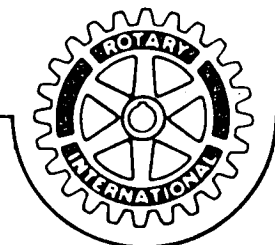


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COMING EVENTS

Jack Catron, Program Chairman

May Program Coordinator: Rick Rosenhagen

Theme for May: Personal and Professional Development

-  **APR 18 Noon** BILL BAILEY, Constable.-- (Load your best ammunition!)
- APR 21-23** DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE, Acapulco, Mexico
- APR 25 Noon** MARY GREASY, Juvenile Court Volunteers.
- MAY 2 Noon** WALT NATEMEYER, North American Training and Development, Inc. "Situational Leadership."
- MAY 9 Noon** Dr. MICHAEL HARO, Ph. D., P.C. "Executive Excellence Assessment"
- MAY 16 Noon** SALLY BARTZ, Dale Carnegie Institute. "Building Your Memory Power."
- MAY 22-25** ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Philadelphia
- MAY 23 Noon** TONI ROST, Faust Clinic of Psychiatry. "Stress Management"
- MAY 30** NO MEETING. FEDERAL HOLIDAY (Memorial Day)
- JUNE 10-12** CAMP MAHAN WEEKEND. More later but see p. 4.
-  **SEP 24** OUR ROTARY SHRIMPOREE in Landolt Pavillion. Backup date, if needed, is Oct 8.
- DEC 9** OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

April 18, 1988

Your Editor continued his clever readership test program last week with the inclusion of the misinformation that new member Ed Geissler was old member Bill Geissler's brother. As a matter of fact, they had never even met each other.

IF YOU CAUGHT THAT, YOU JUST MAY BE CLEVER ENOUGH TO BE THE NEW EDITOR OF THE BLASTOFF. In the last issue, a whole column was dedicated to announcement of my impending resignation and a plea for someone to take over the work. The response has been an overwhelming silence. That won't cut it, fellas. Now that you know that the competition isn't so fierce, maybe you will step forward. I'll tell you one thing. It may take some of your time, but you'll enjoy Rotary more than you ever thought possible! Why not put together a team for yourself. It doesn't have to all be done by one person. See Billy Weseman, John Francis or me.

Soon-to-be Ex-Editor
Tom Wier

TAKE THE BLASTOFF HOME!

TELLING TALES

MEMBER PROFILES

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Jim Hargrove.

As all but the newest members know, Jim was Space Center Rotary's president last year. He has been with the club since 1975. During that time his offices included Treasurer, Secretary and President-Elect. Currently he is very active in the District 589 Rotary projects. He is the Education and Evaluation Coordinator for the presidents-elect seminar, which is in charge of training new club presidents-to-be from all over the district. He is in charge of the Group Study Exchange program. The last group was from Norway, six professionals who came to learn about this country and to improve international understanding. He is an area PolioPlus coordinator and manages four clubs in that regard. He is Chairman of the Rotary Information Committee for District 589, which includes 56 clubs.



He feels his most important accomplishment as president was establishing the sister club relationship with the Mexico City Aeropuerto club. We sent two box cars of medical equipment and have had reciprocal visits from one club to another.

Also during his "reign", we had the first RNASA award banquet. He felt that after one year of being president he was just getting started, and it is a bit of a "let down" to step aside as president. (Decompression, you might say.) He was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and cooperation of other club members during his term. He said "no one in the club ever turned down any request for service". He is very proud of the Rotary spirit, which he witnessed in Europe and other countries. "You can't understand a word they say, but the spirit is still there".

Other community activities include Chairman of the Stewardship Committee with the University Baptist Church and helping to develop a new library on 6 acres of land in the Seabrook area, which should open next June. In his "spare time" he is president of 1st National Bank of Texas.

Jim is truly an inspiration and an asset to us all.

