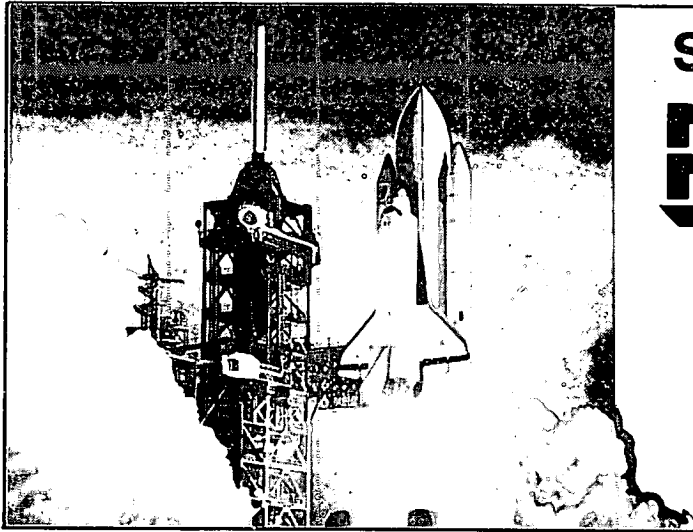


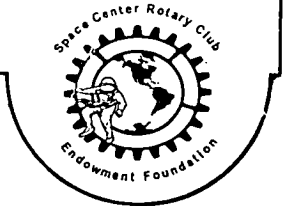
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The Space Center Rotary Club meets
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95 Club Slogan

SHRIMPOREE

EVENTS

SEPT. 9 SHRIMPOREE

DEC. 12 Medley of
Christmas Songs
(Jerome Bougeois)
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PROGRAMS

AUG. 15 Woodstock Revisited
(Dean Dan Jones)

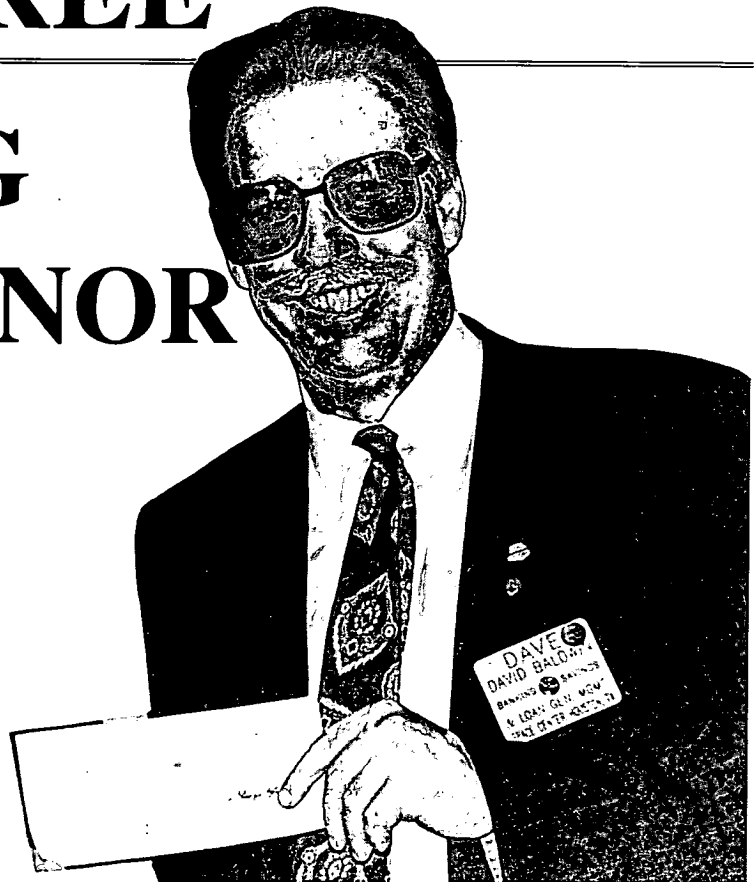
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(Linda Busby)

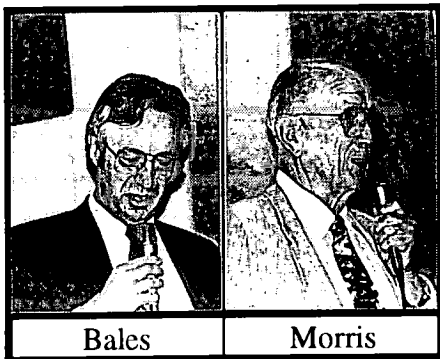
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David Baldwin, of Savings Of America,
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APOLLO 11

By Gene Oley

7-25 Today's program highlighted the 25th anniversary of Apollo 11's landing on the moon.

We were honored to have with us Steve Bales, director of program support, and Owen Morris who was Manager and Chief Engineer for the Lunar Module.

I was amazed at the volume of members that stood up when ask who participated in the program:

Gerald B. Allen	TRW
John Balfe	U.S.N. @ JSC
Ronald K. Blilie	JSC
Lamar D. Bowles	U.S.A.F. @ JSC
Al Brady	JSC
Bailey R. Chaney	JSC
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Al Sexton	TRW
James Shows	JSC
Bev Steadman	Lockheed
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Robert Wren	JSC
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R. Wayne Young	JSC

that we support.

