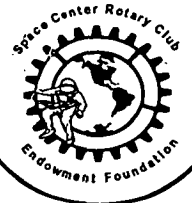


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
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Rotary International District 5890

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"



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**FEB. 14 ROBERT COLBERT
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**FEB. 21 HOLIDAY (NO
MEETING)**

**MAR. 7 DEBBIE MANTOOTH
ASST. D.A. & CHIEF
PROSECUTOR**

**MAR. 14 DR.
DEBAKEY!!!**

**PLUS LARRY MATHIS, CEO
OF METHODIST
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**MAR. 21 BRAD THOMPSON
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EVENTS

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ROTARY NIGHT AT
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**SPRING FUND-RAISER - TO BE
ANNOUNCED**

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MICHAEL E. DeBAKEY

Dr. DeBakey, who will be our speaker on March 14, was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, now serves as the Chancellor, Distinguished Service Professor of Surgery, and director of the DeBakey Heart Center.

In 1937, Dr. DeBakey joined the faculty of Tulane University. He volunteered for military service during World War II and received the Legion of Merit Award. His work in the Surgeon General's Office led to the development of mobile army surgical hospitals (MASH units).

After the war, Dr. DeBakey returned to Tulane as Associate Professor of Surgery. In 1948, he accepted the Chairmanship of the Department of Surgery at Baylor University College of Medicine in Houston.

While in medical school and actively engaged in medical research, Dr. DeBakey invented the roller pump, which became a major component of the heart-lung machine.

With his mentor, Dr. Alton Ochsner, he also was first to link carcinoma of the lung to smoking.

In 1950, Dr. DeBakey developed the Dacron and Dacron-velour artificial grafts for replacing diseased arteries.

In 1953, Dr. DeBakey also performed the first successful endarterectomy for the treatment of stroke. (continued Pg. 2)



Don Ubanks

DISABLED

By Gene Oley

1-31 All we want is a fair chance!

Our speaker today, Don Ubanks, spoke on the Americans With Disabilities Act.

This affects more people than you would think. All they want to do is get a job, go to lunch, use the bathroom and get on with life.

We had an opportunity to be reminded of these problems when our speaker had to get to the podium! (of course we were in the bar upstairs. It would have been too easy to meet in our regular - large - accessible room)



This behind the scenes photo shows it wasn't as easy as we made it look.

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MICHAEL E. DeBAKEY

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In 1954, Dr. DeBakey performed the first successful resection and graft replacement of an aneurysm.

In 1955, he was the first to perform a successful resection with graft replacement of an aneurysm of the thoracoabdominal portion of the aorta between the chest and abdomen.

In 1958, to counteract narrowing of an artery caused by an endarterectomy, Dr. DeBakey performed the first successful patch-graft angioplasty.

In 1964 he was the first to perform a successful aortocoronary artery bypass.

He is now collaborating with the NASA in the development of an axial flow ventricular assist device. This device is able to pump 5 liters per minute against 100mm. Hg pressure and requires less than 10 watts power.

He was the first to use a partial artificial heart and in 1968 he performed the first of 12 heart transplantation's during a period of a year and a half.

In 1965, President Lyndon Johnson appointed Dr. DeBakey Chairman of the President's commission on Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke. He has written more than 1300 medical articles as well as many books.

Dr. DeBakey has performed more than 60,000 cardiovascular procedures.

Recognizing the need to attract young people, including minority students, to the health professions early in their schooling and to provide them with a strong academic foundation, Dr. DeBakey, became the driving force behind the establishment of the high School for the Health Professions of the Houston Independent School District. The enrollment has grown from 45 to more than 720 of Houston's most promising secondary school students.

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FRIENDS OF ROTARY

By David Taylor

Our previous database of businesses who support Rotary in our fund raiser activities has been lost. A new Bigger and Better database is needed and is in the process of being built. This database

houses the list of businesses that we will approach for support in our upcoming fund raiser. The integrity of this database is crucial. We wanted to give you a status of our Friends of Rotary database and continue to seek your support.

