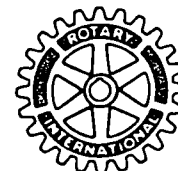




NEWS BULLETIN FOR THE SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

(Near the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center)
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DISTRICT 589

BLASTOFF!

Rotary International President, EDWARD F. CADMAN (1985-86)

Rotary Theme...."You Are The Key"

DISTRICT 589 GOVERNOR.....RAY H. POTTER
CLUB PRESIDENT.....BOB WREN
President-elect - V/P.....Jim Hargrove
Treasurer.....Sam Calanni
Secretary.....Jim McNatt
Sgt. at Arms.....Billy Weseman
Historian.....Walt Wicker
Bulletin Editor.....Tom Wier

DIRECTORS:

Lon Clement	Billy Ray Smith
Jim Kennedy	Lamar Bowles
John Watson	Ralph Schimmel
Charles Hardwick	Joe Shirley
Don Robison	Past Pres. Chas. Hartman
P.D.G. Floyd Boze (Ex-Officio)	

PROGRAMS

*Don Kirk, Chairman

JULY 1, 1985

JULY 1 **Richard D. Stewart**, Plant Manager, DuPont
 "Hazardous Materials In Texas"
JULY 8 **Anthony Hall**, Houston City Councilman
JULY 15 [Program cancelled, being rescheduled]
JULY 22 **CLUB ASSEMBLY-Be sure to be present**

MEETING OF JUNE 17: Many thanks to Bill Rittenhouse and the ladies of Nassau Bay Baptist Church for hosting the meeting in their large facility at the church. The home cooking was warmly appreciated and the music by the youth choir was an added inspirational treat. Incidentally, Christian Post, son of our Charles Post, participated in the choir. --Bobbie Landroop spoke to us about a center for abused children that is being formed in the area. It will house a small group of children on a short term basis, and provide referral and counseling services. There is no such facility in the southeast Houston area, but there is a growing need for this service. This represents volunteerism in action. --Two new members were inducted: See details on page 2 along with photos of the meeting.

MEETING OF JUNE 24: District 589 Governor **Ray Potter** performed the ritual of Installation of Officers and Directors for our club. While he was at it, he also reminded us of principles that make for a strong club: Start and finish on time; good food; a pleasant and accessible meeting place; warm fellowship; interest in Rotary and Rotary programs; and the support of wives. Photographs of this event appear on page 3, but lo and behold, **Gov. Potter** got out of the meeting before we got his picture for this issue. **Potter** was himself installed as District Governor on June 13 at a meeting at the Hyatt Regency West at which **Bob Wren** and **Floyd Boze** represented our club.--With your help, we did make a lot of progress toward winding up the taking of members' pictures for the new directory. One more try at the meeting today, July 1.

