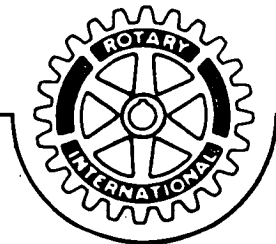


# BLASTOFF

News Bulletin for the  
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at 11:45 a.m.  
Holiday Inn, Nassau Bay

DISTRICT 589



Rotary International President, M.A.T. Caparas  
District 589 Governor, Walter Lackey  
Club President, Jim Hargrove  
Editor, Tom Wier

**"Rotary brings hope"**

## PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

AUGUST 18, 1986

### THINK SHRIMP !!

This week we will see the posting of Shrimporee work assignments. Look on the meeting wall for your assignment.

Don Kirk will be passing out lists of businesses for you to solicit. Please seek quality items. Stress TANGIBLE items -- rather than gift certificates-- they make a much better auction. AND DON'T FORGET TO SOLICIT YOURSELF FOR A QUALITY AUCTION ITEM.

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Bylaw changes for the club are to be submitted by the Board to the Membership shortly. A copy will be mailed to you for study.

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**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:**  
Notice that the Distr. Gov. is coming to hear your plans and accomplishments.

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| AUG 18  | Allyn Conwell, Former Hostage  |
| AUG 25  | Yoeman (UH) and Burndt (Rice) <u>pass</u> the ball.<br>You'll get a <u>kick</u> out of this so don't <u>run</u> out. |
| SEPT 1  | Labor Day- No meeting  |
| SEPT 8  | CLHS and CCHS Football Coaches   |
| SEPT 15 | Committee discussions for Shrimporee   |
| SEPT 22 | Shrimporee residuals auction   |
| SEPT 29 | District 589 Governor Walt Lackey  |

### PROGRAM NOTES

by John Francis

MEETING OF AUGUST 4: The Director of NASA's Johnson Space Center, Jesse Moore, discussed the challenges that face the space agency. He noted that while the US space program is temporarily grounded, our foreign competitors are moving forward at a rapid pace. He was recently in the Soviet Union, where he observed research taking place that he believes to be aimed at new long duration manned missions. He highlighted the French commitment as a strong one and mentioned the growing Chinese capability for launching satellites. As his main topic, (Continued on page 2)

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**GREETERS FOR AUGUST/SEPT.** Jim McDonald, Chairman

#### Primary

8/18 Kirk Koepsel/Bob Mitchell  
8/25 Ron Nicksich/Will Owen  
9/8 Bill Bennett/ Jim Shows  
9/15 Jerry Smith/Carlos Villagomez

#### Backup

Joe Henkel/Roy Iles  
Kirk Koepsel/Bob Mitchell  
Ron Nicksich/Will Owen  
Bill Bennett/Jim Shows

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## SPEAKERS (Continued from page 1)

Mr. Moore presented his five priorities for JSC:

- Get the Space Shuttle back to flight status.
- Get the Space Station formally approved, moving from preliminary design to hardware stage.
- Strengthening the institution of JSC by acquiring and developing the best talent available as well as the facility and equipment for the talent to use.
- Strengthening the NASA family to bring all its assets to bear
- Focus on areas of high technology that JSC is particularly well equipped to provide: artificial intelligence, robotics, and bio-technology.

Mr. Moore concluded with a status report on the Space Station.

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**JACK DENIKE AWARDED PIN FOR 25 YEARS PERFECT ATTENDANCE.** Dave King, Attendance Chairman, made the award.

## Baseball

### FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

Jim McDonald announced a night of baseball fellowship to be held at the Astros night game in the Dome with the Chicago Cubs on Wed., Aug. 27. Transportation will be by bus, which will be in the rear parking lot of Holiday Inn at 6 PM with departure at 6:15 PM. The bus only holds 42, so get on the stick! CALL JIM.

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### ATTENDANCE--

Jack Denike's award reminds us that attendance is not for building records, but for building **Rotarians**. Your attendance reflects your interest in Rotary. ASK JACK!