Currently, thanks to Rotarian inputs, we have 36 businesses identified for our database. With the efforts of Don Kirk Jim Hargrove, and Jerry Smith, 270 other businesses have been included from the Chamber of Commerce membership. Of these 270 businesses, 66 are known to be former donors. After having received the list of supporting businesses from the golf and fun run committees, we were able to add 35 additional contributors. The combination of all of these known and potential contributors to Rotary is certainly a good start, but it is only a start. According to Don Kirk, our Auction chairman, many additional potential contributors must be identified for us to achieve the success we want and need.

The request is to ask you to again think of potential supporters for Rotary and to identify them in the attached table. Consider those that who would be willing to provide a sponsorship (Golf Tee, Golf Green ,etc.) or those that would contribute a significant item for our auction. Return the list to our Rotary box address (see above) and Alan Wylie will include them into the database.

For your information, we are also working to include large retail stores into our database - to obtain the names and addresses of the corporate points of contact, so that they can be contacted for potential support, either for this year or in the coming years. In addition another committee is searching for corporate sponsors, who will also be reflected into the database.

Hopefully, this Friends of Rotary database will continue to grow over the coming years. Our challenge will be to keep the database up to date and reflect who actually donated on a year-by-year basis to put us in a more organized position each time we begin a new fund raiser activity. Having this database will also allow us to publicize those businesses who have given us their support and to thank them during the year.

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Trail Boss Lamar "Buck" Bowles' Battlecry is "Remember The - - - Fund Raiser ??!"

ROTARY ROUND-UP & REVERSE DRAW

By Gene Oley

Trail boss Lamar Bowles and his wranglers will be cutting your tickets out of the herd beginning next week for our western fund raiser at Bay Oaks Country Club on April 22.

We're gonna give away ten \$250 prizes and one \$7500 grand prize to lucky buckaroos. Vittles and hoedown are only \$25 and if you want a chance at a prize, your reverse draw ticket is \$100 vittles included.

Dress casual, dress country. 7 PM will be visitin' time at the sundown saloon. Vittles from the chuck wagon will be dished out at 8 PM. The hoedown begins at 9 PM.

Sasafrass tea and toe tappin' are provided for you'all Baptist.

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ROTARIANS SPEARHEAD YMCA CAMPAIGN

By Terry Hesson

The 1994 Edgar A Smith YMCA Partner of Youth Campaign is underway and, as usual, space Center Rotarians are at the forefront.

This year's campaign is headed by Terry Hesson as general chairman. Two of the four division leaders are Rotarians - Jim Saxe and Ken Goedeke and the other two are spouses of Rotarians - Marge Jacobson (wife of Chuck) and Jim Hale (husband of Lynette). Rotarians Lamar Bowles, Tim Rainey, Gale Burkett, Dixie Robison, Bill Lowes and Bob Richmond

are serving as team captains, while Ron Blilie, Gary Stremel, Bob Wren, Mike Hesse, Mike Hernandez, Dave King, Dick Hergert, Dick Kidder, Tom Weir, Keith Huff, Tim Kropp, Eddie Janek, Mark Humphry and Mike Brown are serving as workers.

If you care to participate in the campaign, which raises scholarship money for children to participate in YMCA programs such as day care, teen court, after school clubs and other YMCA programs, you may contact any of these involved Rotarians to make your contribution.

MEDIATION NOT MEDITATION

By Gene Oley

2-7 Mediation was today's topic, as our speaker so poignantly reminded vs. "you will not hear a new chant or mantra today", she said.

The mood shifted from light hearted to dead serious & back to light hearted.

Floyd Boze was credited for saying "Mrs. Johnson should not ask fort questions. This is a rowdy group and, besides, they just want to steal the show!"





Cheryl went on to remind us of the value of mediation. How it could save time, money and stress for all parties including the judicial system.

Mrs. Johnson closed by quoting Mark Twain - "If a person offends you do not resort to extremes, just wait your chance and hit him with a brick".



Floyd Boze and Cheryl Johnson

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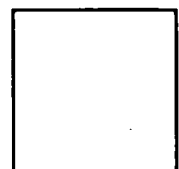
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