COMMENTARY

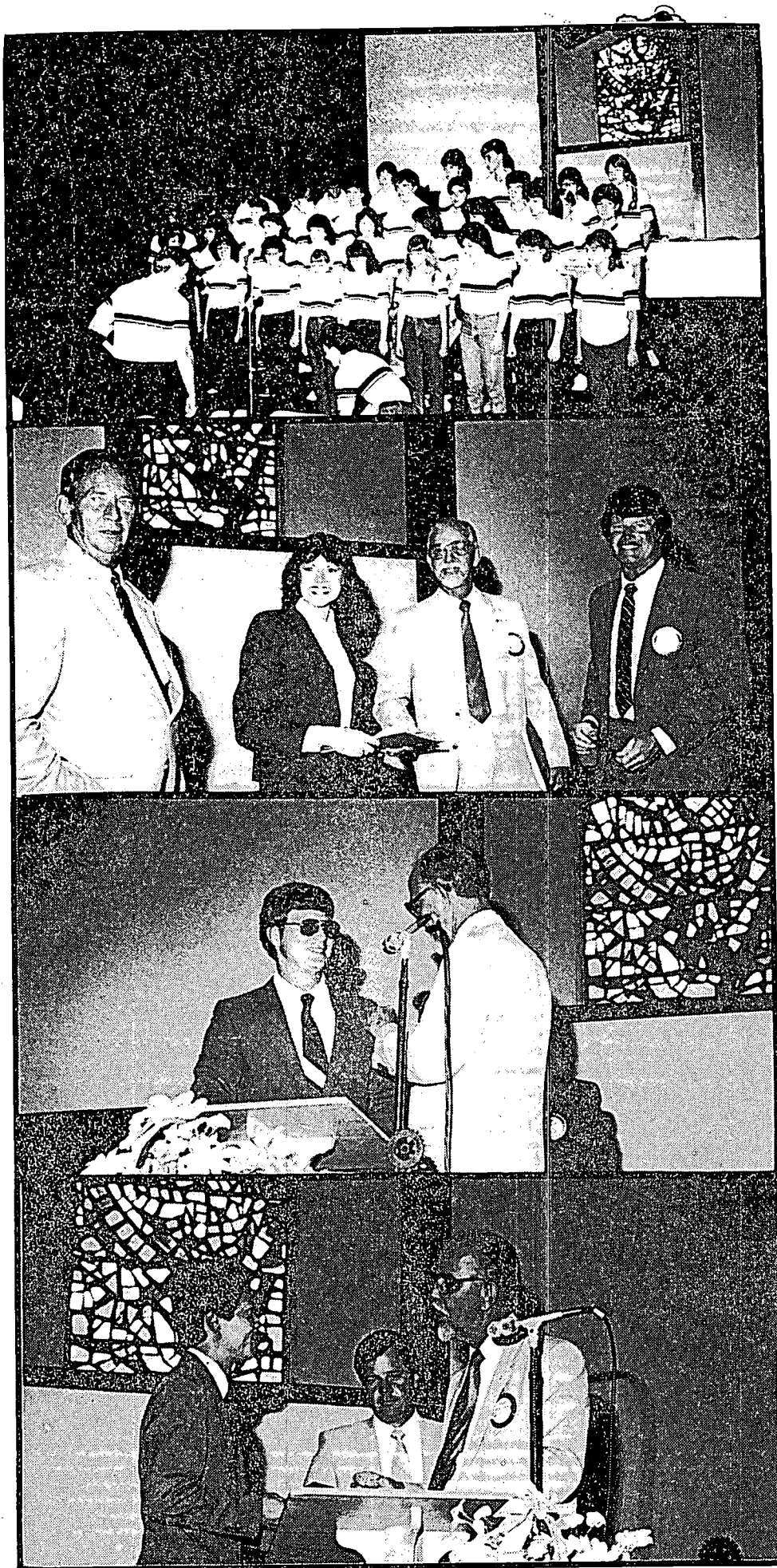
CONGRATULATIONS to the new Officers and Directors of Space Center Rotary Club. As they well know, there is MUCH work ahead and we should all be ready to help them when asked. Even better, volunteer! **President Bob Wren** has already said he is eager for new ideas. Don't disappoint him!

YOUR EDITOR, TOO, needs your help in order to make this communication vehicle work for you. Things needed:

READ your Blastoff
CONTRIBUTE your own
news so we may all know
each other better.

The Blastoff will continue to work for improvements in format and content as opportunity permits. Maybe even the next issue! **John Francis** has begun furnishing to us at no cost to the club the half-tones that are needed as a step in producing the photographs now included. This not only saves us money but is a big assist in the logistics of the process. Thank John.... I do!!

DUES ARE DUE NOW. SIX MONTHS
DUES ARE \$72, INCLUDING ROOM CHARGE. Pay now or ELSE!
Remember Rotarian and Constable Bill Bailey ----HAS DEPUTIES!!!



MEETING PHOTOS

1. The Touring Youth Choir of the Nassau Bay Baptist Church at our June 17 meeting. Great!
2. Speaker Bobbye Landroop at the June 17 meeting with Don Kirk, Charles Hartman, and Bob Wren.
3. New member Randy Roof gets his pin from the president.
4. New member Bill Chen, sponsored by associate Jerry Pennington, gets the word from our president.

NEW MEMBERS

Randolph Frederick Roof, DVM, known as "Randy", was inducted in the classification "Veterinarian" and was sponsored and introduced by **Maury Fitch**. A Houston native, Randy studied at Texas A&M University. He is now associated with former member Lionel Garcia in the Clear Lake Forest Animal Clinic, 619 Kirby Dr., Seabrook 77586; phone : 326-4311. He and his wife Wanda and 1-yr. old Bryan live at 210 Seagrove, La Porte 77571; phone 471-7266.----

Bill Chen, Ph. D., sponsored by **Jerry Pennington**, was inducted in the classification "Additional Active-Real Estate Residential". Bill was born in Taipei, Taiwan, studied at Purdue University, where he received a Ph. D. in Chemical Engineering, and is now associated with Pennington-Chen Real Estate at 1120 Bay Area Blvd., Houston 77058; phone 488-9700. Bill and his wife Nancy have two sons, Todd and Jason. They live at 15810 Crestbrook, Houston 77059; phone 480-3416.

