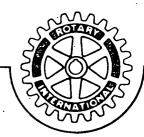


BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at noon Holiday Inn, Nassau Bay

DISTRICT 589



District 589 Governor, Ray H. Potter Club President, Bob Wren Editor, Tom Wier

"You are the key"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

Program responsibility for February, Clay Fulcher

FEB 3 **Dick Wagner**, New General Manager of the **Houston Astros FEB 10** Peter C. Moffitt, President of Tifco Inter

America Corp., "New Developments in Mexico

and How They Will Affect Us"

FEB 17 No Meeting. Federal Holiday (Presidents

Day)

FFB 24 Commander Jerry Heinz, Commanding

Officer, Coast Guard Station, Houston.

"Activities of the Coast Guard Air Group Here."

PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF JANUARY 6: The featured speaker was Kate Thomas, the business columnist for the Houston Post. As a prominent investigator of the Houston scene, Ms Thomas provided us with some interesting, if not too encourraging insights to our economy for the coming year. A strong proponent of Houston economic diversification, she stressed the need for us to appreciate and develop resources other than the petrochemical industry. Chief on her list were the Johnston Space center, the Port of Houston, and the Texas Medical Center. Ms Thomas stressed that the vast majority of the business community is not aware of nor tuned to the benefits that could be derived from these resources. She warned that, even though these resources are significant, there is strong external competition for business in all three of these areas. She feels that they must be developed aggressively if we are to achieve the benefits that are possible in space, world trade and edicine. Ms Thomas was optimistic about Houston's long term ability to bitalize on the resourses that it has available, but sees the economy remaining relatively flat over the next year. Ms Thomas was the guest of Rotarian Merv Hughes. (Program Notes with photos cont'd. on p. 2)

February 3, 1986

IMPORTANT II

REVERSE DRAW PARTY DATE CHANGED

In keeping with the community feeling of sorrow at the tracedy that befell the space program and its personnel last week, a tragedy which Was memorialized last Friday. committee in charge of Reverse Draw decided postpone the festivities. The next available date at the hotel was March 7, and that is the new date for the party! (All ticket holders were being contacted as of press time.)

MONDAY MEETINGS

By action of the Board, Space Center Rotary meetings have been stretched slightly to be able to attend to all the fun and business before the speaker starts without cutting into the speaker's allotted half hour. Food service now starts at 11:45 AM with the meeting bell ringing shortly after 12 NOON. We hope that this new plan will prevent either running overtime (i. e. past 1 PM) or cutting the speaker short. Start coming earlier and HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH FRIENDS!

NEW MEMBER:

The January 13 meeting saw the induction of Lester Peter Johnson, known as "Pe-te", who was sponsored for membership by David Ross. Pe-te's classification is "Entertainment-Radio". Pe-te is a native of Eunice LA, so it "naturally follows" that he is president of Pe-te Cajun BBQ House, Inc., 11902 Galveston RD, Houston, 77089. He went to San Jacinto College and College of San Mateo. His wife's name is Jennie. They have four grown children. JOIN IN WELCOMING PE-TE.



Program Notes (Cont'd)

by John Francis

MEETING OF JANUARY 13: This program was presented by John Ginga, a survivor of the communist takeover in Romania after World War II. Mr. Ginga, a natural born American educated in Romania, was impressed into service in the Romanian army at the outbreak of the war as an interpreter. Our speaker recounted the details of injustice and slavery which he encountered first hand and was personally subjected to under communist rule. He suffered through 9 years of imprisonment and torture because he would not sacrifice his will to be a free man of conscience. Mr. Ginga credited his personal faith in God with giving him the strength to endure those years of hardship. Mr. Ginga was introduced by Rotarian Bill Rittenhouse, who was himself detained as a POW by the Romanian army after being shot down on a bombing raid over Ploesti. By a strange twist of fate, John Ginga was one of the prison's army personnel at the same time that Bill was incarcerated.

JANUARY 20: No meeting due to new Federal holiday.

MEETING OF JANUARY 27: The speaker was none other than Bob Allen, the TV Channel 13 Sports Editor, who was introduced by Rotarian Gene Lindquist. Mr. Allen had just returned from the Super Bowl football game and its festivities in New Orleans. According to Mr. Allen, there is no way that that city will recover in time to support the Mardi Gras festival in February. (I"II bet the merchants try real hard though.) Mr. Allen, since he was here anyway, decided to take a couple of shots at the various professional sports teams in Houston, most notably the Oilers. It was also Mr. Allen's prediction that Pat Foster of Lamar University will be succeeding Guy Lewis as basketball coach at the U of H. Bob entertained a number of questions from the audience and was straight and forthright with his answers.

COMING EVENTS

FEB 20: Rotary night at the Rodeo.

APRIL 24-26: District 589 Conference in Corpus Christi at the Hershey Hotel.

JUNE 1-4: Rotary International Convention in Las Vegas.

