimmy Steward & Donna Reed.

The plot revolves around Jimmy taking over his fathers savings & loan in this small town. He doesn't realize how much he is appreciated until he falls into financial crisis and the town shows up to help.

Why am I telling you this?

Recently I fell into financial crisis and needed serious help.

The word went out that I had to move out of my home now!

Saturday 9 AM the first person arrived. By 10 AM there were vans, pick up trucks, Jaguars and people everywhere!

Combined forces of the Space Center Rotary and the Clear Lake Knights Of Columbus filled my three bedroom house in Nassau Bay with the milk of human kindness.

In one single hour they had emptied & cleaned the house. I was moved to a mini warehouse in League City. One months free rent was donated by the owner, a fellow Rotarian.

My dear friends, I am still in crisis but I am certainly not alone.

May God bless you all!
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THANK YOU

Dear Vic & Norma

All is well in paradise. I trust your presidency in rotary is going well. I miss all the "old fellows" of Space Center. Hope to see you in Louisiana.

The Best,
Karen Birchenough
1422 B Nunneley Rd
Paradise, CA 95969
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Dear Mr. Maria,

The officers of Clear View High School Interact Club greatly enjoyed attending the Rotary Luncheon last week. We benefited from seeing how the Rotary Club conducts their meeting and learning more about air pollution.

We are looking forward to working with the Rotary Club on our projects.

Sincerely,

Signed by Pres., V Pres., Sec. & Treas.

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21 December 1993

Victor Maria, President

Dear Space City Rotarians,

It was with an absolute feeling of wonder that I found myself honored by your club yesterday. I had no idea that I would ever be so honored as to become a Paul Harris Fellow. When you read the achievement list of my sister, Ann, I was so proud of her. When, a few moments later, I joined her I was almost overcome.

You have to realize how much rotary has meant to the Boze family and how Ann and I grew up with Rotary to understand how much these honors mean to us. My wonderful Father has had three great loves in his life. And all have brought him great pleasure. First is his love of God, which he has lived in his every breath and word. Second only to that is his love of family, to which he has dedicated well over fifty years of unselfish devotion. And third has been his love of Rotary. I have never seen a more perfect match of man and organization than my father and Rotary International. The aims and ideals of the Club are his own as completely as if he had founded the group. He once said, in a talk to your (his) club, that there were only two reasons to be a Rotarian: FOR THE THINGS YOU COULD DO FOR OTHERS, and FOR THE PEOPLE YOU DID THOSE THINGS WITH. That says it all. He has enjoyed his rotary friendships and

honors and successes far more than his successes and honors and friendships made while in the service of his beloved country in the (Army) Air Force, while in the arena of Higher Education, or while being a Banker and in Community Service.

To be honored by a group of people that has meant as much as you (Rotary) have to my Father has been one of the high points of my life. I pledge to you to continue to be worthy of the honor you have bestowed upon me. thank you very much.

Sincerely,
William F. Boze
P.O. Box 506
Barker, Texas 77413

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Gene Hollier (O-LEE-A)

RODEO

By Gene Oley

1-10 I'm not quite sure what the subject was because the speaker was so entertaining I was busy enjoying myself.

Gene Hollier (pronounced O-LEE-A) is a retired USAF fighter pilot. He has appeared in several episodes of Magnum P.I., Robo Cop II, and the Jim Brady Story.

Gene owns a local business, gives talks and for about 8 years has been on the Go Texas sub committee.

One of the stories Mr. Hollier told is

about a country lady.

You see this lady had lived in the country all her life. Then moved to the city. Well, she was worried! Down right scarred! Crime and all.

So she took all the self defense courses she could, and took to carrying a hand gun.

One day she was coming out of the supermarket and saw two men crouching below the dash board.

Well, she pulled out that ol' long barrel 44 from her purse. Assumed the two hand weapon hold position, and yelled "freeze, get out of the car!".

The two men dropped everything and took off running. She felt pretty embarrassed when she realized it was their car, so she quietly drove off.

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Barbara Ashley

HOME HEALTH CARE

By Elaine Flemming, MD

1-24 Our speaker today was Barbara Ashley, Director of a local home care services business.

Home health care is intended to provide services to essentially home bound patients.

This can serve as an extension of hospital care or instead of nursing home care.

A physician must order this service for the patient in need of some skilled service such as nurse or physical therapist.

This service is reimbursed by Medicare

and most private policies.

Return to emergency rooms and hospitals has been greatly reduced due to this service.

I have seen many - many cases in which this service has saved thousands of dollars in costs.

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Richard "Tex" Hergert

NIGHT AT THE RODEO

By Richard Hergert

District 5890 Rotarians are invited to attend the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on Friday, March 4, 1994. For only \$20 per person, Rotarians and their guests can have a barbecue dinner, starting at 5:00 p.m.; visit the livestock show and see the animals and exhibits; and then, at 7:00 p.m., see the World's greatest rodeo and show in the Astrodome. The rodeo will have horse and bull riding, calf roping, barrel racing, calf scramble, and other events. The entertainment consists of three Texas performers, each with their own show; Tracy Byrd, Doug Supernaw, and Mark Chestnut. The rotary has a special section with good seats.

In order to avoid the hassle of getting to and from the rodeo, included in your \$20 are bus tickets to take you, on Rotary marked buses, from a special park across the street from Meyerland.

Please make your check payable to Space Center Rotary and give it to Richard Hergert, 280-0444 by February 4, 1994.

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DEAR EDITOR

Dear Editor, This item is for you to use in the Blastoff. The information I have gathered is from Aviation Week and Space Technology. Please feel free to use and edit this article in any manner you see fit for publication.

It is called: "Washington Technology Transfer Initiative." When I was introduced to the Rotary Club, it was mentioned that I am a computer buff. Well, its true! The other day I was thumbing through Aviation Week and Space Technology, November 29, 1993, page 21, and stumbled across something I think will be of interest to my fellow Rotarians, whether in Aerospace or not.







In the pages of this magazine there is a section called "Washington Outlook". Within this section was an article concerning a new Federal Bulletin Board. It is called a "One-Stop Data Base" by the editors of this most prestigious Pearl of Aviation and Space Information that I truly adore. The reality is, it may be the start of one.

In reference to the Administrative Technology Transfer Initiative article, which I was reading, comes "The Conversion Clearing House", a BBS.

According to AW&ST, the Clearing House has funding this year of \$1.5 million and is housed at the Commerce Dept. The phone number for computer access is Toll Free 1 800 352 2949. Or, for operator assistance call Toll Free 1 800 345 1222. Internet users can access at address ecix.doc.gov.

This is a must see for those of us Technocrats with too much time on our hands. Be sure to leave your comments for improvements at the end of the survey. Fraternaly,

William a. Tuite III

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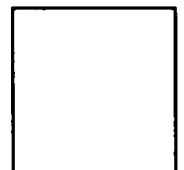
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