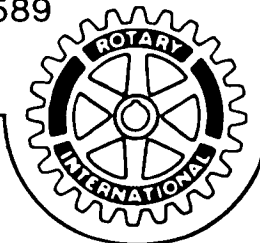


# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club  
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.  
at the Nassau Bay Hilton  
Rotary International District 589



"Put life into Rotary - your life"

December 12, 1988

## SPACE CENTER ROTARY EVENTS

### Mon., Dec. 12

\* Noon at the Hilton. **Dr. Neil Frank**, the renowned meteorologist who is now the weatherman at Houston's Channel 11, will present our program.  
\* Noon at the Hilton. Collection for **Interfaith Caring Ministries**. Please share your abundance.

### Thurs., Dec. 15

\* 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton. **Space Center Women of Rotary** luncheon. **Mary Kuhn** will present a light-hearted program on bears.

### Mon., Dec. 19

\* Noon at the Hilton. A holiday mixer with beverages, cheese and crackers.  
\* Noon at the Hilton. Collection of **Toys for Tots**.

### Tue., Dec. 20

\* 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Board of Directors** meeting.  
\* 8:00 a.m. **Red Badge** meeting.  
Note: Blastoff will not go to press until after the holidays.

### Mon., Dec. 26

No meetings due to Christmas holiday.

### Mon., Jan. 2

No meeting due to New Years holiday.

### Tues., Jan. 3

\* 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Board of Directors** meeting.  
\* 8:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Red Badge** meeting.  
\* 9:00 a.m. **BLASTOFF** goes to press.

### TOYS FOR TOTS

You are invited to bring new toys to our December 19 meeting. The toys should not be wrapped. They will be distributed to needy children through Toys For Tots.



New Paul Harris Fellows, announced November 28, are: **Yvonne Hool**, widow of **Mr. Chen Hool**, sponsored by Space Center Women of Rotary; **Clay W. Fulcher**, nominated by **Al Ligrani**; **Mrs. Blanche Cook**, sponsored by **Al Ligrani**; **Louis C. Wren** of Davenport, Iowa, sponsored by his brother, **Bob Wren**; and **Mrs. David (Linda) King**, sponsored by her husband and two children. Pictured from left, to right are: **Bob Wren**, **Linda King**, **Clay W. Fulcher**, **Yvonne Hool**, and **Mrs. Blanche Cook**.

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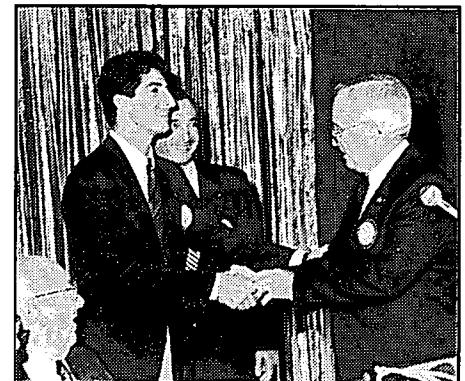
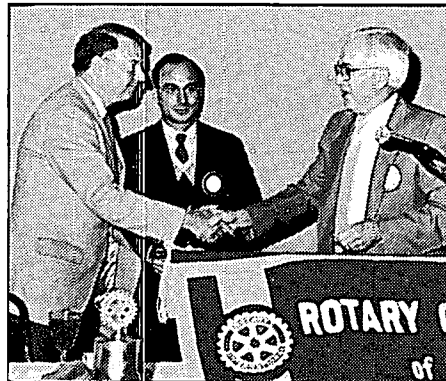
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Our club received the following card from Jack Lister:

*The family of Ruth Lister acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thanks for all the cards, prayers, and thoughts. It helps to have good friends.*

*Jack*



Ernie Micelli sponsored new member **Austin Frame**, General Manager of South Shore Harbour Resort and Country Club (left photo); and **Al Jowid, Sr.** sponsored **Albert Mansour Jowid**, a clinical dentist. Does Al Jowid, Sr. look proud?

## Summer Youth Exchange

Applications are due now for the Rotary Summer Youth Exchange Programs. These are short term exchanges. Typically, a U.S. high school student will spend three weeks abroad and his or her foreign counterpart will spend three weeks in the U.S. The youth need not be children of Rotarians.

