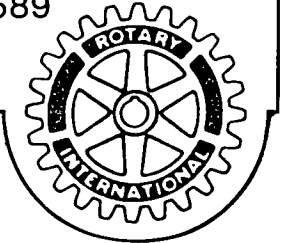


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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

Rotary International District 589



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February 27, 1989

SPACE CENTER ROTARY EVENTS

Mon., Feb. 27

* Noon at the Hilton. **Ira McNeil**, Assistant Regional Director of the **Texas Employment Commission**. "Hiring and Firing Practices."

Directors meeting.

* 8:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Red Badge** meeting.
* 9:00 a.m. Blastoff goes to press.

May 13, 1989

Our club will host the **District Assembly** at South Harbour Hotel.

Mon., March 6

* Noon at the Hilton. **Shirley Quisenberry** of the Houston Chapter of the **United Nations Association** will speak on "World Understanding."

Apr. 27-29, 1989

District 589 Annual Conference at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio.

May 21-25, 1989

Rotary International Annual Conference in Korea.

Tues., March 7

* 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.

Mon., March 13

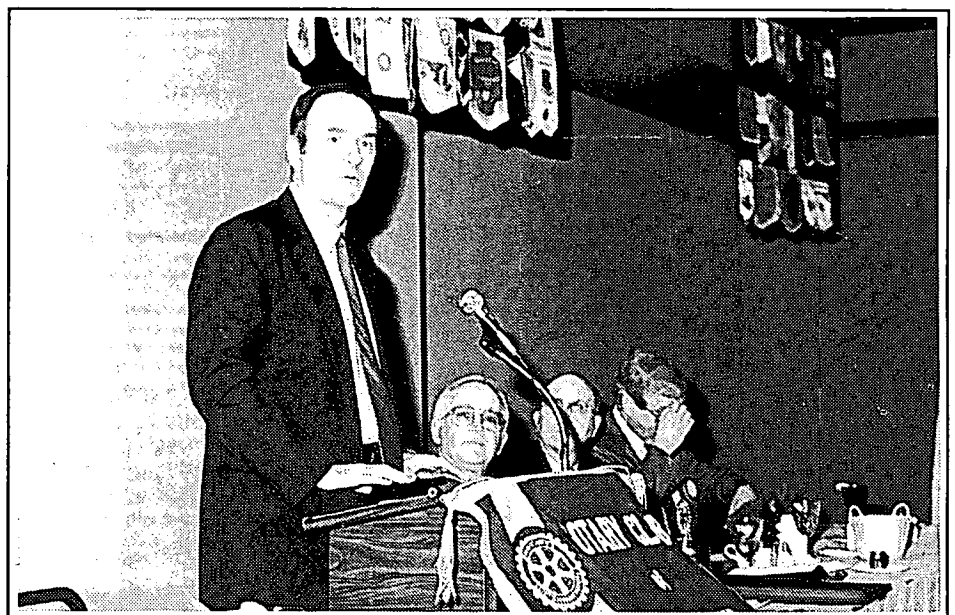
* Noon at the Hilton. **Dr. Bob Hodgins** will speak on "Clear Lake Area Economic Update."

Mon., March 20

* Noon at the Hilton. "When There Ain't No Will, There Ain't No Way."

Tues., March 21

* 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Board of**



Mr. Keith Phillips from the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas presented our program on February 6.

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Carlos leads us in singing "Cielito Lindo."



Karen Birchenough introduces new member Patti Massey. Patti's classification is Hotel Sales Management.



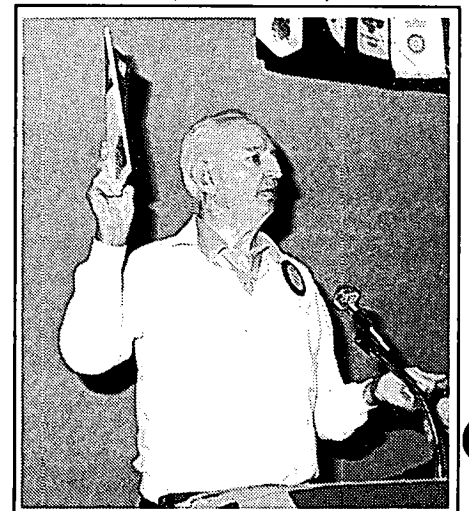
Dixie Robison presented a check on behalf of our club to the YMCA for its building fund. Steve Bolton accepted the check for the YMCA.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Members with 100%

**Attendance for July through
December 1988**

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| Al Brady | 2 years |
| Lamar Bowles | 3 years |
| Robert Kraft | 7 years |
| Al Ligrané | 9 years |
| Vic Maria | 3 years |
| James McDonald | 2 years |
| Hal Neely | 17 years |
| "Ole" Olsen | 6 years |
| Ray Pawlikowski | 3 years |
| Ralph Schimmel | 10 years |
| Jay Welch | 22 years |
| Bob Wren | 8 years |
| Wayne Young | 2 years |



Bill Webb encourages us to read the *Rotarian* magazine.