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### CLUB RECORDS--

Billy Weseman and David Allbritton have been making wonderful progress in computerizing our club records now that we own a computer. Soon you committee chairmen will be able to draw on this resource for committee management. But, lo, also those behind in their dues or attendance will know it sooner!!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

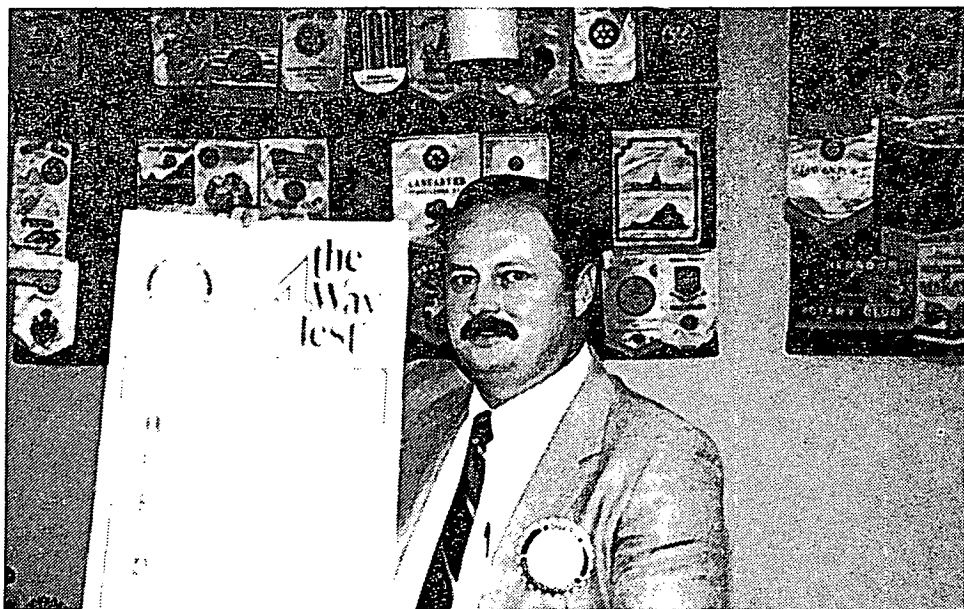
JIM KENNEDY	8/18
AL LIORANI	8/21
TOM THOMPSON	8/25
RON NIKSICH	8/26
STEVE WALDNER	8/26
RANDY CORNISH	9/2
BOB MINOR	9/6

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NO TIME WAS WASTED

## ROTARY WIVES PRESENT \$1000 CHECK TO THE CLUB

Sue Hardwick presented Jim Hargrove with the check for \$1000 to be used for a Paul Harris Fellow. This was done on August 4, just two days after successful completion of their sponsorship of the August 2 performance of Shaw's play "Arms and the Man" at UHCLC. +++++WE NEED THEM ON OUR TEAM+++++



### 4-WAY TEST POSTERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Ray Hooker, 4-Way Test Chairman, announced that posters were now in plentiful supply and are free to local businesses who wish to display them in their business. Call Ray Hooker at 488-4700 or pick them up at the Chamber of Commerce, which is cooperating in the project. (NOTE: There really is printing on the posters! It happens that the light blue color of the printing is the very shade to which the half-tone paper is intentionally blind. SORRY, RAY.)

## JULY'S \$50 CONTRIBUTORS

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## A DOSE OF SUPPORT

### **WE GIVE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT \$1000**

Dave King happily presented this check to Bill Pruitt, Director of Junior Achievement, to support their activities in our area. ONE MORE THING TO BE PROUD OF, FOLKS!



## **GOLF: THE PUTT-SINKERS ARE AT IT AGAIN !**

Bob Frost, Golf Fellowship Chairman, announced the winners of the July 31 get-together. He also said the next affair would be held August 28 , 1:30 PM, Clear Lake Country Club. He didn't say, but we heard that Ray Hooker in a private match a few weeks ago made an eagle, a 3 on the 514 yard par 5 hole at Dickinson Country Club--with witnesses (our own David Cantu and Carlos Villagomez). !!! We understand many beers were had.