To make this event a success, we need y our valuable support as a special donor. All donors will be recognized for their support by level of contributions.

In order to provide the recognition that you deserve for donating, we need your donation commitment by August 24, 1994. A Rotarian will contact you in the near future to ask for your support of our **SHRIMPOREE**.

Sincerely, /s/ Mike Brown,
Shrimporee Chairman / David Taylor, President, Space Center Rotary

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We are privileged to have such a fine and prominent list of members who were there when history happened.

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TO PROSPECTIVE SPONSORS



The Gov.'s Corner

George Francklow, Jr.

Dear Friend of Rotary:

The Space Center Rotary Club is holding our annual major fundraiser, the **SHRIMPOREE**, on Saturday, September 24, 1994, at Clear Lake Park at the Cap Landolt Pavilion.

This year's **SHRIMPOREE** will be the best ever! A fabulous seafood dinner will be catered by the SHRIMP HUT from noon to 3 P.M., and our live and silent auctions from 1 to 6 P.M. will help raise additional funds for the many worthwhile organizations

It is a real honor for me to have been selected as District Governor for 1994-1995. I accept fully the responsibility and my wife Janet and I are eagerly looking forward to working with all 56 Clubs in our District this new Rotary year. The Clubs are the key to District 5890 having a good year. In my opinion, the District Governor can only accomplish what the Clubs accomplish. Our District is well respected in the Rotary world and this is due to the achievements of the Clubs and the efforts of the District Governors who have preceded me.

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FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT



I want to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Space Center Rotary Club for giving me the opportunity to experience the wonders of being the president of this Rotary Club. It has been a great honor being president of one of the, if not the, greatest rotary Club in the world. For me it has been a terrific year. I am not saying it was always fun, nor has it always been easy, but it sure was different, interesting and a true challenge.

Being president was not a position I sought. I was very satisfied just getting involved in Rotary projects wherever needed. Becoming president of the Space Center Rotary Club is almost unreal. One does not feel worthy of such a privilege. It just seems to happen and then it is over. I had many plans and ideas that I wanted to implement during my year as president. However, for one reason or another some of these plans did not materialize.

I wanted to have an outstanding Shrimporee fund-raiser. As it turned out the fellowship was there but the money was not. I wanted to have more socials and fellowship affairs. Ideas were proposed but did

not seem to appeal to many of the members. For this I am sorry. Yet we did have a good year. Those members who got involved in the Shrimporee, Golf Tournament, Fun Run, Christmas Party and those who helped take Hope Village youngsters to Rotary Night at the Astros, served pancake breakfasts to support the club Endowment foundation, went to the Rodeo, attended the District Assembly and Conference, joined in the year end party, etc. etc., would admit we had a good fellowship year. Even the Jamboree ended up being a great day of fellowship for those Rotarians who attended.

Did we need to raise a lot of money to have a successful year?



I, as did other members, believed that if we did not raise lots of money at our Shrimporee it meant a bad year. But!!!!

We - supported SPCA, Meals on Wheels, Food Pantries for the Hungry, summer Camp for the Boy Scouts, and Drug Essay Contests. We worked with and supported Hope Village for the mentally challenged, worked on the "Save the Children" program to immunize pre-school children, furnished bicycles to foster children in the "3 wishes for Christmas program, furnished cosmetics and toiletries to turning point for abused and homeless women and children, collected used glasses for the district's eye care program in Mexico, donated over \$5,000 to the Turning Point to help them establish a home in our area for abused

women and contributed over \$1,250 to Bridgeport.



How does one measure success?

Our Rotarians worked with the staff of Clear View Alternative High School in developing a VIP career development program to help students get on site training, presented and Officer of the Year award, presented an "Excellence in Education" award to the Teacher of the Year, presented scholarships to four local high school seniors, and sponsored the First Graduation Awards Banquet for Clear View High School graduating seniors.

Our club recognized eleven new Paul Harris Fellows and fifteen Rotary foundation benefactors. We have a very strong and active international Youth Committee. We sponsored a multi-district weekend at our club for over 90 visiting foreign students from all over Texas to emphasize "World Peace Through Understanding". We supported a long term foreign student from Holland. We maintained relationship with our sister club in Mexico City. "Club Rotario Aeropuerto". Our world health program remains very active in providing plastic surgery and other medical attention to needy children from foreign countries.

This year the Space Center Rotary

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Club organized and sponsored its eighth annual "Rotary National Award for Space Achievement" which attracts ranking dignitaries from all over the U.S.A. This is one of the most prestigious of national Rotary Award ceremonies.

The most emotional event this year was the formal dedication of the Space Center Rotary Club memorial marker at Cap Landolt Park. Many family members of deceased Space Center Rotarians were in attendance and expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the club for holding this event. Another such moment was the recognition of thirty years of membership by our four club charter members. 1964 - 1994.

