

NEWS BULLETIN FOR THE SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

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BLASTOFF

DISTRICT 589

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Rotary Theme...."Discover A New World Of Service"

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DATE

March 25, 1985

PROGRAMS

MONDAY MARCH 25---

MONDAY APRIL 1----

MONDAY APRIL 8----

Bob Brown, NASA BRANCH CHIEF OF TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATIONS: "Application of Advanced Graphics on Computer Systems." (No fooling! The program will be a surprise.)

Lanny Landtroop, CLEAR LAKE H. S. SWIM COACH

LAST WEEK—We got a tour of Japan and China in slides presented by Angle Chivers, volleyball coach at Clear Lake High School. Our club was one of the sponsors whose contributions made the trip possible. We learned that the Japanese and Chinese girls volleyball teams are masterful players.

NEW PLAN. NEW EDITOR

The Board extends its thanks to Allan DuPont for his service in the duty of Editor of the Blastoff for the past year. It wasn't easy, was it, Allan? Thanks.

During the next few months we will be pushing to develop a new format and new procedures for the Blastoff that will meet the current communication needs of the club. In a Board action last week, Tom Wier was assigned to the Editor duty. Simultaneously, new responsibilities for funneling information to the Editor were delineated for committee chairmen and board members. All members are encouraged to let the Editor know what information they would like the Blastoff to bring them.



The first suggestion to the Editor: "Let's have an <u>OPEN FORUM</u> section where members can put forth ideas for club improvement not requiring the action of "officialdom". The Board has encouraged the idea. So we are open for business! Who has the first idea? The Editor only asks that all presentations meet the Four Way Test.

"It's early spring. We hope the Blastoff will emerge, if not as a beautiful butterfly, at least as a busy bee." Please help make it so! --Tom Wier.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS:

With thanks to Gene Lindquist

MEET OUR NEWEST ROTARIANS:.....WILLIAM STEPHEN AUSTIN, sponsored by GENE LINDQUIST was born in Detroit, Michigan. He attended MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and holds a B.B.A. degree. Today BILL is the Executive Vice President of the Bay Area Bank and Trust in Webster. His Club classification is "Bank Funding". Bill and his lovely wife, CORRINE, and their 3-year old daughter, Megan, live at 16438 Locke Haven, Houston 77059. Another child is expected 'any day now' says Bill. Office phone number is 332-5521 and residence phone is 486-4767.....ROBERT L. FROST, sponsored by JIM SHOWS, was born at Amarillo, Texas. He attended Oklahoma State University and holds a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. Today, BOB is owner or the Robert Frost Jewelry firm, 1103 Cragmore Dr., Seabrook 77586, Ph: 474-4690. His Club classification is "Jeweler-Custom Design". Bob and his lovely wife, DOROTHY, live at 1103 Cragmore Drive, Seabrook 77586 (living quarters in connection with store and same phone number). They have two adult children, Cynthia Burns and Deborah Scully.Together let us welcome these two fine gentlemen into our Space Center Rotary Club - - do it now - today!



IN SYMPATHY:....MRS. HELEN OWEN, mother of member DAVID OWEN, passed away on March 8th at the age of 76 following a long illness. DAVID, our membership expresses our sympathy to you and your family members.

CONGRATULATIONS:...Because of the resignation of Aeron Schein, both as a club member and a member of the Board of Directors, the Board made a fine decision to place Jim Kennedy in the vacant seat to fill out the balance of Aeron's term. Jim, as you know, has already been named General Chairman of this year's SHRIMPOREE event. Jim will fill both big shoes well—asking that we all participate in being the 'shoehorn' to make his job a bit easier. This we will and must do. THANKS, JIM, for eccepting this additional appointment. And Aeron, come back to us soon!

VISITING ROTARIAN FROM FAR-AWAY:.....On March 18 th, Bill Kinsley from the Rotary Club of East Windsor, Conn. It was good having Bill with us and we hope he will come back--bringing with him his club's banner.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS and good health and long life to:

Clay Fulcher March 28

Will Owen

April 2

Hal Neely

March 30

Bill Rittenhouse

April 6

RECENT BOARD ACTIONS: (Extracted from the Secretary's Minutes)

Proposed new members who were approved: **Stephen Bolton**, Youth Service, YMCA; and **Sam Marullo**, Clinical Psychologist.

The club will have a Hospitality Room at the District Conference at the San Luis Hotel in Galveston on April 25-27. The club will also have its club display there. Program details elsewhere in the Blastoff. **Bob Wren** has registration forms.

Dan Willis was chosen as our nominee for the Rotary International Nominating Committee. The club will be represented at the Downtown Houston Club's Lombardi Award ceremony in December.

The Board is reviewing unspent committee allotments of funds and will probably soon request reassignment to more needed areas, if there are no specific actions planned by the committee to which they are presently assigned.

Some of the other actions are reported elsewhere in this bulletin.

RECENT COMMITTEE ACTIONS: (Partial report)

Fellowship—An Ad Hoc activity headed by Bill Webb is underway to improve the assimilation of new members into the club's activities and its fellowship. If you are a relatively new member who feels "lost", see friendly Bill!

Other Committees -- Chairmen, please give us the word on your good works!

This space—and MORE—available for committee information

COMINA EVENIS:

DISTRICT CONFERENCE--- You can join your club friends for fun and fellowship at the luxurious San Luis in Galveston on April 25-27. You can either stay overnight at the hotel or because of our proximity return home for the night. Some of the specific events:

Thursday 25th

12 Noon

Golf Tournament

2 PM

Tennis Tournament

Handball Tournament Racquet Ball Tournament

7 PM

Paul Harris Dinner (Harris Fellows only)

Friday 26th

12 Noon

Luncheon

Rotery Ann Luncheon

5:30-8 PM -

Pier and Deck Party at the ship Elissa

Saturday 27th

12 Noon

Luncheon for Rotarians and Rotary Anns

Night Banquet

GET YOUR RESERVATION IN NOW-- ESPECIALLY IF YOU NEED A ROOM.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY-

May 11

DISTRICT BAR-B-QUE

("At a ranch")

DISTRICT PICNIC

COMMUNITY AWARENESS DAY (This is not a direct Rotary activity, but it is sponsored by many organizations that the Space Center Rotary supports.) Saturday March 30, 10 AM-3PM at the Ed White Memorial Youth Center in Seabrook. Call the center if you are a member of an organization that might be interested in participating. Berbara Payne is the Center director, 474-2853.