

PACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

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BLASTOFF

DISTRICT 589

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ROTARY THEME FOR 1981-82... "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary"

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PROGRAMS:

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH.....MR. BOBBY A. GRIGSBY, Assistant Executive Director of the Blood Center, will be talking about the vital health service that the Blood Center performs in providing blood to the Houston community. Be on hand and bring guests to hear this fine speaker.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH.....Two of our Club sponsored ROTARY FOUNDATION scholars will report on their recently completed year of study abroad. MARGARET McANDREW will tell of her experience at the University of Strasburg, Strasburg, France and DAVID HENRY will report on his year at the University of Glasgow in Glasgow, Scotland. Bring a visitor to hear these interesting discussions about the values of a ROTARY FOUNDATION scholarship.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH....Mayoral candidate KATHY WHITMIRE will be discussing the upcoming mayoral race in the City of Houston. Bring a friend especially if they vote in the City of Houston elections.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST.....Program pending. Rest assured that our fine program committee will come through again and bring us another in a long list of great programs. Watch for the next program schedule.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.....Holiday. LABOR DAY. Use this chance to attend Rotary at one of our many neighboring clubs.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK

YOUTH ACTIVITIES WEEK (September 13-19, 1981) is a time for Rotarians to renew their commitments to young people. Regarded as a period of action, it gives each club an oportunity to heed R. I.' official slogan regarding youth: "Every Rotarian an example to Youth." It is a time to initiate or reevaluate your club's commitment to Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange (ROVE), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Handicamps (summer camps for handicapped youth). In all these activities, the main effort is to work with, not for young people. Youth needs are of major concern to President McCaffrey. Among his suggestions for observing this special week: (1) share Rotary club meetings with youth groups; (2) sponsor career conferences or promote career exposure by inviting young people to offices and workplaces; (3) support school programs that inspire knowledge of other people and cultures; (4) promote international exchanges of students through the Rotary Foundation; (5) support non-Rotary youth organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts; and (6) hold community conferences on the needs of young people. Whether Rotarians build a youth center, support a vocational training school, or help to combat drug abuse among young people, any such project is an investment in the future. R.I. July, 1981.

As of June 15, 1981, there were 19,278 Rotary clubs and an estimated 898,500 Rotarians in 156 countries and geographical regions. Since July 1, 1980, there were 482 clubs admitted in 52 countries.

SPECIAL THANKS to the Boeing Company and it's Art Director, JIM NELSON, for the updating and preparation of the new BLASTOFF masthead showing the names of our new officers and directors for the new Rotary year, 1981-1982.

WORKING FOR OTHERS

"It is not what we have done for ourselves, but what we have done for others that we think on most pleasantly."
-Sir Walter Scott.

"I know of nothing more encouraging for the future of our nation that the appearance on the political horizon of intelligent young people determined not to trade their heritage of freedom for the 'soup kitchen' of the welfare state." Ronald Reagan, in 1966.

Happiness lies in our own back yard, but it's probably well hidden by crabgrass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DAVE GRIFFITH AUGUST 9
HARRY JENNINGS " 11
DICK ALLEN " 12
LIONEL GARCIA " 20



...Congratulations, and many happy returns...

QUICKIES....The arm of the law needs a little more muscle...Use that talents you possess: the woods would be very silent if no birds sang there except those who sang best....About the only truth-in-packaging you can really believe in is a mini-bikini...Money talks, but today's dollar doesn't have enough cents to say a great deal.

LET'S GO TO MEXICO: The Space Center Rotary Club is planning a trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico the first weekend in November. The cost will be approximately \$239.00 per person. This does not include meals but does include hotel room, room and hotel taxes, flight there and back, baggage handling and tips, and a two hour city tour. Relax from the hard work of another successful SHRIMPOREE and enjoy beautiful Mexico. For more information and reservation, contact KEITH SHERMAN.

PAST PROGRAMS:....On July 20th WALT WICKER introduced RON NEIGHBORS of the Harris-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District as guest speaker of the day. Ron stated that: "we will see the price of water rise more in the next twenty years than the price of energy has risen in the past five years." This price increase will be caused by the growing shortage of fresh water reservoirs which will also directly affect the rate of subsidence in the area. Ground water pumpage, which is the main cause of subsidence in the Houston area, increased in 1980. Three factors contributed to this increase: the drought of 1980, the population increase in the Houston area, and fewer conversions from ground water to surface water. Ron stated that the solution for subsidence lies in a greater amount of conservation in both the public and industrial sectors and meaningful state wide water legislation. If you missed this very informative presentation, read the excellent article that appeared in the CITIZEN by GREGG GINN...Then on July 27th HUGH AVERY introduced AL JOWID who gave an excellent summary on his recent trip to Brazil for the Rotary International Conference. He also presented some excellent slides of his travels from Chile, Argentina, and Brazil. If you were absent, you missed an outstanding program presented by PRESIDENT AL.

ROTARY ANNS

The LADIES EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST is growing. Remember the third Tuesday of each month at 7 a.m. at the Sheraton Kings Inn. The next meeting will be on August 18th. Come enjoy the food and fellowship.

ROTARY IS LIKE THAT....It is said that the first grains of wheat to reach this country were brought in an envelope in the pocket of one man. This handful of wheat was planted. seed was planted and cultivated and planted and planted again and again until it now covers most of our land and today it would come close to feeding the whole world. Rotary is like that. Paul Harris provided the seed. Dedicated Rotarians planted and cultivated and planted and cultivated it again and again until today it has grown to a great world-wide organization dedicated to continue planting and cultivating the seeds of Rotary in support of our great 1981-82 leader, Stanley McCaffrey and his theme and our there, "World Understanding and Peace through Rotary." Pic Larmour, Editor, R.

ROTARY IS A PHILOSOPHY...a common sense philosophy, that if lived will bring great happiness to you and those around you. The more you know about Rotary the more you will like it. Don't treat your membership lightly. Wear your lapel pin proudly. Get to know more about Rotary. Help someone else to learn about Rotary. Propose a new member. Take an active part in the activities of the club.

RESIGNATIONS....The Board accepted with regrets the resignations of MATTHEW POERNER and CARL PETERSON. Hope you will visit us again soon.

ATTENDANCE....The CLUB has established a goal of 92% attendance for this ROTARY year. You can help the club attain this goal by attending meetings each week or by making up at one of the many local Rotary Clubs. Let's see how many can have 100% attendance this year.

Does it ever seem to you that you paycheck has turned into a receipt for your payroll deductions?

One of our well-known lawyers says he reads PLAYBOY for the same reason he reads NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: "To look at the sights I'm never going to visit."

The secretary of another one of our lawyers who plays tennis invariably explains her boss's absences from the office with:"He's in court."



The sound of the crash was shattering and the wreckage scattered all over the area when the AGGIE, racing to beat the freight train to the crossing, hit the 21st car.

Many caddies become good golfers. Unlike businessmen, they never read one of those books on how to play golf.

When the AGGIE read in the news that 99 percent of automobile accidents happen within five miles of home, he promptly moved.