Were we successful? Yes!!



Reread the club activities and accomplishments and all will agree we had another outstanding year. Space Center Rotarians can be very proud of their contributions to the community, to the district and to Rotary

International. And guess what? We started the year with a zero cash balance and a few outstanding debts. We ended the year with a cash surplus to start the new year.

Let's "all" be positive and face the coming year of new challenges and opportunities with the desire to put forth our very

best efforts. Let each Rotarian feel that he/she has the right to say "I served".

THANK YOU DR. FUSTOK

The following is a letter received from Mrs. Cristina Hernandez Garcia, mother of Genero who was a patient of Dr. Abdel Fustok during the months of April and May 1994.

"Dear Vic Maria (Taxco, GRO.,
June 27, 1994

I expect on receiving this letter you and your wife enjoy a good health. We arrived Taxco without any problem, but nevertheless my son and me were so sad and happy at the same time because we met the most generous and wonderful people in the world, especially you and the Doctor.

I have no words to thank all your help, and that's why I pray to our Lord to bless you all forever and I pray Him to give you enough resources for helping to all the people who need it like me in this case.

Please say to all the Rotary Brotherhood we send them our best wishes, love greetings for your support and please go ahead because I'm sure GOD knows what you have done and he will reward you.

My husband and my children are really happy, too. We have talked about this experience. Believe me please, we are all really thankful. As you know there is a great crisis in Taxco and there isn't any kind of work for paying those so expensive surgeries.

Please Mr. Vic Maria say to the Doctor (Fustok) we love him and Genarito remembers him every time specially when he looks at his hands. Kisses, hugs and thankfulness with love Cristina"

Genero and his mother were housed and cared for by Carol & Bob Kuhl of clear Lake City and their neighbors Lydia & Frank Martinez. Genero had his 6th birthday with the Kuhls. Three years ago, at his home in Taxco, Mexico, Genero tripped. His arms went into a vat of boiling solution up to his elbows. Both of his lower arms and hands were very badly burned and disfigured. Dr. Fustok did extensive repair to Genero's hands and arranged for the Houston Hand Rehabilitation Center at Bay Plaza 1 to build custom splints and braces to hold Genero's hands in their proper positions.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Abdel Fustok for his compassion and miraculous operations and to Susan Gaynor, O.T.R., C.H.T., of the Houston Hand Rehabilitation Center for her gentleness and patience while working on Genero. I want to recognize Gary Chaney who was there when needed to care for and transport this child and his mother to their many appointments. My thanks to Chairman Charles Hartman for his constant support of the program.

As so aptly said by Genero's mother, "I'm sure GOD knows what you have done and He will reward you."

Vic Maria, World Health Committee /s/ Vic Maria



**Floyd Boze & Bill Predmore
Do It Again !!**

By Dennis Dillon

14 Golfers played 18 holes of golf Sunday July 24th at the Clear Lake Golf Course for the coveted Space Center Annual Club Championship.

Three Past District Governors participated - Billy Weseman, Walt Lackey and Floyd Boze.

Results of tournament:

Low Net - Floyd Boze (Gross 81 Net 63) - Trophy for a year.

Low Gross - Bill Predmore (Gross 70 Net 64) - Name on trophy.

2nd Low Net - Randy Lackey (Gross 80 Net 64)

2nd Low Gross - John Lee (Gross 84 Net 68)

Closest to Hole - Bob Driver & John Lee

Longest Drive - Al Brady & Bill Predmore

We all had fun whether our game was on or not, we missed some of you Rotary golfers. Maybe next year. It appears we need to consider lowering Floyd's handicap.

We are looking for someone to head up the Space Center Golf Committee - contact David Taylor or one of the Directors.

**AUCTION COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS**

By David Taylor

Goal - \$25000

Major Committees

Large Donors David Baldwin

Large Bidders Jim Hargrove

Progress Thus Far

Auctioneer Steve Phelps

Large Donations

Savings of America \$2500

Jamboree Holdover

60 Items, sug. retail \$6000

JSC Credit Union already solicited some major businesses with success.

Approach

Weekly Mtgs. Wed 7 am

Letter soon to be sent to potential donors & bidders.

Heavy emphasis on advertising.

Recognition based on level of support.

Timetable

Shrimporee September 24

Donations in August 24

Letters in Mail Jul. 24 - Aug. 1

Priority Now - (Shrimporee 94)

Building Database of potential donors & bidders

Advertise, Advertise, Advertise

Getting enthusiastic support from Club Members!!

Priority Later - (Shrimporee 95)

Get better prepared & organized.

Make fund raising a Year-Around activity

Maintain donor / bidder databases & ENLARGE.



Vic & Norma (bottom of photo) are told to keep their heads down as Hope Villagers are photographed while proudly wearing their '93 Shrimporee 5000- Fun Run T-shirts.

They all give thanks to Space Center Rotary for all of it's support.



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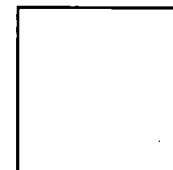
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