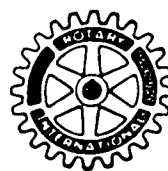


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DISTRICT 589

BLASTOFF!

ROTARY THEME FOR 1974-75:

"RENEW THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY"

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PRICE - Off two-bits!

JUST IN CASE you didn't notice, we must tell you that you **MISSED** the last two regular issues of the **BLASTOFF** for several reasons. Our apologies hereby offered to our members and our outside mailing list of interested Rotarians. The editor and entire staff of the **BLASTOFF** closed the office for their annual vacation period. The doors no more than opened when the current outbreak of flu hit our area and the doors closed again for another spell. We hope the doors will remain open now without further interruptions. We know much has happened within the club's activities during this long absence, so **THIS ISSUE OF THE BLASTOFF** will be used to do a little catching up - even if the news seems old to some of our readers - to others it may still be new news. First we shall give future programs as set up by the program committee and if space permits toward the end we might find other interesting things to put in print.

MONDAY, DEC. 2ND..... DR. LLOYD FERGUSON, Clear Creek School District Superintendent, will speak on that subject which is close to the hearts of us all.

MONDAY, DEC. 9TH..... DR. LOU RODRIQUEZ of the University of Houston CLC, will speak on something not so dear to our hearts - Inflation!

MONDAY, DEC. 16TH.... CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR will be with us. Choir under the direction of **MR. PULLEN**. Bring a guest!

MONDAY, DEC. 23RD.... A CHRISTMAS 'SONGFEST' - let's all be present!

MONDAY, DEC. 30TH.... FELLOWSHIP HOUR - to wish one another a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES TO:

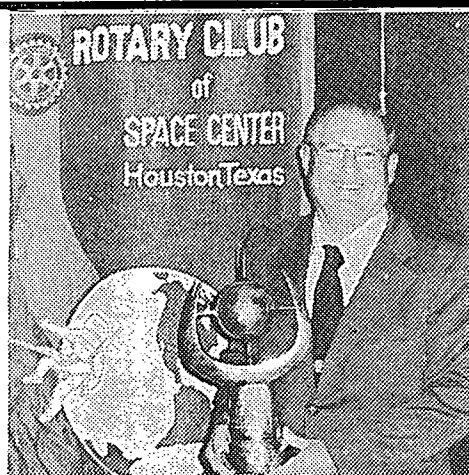
MARY LOU GARRISON now at home following major surgery and is reported doing real well.

WALT WALTERS still in Methodist Hospital in Houston following open heart surgery. We learn Walt is doing fine and showing speedy recovery and should soon be home.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST ROTARIAN:.....MANSOUR ALBERT JOWID sponsored by John Gay. "**AL**" was born at Utica, New York. He received his early education in that state but graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. degree in aeronautical engineering. **AL** owns and operates the JJ's Sandwich Shop at 1419 NASA Blvd. His wife is **ADELE** and they have five children (Albert Mansour, Michele Marie, Christine Adele, Jeannine Marie and Anthony Naves) all living at home with **AL** and **ADELE** at 16023 Diana Lane in Clear Lake City. We welcome **AL** into Rotary fellowship. Make yourself known to this family real soon.

THE WINNAH.....

of the World's Rotary International Golfing Champеееееnship, none other than our own **FLOYD BOZE!** He is shown here holding the **CARL MILLER TROPHY** for winning the 1974 annual Rotary International Tournament held recently in Scotland. Earlier this year **FLOYD** won the District 589 title qualifying him to play in the International Finals and by doing so he used his big stick and came out victorious! Not only winning the individual trophy, **FLOYD** then teamed up with Houston's **CHARLIE BROWN** and together they won the Team Title. **BOZE**, playing the low handicap and Brown playing the high handicap. We are mighty proud of our **FLOYD BOZE!** More on the sotry will undoubtedly appear in a future issue of our **ROTARIAN** magazine - watch for it.



The annual **CLUB ASSEMBLY** was a great event. Making it great on that November 4th was the fact that our District Governor **GEORGE McCROCKLIN** was able to be back with us. The highlight of the assembly was his truly splendid talk. We look forward to more future visits by Gov. **GEORGE** and our best wishes always for his full recovery.