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GREETERS

Fellowship Committee

4/18 Charles Whynot/Bob Frost
4/25 Jim McDonald/John Gay
5/2 Carlos Villagomez/Johnny White
5/9 A. B. Olsen/Roger Headrick

Jim McDonald, Chairman
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MEETING NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF APR. 4: New Blue-Badger Father Tom "Buts" Butler brought down the house (inducing a nose dive into his plate by Jack Catron, as captured for posterity below) when he introduced a video presentation from the Rotary News Network, which covered:

- The dedication of the new world headquarters building "One Rotary Center" in Evanston IL.
- The first Rotary Peace Forum focusing on the role of non-profits in the search for peace.
- There are now over 1 million Rotarians.
- POLIO PLUS: Over \$108 million has been raised and 100 million kids immunized through "Just 2 Drops" of oral polio serum. UNICEF and Save the Children are our partners in this effort.
- 12 countries are over their PolioPlus goal but the US is not, though US Rotarians have raised \$56 million. We set a high goal.
- The goal is to immunize every child in the world against polio, whooping cough, tuberculosis, tetanus, and measles.
- Polio can't be cured, only prevented. This program can prevent 8 million crippling cases and 800,000 deaths.
- Rotary International has established an "Idea Bank" where every club can give and get program ideas.

SAM MARULLO presented our club's \$1000 check to Jan Hopkins, Executive Director of Jr. Achievement, which has served 840 students in the Clear Lake area and needs volunteer "business consultants" for Fall '88. --- (Cont'd on p. 4)



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MIKE HESSE	4/21
LARS PERSSON	4/22
DENNIS DILLON	4/26
ROBBYE WALDRON	4/29
JOHN TOWNER	4/30

MEETING NOTES (Cont'd)

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF APR 11: A continuation of club program reports begun at the club assembly.

□ AL JOWID spoke on our Rotary World Health Foundation, which Space Center Rotary devised to bring 3rd world youngsters with disfiguring and disabling conditions to St. John Hospital for plastic surgery done at no charge by member Dr. Fustok. One boy from Mexico was served by this program last fall. We arranged for housing, schooling, transportation and even part-time employment for the child's mother.

□ CHARLES HARTMAN spoke on the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) program which our club put together to recognize the achievement of pioneers in Space Exploration, to raise public awareness of the positive spinoffs of the space program and to raise money for space education and national charitable causes. A black tie, \$200 per plate recognition dinner is held each spring and attracts people from across the nation. The beautiful \$30,000 permanent trophy has been paid for and is on exhibit at the JSC Visitors Center.

□ JACK LISTER reported a need for more volunteers to accompany groups of visiting Rotarians on tours of JSC. President Jim told what a pleasant experience he had and what a complete tour he received. This activity has been formalized into a new committee of the club. You are urged to volunteer for this work.

□ VIC MARIA urged us all to begin bringing one can of a staple food to one meeting every month, beginning in May, to do our part to combat the hunger problem in our area.

RED ALERT

A flight of eight new Blue Badgers was spotted at the April 4 meeting. They included Jay Gupta (sponsored by Joe Hang), Bruce McCorkle (sponsored by Jim Maas), Dick Novotny (sponsored by Jim Hargrove), Louis Schwartz (sponsored by Bill Rittenhouse), John Nugent (sponsored by Alton Ainslie), Dick Wettling (sponsored by Eddie Tarin), Tom Butler (sponsored by Bert Kraft), and Carson Stephens (sponsored by Billy Weseman).

-----CONGRATULATIONS!

FATHER-SON WEEKEND at Camp Mahan. May 14-15. \$17.50 per person covers all costs, including meals. 8 AM Saturday through breakfast Sunday. Hiking, fishing, boating, archery, basketball, etc. Ages 7-17. Camp is 1 hour north of Houston near New Waverly off I-45. For more information call John Havard at 861-8256.

AN IMPORTANT CLOSING NOTE:
Heartfelt condolences go to Al Brady, whose wife Vivian passed away recently.

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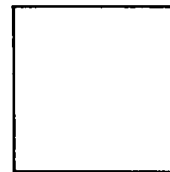
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