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## SPEAKERS

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**MEETING OF AUGUST 11:** Ray Cullen, NBC News Bureau Chief for the Southwest was introduced by Al Jowid. Mr. Cullen has an extensive background in network news on the national scene. He provided some very interesting insight on the responsibilities of the TV news industry and discussed several of the criticisms that are frequently aimed at the news media. He talked about how it is determined what is newsworthy. He also discussed the perception that so much of the news is negative. Mr. Cullen also pointed out how our own bias can lead us to believe that the news is bias if it doesn't agree with us. He described circumstances under which the news is sometimes withheld, such as danger to an individual or national security. He emphasized the need to be "obviously fair" in dealing with politics and catastrophic accidents in which controversial decisions were involved. In summary, it was an excellent program presented by someone who obviously was extremely familiar with his subject.



## SPACE CENTER ROTARY MAKES A MAJOR COMMITMENT TO BAY AREA YMCA.

In a recent action the Board made a commitment of \$2000.00 for each of the next five years to the Capital Campaign of the Bay Area YMCA. This amount will be matched five-for-one by the Central YMCA for the expansion of the physical facilities to full status. Above Steve Bolton, Y Director and Rotarian, and Disie Robison, Capital Campaign Chairman, are shown with prexy Jim Hargrove.

## PERSPECTIVE

(Editor's problems may be the same everywhere-- witness this quote from my friend Al Jones, Editor of the newsletter of Keyworth and Ruddington in England. A bit of English humor, this.)

"Sorry about the lack of official reports this month Readers. Many of you write to say how much you enjoy the interesting, thought provoking, informative, uplifting and entertaining reports from the various working committees and their total absence this month will inevitably cause some disappointment. The word is that they are all burnt out- yes, all at approximately the same time. You may have to wait for the next batch to assume office and splutter into life. Usually this takes place around mid-September or early October.

"Meanwhile you can look forward to articles on What to do in your Garden, How to run a successful Barbecue, How to make money with a Metal Detector, Building better Kites, How to make a Friend of your neighbor's Wife, Farming for Profit, Keeping Reptiles in the Bath, How to break Bad Habits, Insurance Broking Simplified, Baking Better Bread, Do your own Plumbing, Condition your own Air, etc etc. All this plus comment, pictures and fashion news. Stay with us."

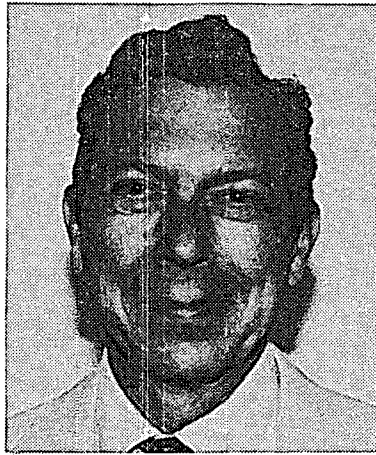
**NOTE:** The moral to all of the above, you fine committee chairmen, is to tell your Editor about your committee's activities so that he can tell the rest of us. **FAIR ENOUGH? LET'S DO IT ! Please?**



# THE NEW AND THE NOT-SO-NEW DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?



**King**



**Mitchell**



**Hopping**

**Marvin Matthews** would welcome your "nominations" (not self-nominations!) for fellow Rotarians to feature in this segment of the Blastoff.

**Dave King** has been a member for 7 years with perfect attendance. He has sponsored many new members; has been chrnm. of the Attendance Comm., vice chrnm. of the Membership Comm.; chrnm. of the Free Enterprise Comm. He attended the last two district conferences. He is impressed with the worldwide nature of Rotary, which was focused for him at these district conferences.

**Bob Mitchell** joined the club in '69 and has since sponsored new members, including Alfred Neumann. Bob was a director of the club for 4 yrs. He has been acting as asst. to the club secy. During this time, he has chaired several committees: Program, Sr. Citizens, Youth, and others. He attended 1 distr. conf. at which he chaired the Registration Comm.

**Ron Hopping** has been with us since Oct. '84 and has sponsored a new member. Committees: Membership, membership development, and currently chair of the Youth Comm. Recently part of team that evaluated Olympic athletes' hand-eye coordination. Participated in Mexico eyeglass program. In addition to practice, he is teaching parttime at College of Optometry at UH.

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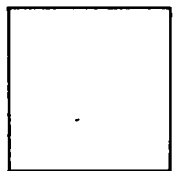
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