These exchanges are lots of fun, and they promote peace and understanding. Encourage your children and other young

people that you know to apply. Make plans to host a youth or to invite one or more youths on an outing or your vacation. You do not have to send one in order to host one or to help entertain.

The number of young people who get the opportunity to participate depends on you. Call **Alan Wiley** or **Karen Birchenough** today. You'll be glad you did.

## How to Enrich a Friendship

Have you invited a friend to visit our club recently?

I remember very well when Larry Sall invited me to have lunch with him and visit his Rotary Club. I went and I had a good time and met some nice fellows. Then Larry invited me back and I was happy to accept. Larry kept inviting me and eventually proposed me for membership.

After I was a member for a few months my firm accepted a large project, and I began to miss meetings. Soon I was

dropped by my club. But Larry kept in touch, and when my business slowed down, he invited me back and proposed me for membership again. Whats more, he helped me to become active in Rotary. Now Rotary is one of the real joys in my life. And guess what I think of Larry!

So if you have a friend who is not in Rotary, do for him what my friend did for me. Invite him to have lunch with you and your other friends.

- John Brown, Editor



Mr. Yasuo Hori, Consul-General of Japan at Houston, spoke to our club on November 21, about bilateral relations and the trade imbalance. Mr. Hori stated that we need to emphasize increasing exports, not decreasing imports. He opposes the Omnibus Trade Act as protectionist. He favors a Japan-U.S. Special Trade Agreement, such as we have with Canada, and quoted U.S. Ambassador to Japan Mike Mansfield, who said "Japan's markets are more open than Americans realize, although less open than the Japanese contend."

## International Youth Byline - The Full Year Program

The Space Center Rotary Club International Youth Exchange Program is in full swing. Two students are being hosted by the club -- Scott Salmond from Australia, and Wiebke Ernst from West Germany. These young people have fit well into our community, and the students, the host families, and participating Rotarians are profiting from the many experiences.

Scott is now with his last host family -- Bill, Joan, and Joyce Geissler. Earlier in the year Scott was with Don and Beverly Kyle and Bruce and Karen McCorkle, with some time also being spent with Alan and Mary Allen Wylie. He has participated in school activities and enjoyed the company of many of the young ladies (perhaps his favorite activity). He served as one of the managers of the Clear Lake High School football team. During the summer he worked at several businesses, including the JSC Credit Union (compliments of Mike Brown) and the office of Dr. Val Guzman, a local chiropractor (compliments of Karen Birchenough). Scott enjoyed both of the firms very much. He learned to "talk Texan", meaning to slow down so that he could be understood. He acquired a cowboy hat from the Credit Union and acquired enough pins for his jacket to sink a battleship. Scott exhibited talents as a house painter (2 house interiors) and a cook. He performed superbly at both. A highlight for the summer was his trip to Colorado and New Mexico with other exchange students from the south central area of the United States. A highlight from the spring was his trip to Houston with ten other exchange students hosted by East Texas Rotarians. The students saw NASA, the Medical Center, the Astrodome (Astros game), the Texas Tumbleweed, and Galveston (courtesy of the Mark Holcombs and their great beach house).

Wiebke (pronounced "Vibka") had an auspicious beginning in Houston; she arrived at Hobby Airport and her host family and her luggage met at Intercontinental. 'Twas not the best way to get introduced to the American way. Wiebke spent her first 3 month with Tom and Elaine McElhinney and has just moved in with her 2nd family - Alan and Mary Allen Wylie. She has already made trips to Austin, Galveston, San Antonio, and Big Bend/San Antonio/Fredricksburg (over Thanksgiving with Jim and Joy Harlen). She worked out with CLHS volley ball team, went to the homecoming dance, and became an active member of the sailing club. She has played with Mary Allen on a JSC volley ball team. She will be taking a weekend trip to East Texas with the Wylies and will be flying with the Geisslers to St. Louis for Christmas. She will be making a visit with the Cordells to Galveston for "Dickens on the Strand" soon. She is also planning a sailing trip with Scott and host Kyle Sprecher. There is no problem keeping her calendar busy. She traveled to the Dallas/Fort Worth area with Tom and Elaine to avoid the hurricane. Be sure to ask her if she likes mustard on her sandwich!