(NOTE: Two other new members inducted on 6/24 will be reported next time—they are not forgotten).

INSTALLATION PHOTOS

1. With the passing of this gavel, **Bob Wren** became Space Center Rotary's President for 85/86 and **Charles Hartman** became Past President.

2. Past President **Charles Hartman**, at left with new officers (l.to r.) **Billy Weseman**, sergeant at arms; **Sam Calenni**, Treasurer; **Bob Wren**, president; **Jim Hargrove**, president elect; and **Jim McNatt**, secretary.

3. This smiling group of directors for 85/86 is ready to plunge into the task. In the usual order: **Don Robison**, **Ralph Shimmel**, **Lamar Bowles**, **John Watson**, **Joe Shirley**, **Jim Kennedy**, **Terry Hesson**, **Charles Herdwick**, and **Billy Smith**.

4. Here **Charles Hartman's** admirable leadership for the past year was rewarded in part by this plaque, presented by **Bob Wren**. Surely **Charles** will tell you, though, that the greatest reward was the sense of service.

BOARD ACTION

Lonnie Clement asked for and was granted release from Board service for business reasons. He is NOT resigning from the club, however. The Board promptly appointed **Terry Hesson** to fill the unexpired term, which ends June 30, 1986. Thanks, **Lonnie**, for your service during your tenure;--and welcome, **Terry**.

NO MORE is it "Rotary Anns"---it's "Rotary Wives"--- But they still meet the 2nd Tues. of each month for lunch and fun. Places differ and the choice for this month was not known at "press time". Make some calls.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JIM WYATT 7/7
(Jim takes the cake alone!)

PERSONAL I

OUR CLUB members fared well in the District Golf Tournament organized by **Floyd Boze**, with **Randy Cornish** taking the low medalist award.-----

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL will be needing volunteers to provide housing. Be thinking. You may be the key. More later.-----

SHRIMPOREE work preferences are being sought immediately. ("TOP SECRET": sign up for your choice before you get signed up!)

DIRECTORY CHANGES:

Bob Stephens' new office_ 16055 Space Center Blvd., 77062; phone 280-1500.

Al Ligrani's residence is 2382 Gemini, 77058; home phone 280-9639.

Jim Fitch has moved up to a new position with Radio Shack Telephone Center. He is now manager of the store at 6715 Southwest Freeway, 77074; phone 995-6216

HEALTH BULLETINS:

Al Brady's wife, Vivian, recently underwent major surgery at M. D. Anderson Hospital. She is now home and showing remarkable recovery.

Tom Wier's cataract surgery is judged very successful, but the ensuing allergy he developed to an antibiotic was a little too spectacular for his taste.

THANKS--THANKS--THANKS

To **Billy Weseman** for stepping in to take pictures of the June 17 meeting-----To **Charles Post** for the program notes of that meeting-----And to **Gene Lindquist** for his usual good attention to new members.

REFLECTIONS OF A PAST PRESIDENT

Based on an interview with Past President **Charles Hartman** and his comments to the membership at the last meeting, this seemed to be what was on his mind as he wound up his term.

Fifty two weeks seemed like a lot of time before it happened. Now it seems like there was never enough time to do all the good things that were in mind. Nevertheless, with the help of a good set of officers and directors and club members that went all out to produce a Shrimporee that broke all records, we did get things done. Out of the \$34,000 plus that was raised, we contributed to such international causes as: funds to support underprivileged students in Famgusta, Cypress; the Ethiopian Relief Fund; American Field Service for foreign exchange students; and increased our Rotary International contribution by naming 11 Paul Harris Fellows. That support was in addition to the local support given to such "regulars" as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Senior Citizens, college scholarships for local high school students--and more. And during all this we managed to raise our membership from 144 at the start of the year to 158 by year end, nearly making our goal of 160.

The board agreed to sponsor with St. John's Hospital a new and exciting program for free medical care to special cases of worldwide victims of disasters and congenital problems. That program will be explained more in the near future. We are also pursuing what appear to be promising possibilities for a major role in a Senior Citizens Center visualized for the Clear Lake area.

Charles stressed the privilege he considered it to be to represent the members of Space Center Rotary. And he gave this advice: Members, especially newer members (22 in the last 6 months), should realize that the more you participate in Rotary, the more you will come to know what an outstanding organization Rotary is. It is a normal experience that not until you work, do you really feel a part of Rotary. He urges your personal support and active involvement on the projects on which new president **Bob Wren** will be leading us.----Let's do it.

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