.....At one of the recent Monday club meetings, president Dick Chandler presented a check for the balance of \$4,000 donated to the **CLEAR LAKE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CORPS**. This is the largest donation our club has ever made in one year to a single beneficiary -- made possible by the success of our first annual shrimp boil and auction. The club also benefited: Club members getting their hands dirty and working together for a common cause, contributed to fellowship. Area publicity should be helpful in recruiting outstanding new members. Look for next year when we are planning on an even greater success. Our good member, **NORMAN FREDE**, made a personal contribution to the Emergency Corps by contributing the labor for installing the "hightopping" on the emergency vehicle. Thank you, **NORMAN**, for joining hands with our club over and beyond expectations... you can't say there isn't togetherness in the Space Center Rotary Club; can you?

.....**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

MIKE RATCLIFF	NOV.	8
MIKE ARBUCKLE	"	12
GENE LINDQUIST	"	26
GEORGE KELLY	"	27
VINCE LIPOVSKY	"	28
DAVE SINCOX	"	29

(We regret all November honorees having to accept belated greetings this time - forgive us)



ALLEN HEIDBREDER	DEC.	6
JOHN BRINKMANN	"	9
CHARLES WHYNOT	"	11
BILLY BURT	"	13
DICK CHANDLER	"	16
ROY ILES	"	17
DICK GREGG	"	19
CURTIS REDMAN	"	20
DICK DOWNS	"	22

.....You missed a real treat if you failed to make the October 7th club luncheon meeting! We were graced with the presence of Miss Cheryl Bell, a Clear Creek High School Senior, who spoke to us about her two month experience in Yugoslavia this past summer as an exchange student. With Miss Bell came Klaudius Henke, a student from Dortman, Germany, and Mr. Henry Thompson, local American Field Service Representative. Each had a hand in one of our better program presentations. It was truly a rewarding and enlightening program.

.....The membership was given a fine surprise at its October 21st meeting. Accompanying **AL NEUMANN** was his guest..... **BUSTER CRABBE** of **FLASH GORDON AND TARZAN** fame! **BUSTER** spoke before the student body of the U of Houston CLC and while here Dr. Neumann couldn't pass up the opportunity of bringing him along to Rotary. At the age of 66 he still swims from two to five thousand yards a day, though he admits he is a "bit over the hill" from his hey-day of the '30's. **CRABBE** was an Olympic Games standout before becoming a film star, and records show he was the **ONLY AMERICAN** male to win a **GOLD MEDAL** in those 1932 games. By 1933 he held 12 world records in swimming, bettering all marks set by the famed Johnny Weissmuller. Today he is comfortable in a career as vice president of a major swimming pool manufacturer for which he makes frequent public appearances. He is also spending some time in today's movie making - playing the part of an aging cowboy etc. He enjoys this and says it keeps him close to the industry he loves.

..... **ON MAY 2-3-4** our Rotary District 589 will hold its annual **CONFERENCE** at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston. Put these dates and this event on your calendar **NOW** and plan on attending. Too, mark down June 8th through 12th for thought about attending the **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION** in Montreal, Canada. Our club President-elect (whoever he may be) will welcome other members as his travel buddies.

..... **PARTY-POOPERS** and **PROGRAM-SCOOTERS** are a similar breed. The big difference is the party-poopers admit to a social error while the program-scooter admits to a judgement error. The former can be overlooked, but the latter lives on. **ARE YOU A SCOOTER, POOPER??????**

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

His mother was having a hard time getting her son off to school one morning. "Nobody at school likes me," the son said. "The teachers don't like me and the kids don't like me. I just don't want to go!" "You have to go," insisted the mother. "You have a lot to learn; you have a lot to offer others; you are a leader; and besides, your 49 years old and you're the superintendent. Now get out of that bed and get moving!" (reprint from **SELAH** Rotary Bulletin, Marshall Minn.)

..... **QUICKIES:** Complaints against TV news show is that their weather reports are many times unfair!.....A retiree is a man who's had his work cut out for him.... If you miss your wife's anniversary, don't worry -- you'll catch it later!.... At the new lower speeds you can hear what the hitchhikers are saying after you pass!.....Some folks call a babysitter when they really need a lion tamer!.....(All from the Scandal sheet)