Scott and Wiebke have developed warm and enriching relationships with our club members and others in our community. They are keeping us all young, and teaching us about their cultures. At the same time we are sharing experiences with Wiebke and Scott that they will long remember. Parting will be difficult when they have to leave; we may just have to keep 'em.

The International Youth Committee met recently to discuss ways to get more Rotarians involved. The committee has been divided into teams. Each team has a month to take the primary role with the students. The committee plans a party with the other District 589 exchange students and with local students from the area. This will be a fitting way to say good-bye to the bloke from Australia.

Plans are now underway for hosting our next exchange student -- next summer 1989. Families interested in sharing the rewards of this program should give serious consideration to hosting an exchange student. Contact Alen Wylie for more information. He has a VCR tape and some literature explaining the program.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **\$50.00 contributions** are recognized on pages 2 and 3 of the **BLAST-OFF**. If you would like to make a \$50.00 contribution and be recognized or if you would like to continue your \$50.00 contributions, see **Lonnie Clement** or **Tom Wier**.

Our **attendance** for November was 79.5%. Include in your New Year's Resolutions a commitment for you to have 100% attendance for January 1989.

Our club has received a thank you letter from **Juvenile Court Volunteers**.

**Governor Long** has written to express his gratitude to our club for hosting the **Rotary Information Seminar**.

Members are invited to attend the Board of Directors meetings that are held on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton.

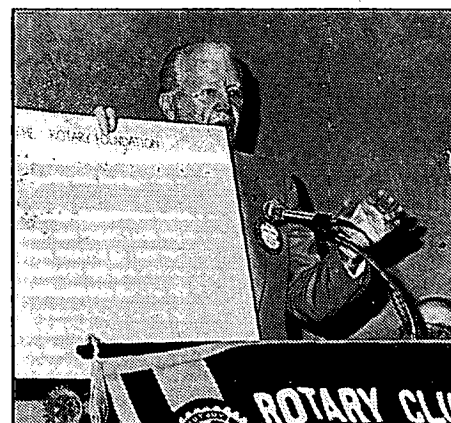
Our club is planning a visit with our sister club in Mexico City **February 17-20, 1989**. Our sister club can accommodate up to 30 persons in private homes and 20 more persons could stay in hotels. This is going to be a great trip! It will also foster international understanding and brotherhood and will strengthen the bond between our clubs. Give yourself and your spouse a special gift and go with us to Mexico City.

You will receive your **1989 Annual dues statement** very soon. Please pay your dues as soon as you can do so.

Our club will be preparing a new **District Conference Display** soon. If you



**Martha Owen** presenting a check for \$275. to a representative of "**Bridge over Troubled Waters**". This check is the share of Space Center Women of Rotary from the proceeds from the Shrimpsore Bake Sale. This is the first that Space Center Women of Rotary has given to a community project outside the Rotary family.



Our club has a Rotary Foundation "football pool". If you will buy the tickets (\$1.00 each) before **Bob Bullock** shuts us down, we will someday have one or more new **Paul Harris Sustaining Members**. (Just Kidding, Bob. This isn't gambling; it's a sure thing and we all win).

have special skills and would like to work on this project, contact an officer or director. A club with the name **Space Center Rotary Club** and with the talent we have should have a high tech display that will catch everyone's eyes.

At the end of last year **100%** of the members of our club were **Paul Harris Sustaining Members**. We should be again this year. If you are not a sustaining member and you contribute \$100 by December 19, the Space Center Rotary Club will match your contribution. Contact **Hal Neely**. **Paul Harris Fellowships** are \$1000. If you contribute \$100 you become a Sustaining Member and you have up to 10 years to contribute the

remaining \$900.

Following the December 12 and December 19 meetings **Don Carico** will take photographs for the new **Space Center Rotary Club binder**. If you have a yellow post-it tag on your badge, we need your picture. Stay a few minutes and see Don.

The foreign exchange program needs **volunteer families** to host the host parents of the current foreign exchange students the night of **January 7, 1989**. The students will be housed separately. Guest rooms are needed, but this will not include any meals. Please call **Alan Wiley**, to make arrangements, 326-4175.



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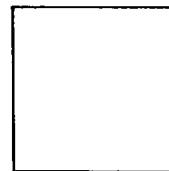
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