Habba

BIRTHDAR

RALPH KARRAKER	1/20
PETE OIST	1/20
BOB LINDOREN	1/20
BOB MITCHELL	1/24
ROLLEN GARDNER	1/27
HENRY WONG	1/28
JOHN BAY	1/30
WAYNE CLARK	2/1
TIM RAINEY	2/2
OWEN MORRIS	2/3
RAY KHOURY	2/3
DON REHMEYER	2/6
FLOYD BOZE	2/6
JOHN TENINI	2/8
TED WENGLINSK!	2/15
DAVID TAYLOR	2/15
BILL GEISSLER	2/16
BILL WESEMAN	2/17
RANDY ROOF	2/18
JAY BANKS	2/21
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**_POTARY WIVES **

LAKEWOOD YACHT CLUB <u>Wednesday</u> February 12 at Noon

Notices will be mailed to wives of all Space Center Rotarians.

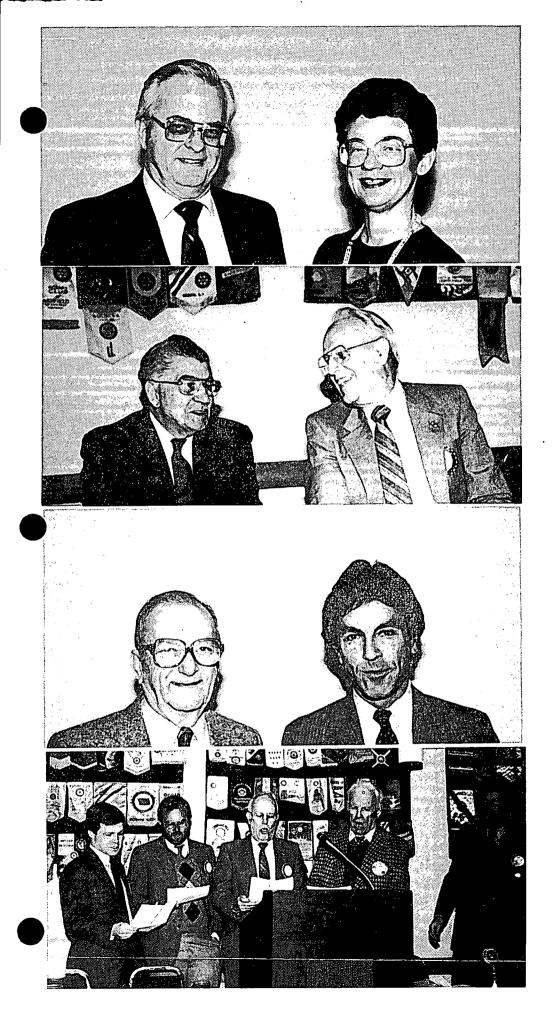


Photo Captions

- 1. Merv Hughes with speaker Kate Thomas at the 1/6 meeting.
- 2. Speaker John Ginga visiting with **Bill Rittenhouse** before the 1/13 meeting.
- 3. **Gene Lindquist** did the program arrangement and the introduction of speaker Bob Allen, right, at the 1/27 meeting.
- 4. Our very own "Ad Hoc, spur of the moment, guaranteed unrehearsed" quartet that led the singing at the 1/27 meeting:

Ron Hopping, Jim Maas, Bill Rinnenhouse, and Cap Landolt.

Personal

Let's get the bad news out of the way first: ---

Jack Winters has submitted his resignation because he is moving out of the area and Ted Wenglinski has resigned for personal reasons. --- COME BACK JACK AND TED!!!

Houston Rotary lost a fine member when Bill Lufburrow died suddenly on Jan 5. He was a past president of the Houston Club ("the big one"). His son Steve spoke to us recently.

AMONG THE GOOD NEWS: .

Billy Weseman is chairing an important Ad Hoc committee to formulate fiscal policy for the club. Others on the committee are Charles Hartman, Don Robison, Fred Joy, and Tom Wier.

Lamar Bowles is heading an Ad Hoc committee to review Honorary Membership Rules and Policy. Others on that committee are Billy Weseman and Tom Wier.

Bev Steadman has started "Senior Active" status---and he sure is active!

MID-TERM REPORT:

General Hal Neely and Gene Lindquist each received a letter from Andrew Kaufman, the Rotary Foundation Scholar sponsored by Space Center Rotary. Here are some exerpts and photo>>>>>>

Dear Mr. Lindquist: HOWDY! Thanks for sending copies of the BLASTOFF. I have received two so far. I read them and then give them to my host club, Keyworth and Ruddington. They pass them around at their meetings so the members have a chance to look at them. -------Andy.

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The Officers, Directors, and Members

of

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to the Families and Friends

of Those Who Lost Their Lives

in the tragic Space Shuttle accident

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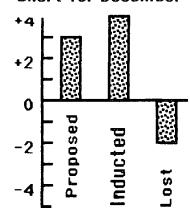
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Dr. Ron Hopping's 20/20 Hindsight Chart for December



NEW CLUB DIRECTORY IS NOW OUT! Thanks are due Bob Stephens. More copies will be forthcoming---but here is a recent change:

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