International Youth Exchange - A Change to Get Involved

by Dr. Kyle Sprecher

The Space Center Rotary Club International Youth Exchange (IYE) kicked off the new year by hosting a District 589 social for exchange students and interested Rotarians at the residence of Karen Birchenough in January. It was well attended by students and Rotarians as students enjoyed sharing experiences about their home countries. Slide presentations, interesting discussions, as well as new friendships developed throughout the evening as students learned about each other in an atmosphere expressing all the comforts of home. Several international foods were prepared while different cultures and perspectives were experienced firsthand by those attending. It was a very successful evening which provided the opportunity for our exchange students to get more involved with the other exchange students of District 589.

Several activities are planned for the 1989 IYE program in which Wiebke Ernst from West Germany will participate. Wiebke attended the Mexico trip from February 16th through the 20th and brought back several gifts from her many new friends in Mexico. It was a successful trip for both Rotary clubs and especially for Wiebke. Being one of the few blondes in Mexico, she clearly showed our friendly neighbors how to have fun and enjoy life.

Following this memorable trip was the famous Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in which Wiebke had the opportunity to personally meet country western singer Charlie Pride backstage, compliments of Clear Lake Go Texan Committee. Wiebke is looking forward to her boyfriend arriving from Germany at the end of March. Upon his arrival, host family Bill, Joan, and Joyce Geissler will take them to New Orleans for a weekend to visit Wiebke's relatives. Soon after their arrival back in Houston, the Space Center Rotary IYE will host 10-12 east Texas exchange students in early April. Planned activities at the Texas Tumbleweed and a special party following at Galveston are being discussed again this year due to the overall success of this exchange last year. A special visit by Wiebke's mother will occur in the month of May. She will finally have the opportunity to see what all the excitement is all about. She will be welcomed with the traditional Texas style of hospitality - "A BIG WARM WELCOME."

As summer rolls around and school is out, Wiebke will reside with host family Jim and Joy Harlan who spent this past Thanksgiving with Wiebke. This will be Wiebke's last host family and they will give her memories to cherish for a lifetime. Along these lines students will plan for the annual South Central Rotary Youth Exchange Area bus tour of the western states. The usual attendance in past years has filled two buses. This will be a highlight for the students, who will develop lasting friendships while touring America's national parks and wildlife. All too soon, it seems, Wiebke will return to West Germany at the end of July. She will take with her cherished memories of people she has met and places she has been, as well as lasting friendships with open endings and new beginnings.

In the month of August, Space Center Rotary IYE will host another longterm exchange student. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you and your spouse to get involved in hosting an exchange student. Your participation will build goodwill and better friendships and add more truth and meaning to your life. Contact Alan Wylie at 326-4175 to learn more about this unique opportunity. Just imagine how beneficial it will be to all concerned. Call Alan and make your commitment today or contact a family who has already hosted a student and ask them why it has made such a difference in their lives. Consider asking the Geisslers to let Wiebke join you and your family for a special outing soon while the opportunity exists.

Space Center Rotary IYE has been involved for two years in hosting students. We will be working hard to educate the local high school students about the opportunity for them to get involved in the month of September. We will receive applications for the longterm program in November. Currently, there is a \$1000 scholarship available for a junior in high school to receive for the shortterm exchange program, which is three to four weeks in duration. The window is closing soon for this scholarship; therefore, contact Alan ASAP. The next IYE committee meeting will be Monday, February 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alan Wylie residents. See Alan at Rotary today for details!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hydro Plane Boat Race will be held on May 20 at Clear Lake. It is sponsored by Friendswood Development and Exxon. The Houston Rotary has agreed to man this project. They are asking our club as well as others, the Jaycees, Voting Association, and Boy Scouts to help provide the 300-500 volunteers needed. All profits will be divided among those clubs participating with them. **Lonnie Clement** has agreed to chair our club's efforts and will follow up with additional information.

Blanquita Meza, a 7½-year-old girl with extensive burns, arrived in our area on Tuesday, February 17. She is here for treatment by Dr. Fustok who is on the staff of St. John Hospital under the World Health Foundation program. Another patient is being considered for treatment. All who have participated in providing transportation for other patients to the doctor's office, lodging, entertainment, etc. know firsthand the reward from such an involvement. Rotarians and their families are encouraged to volunteer now by calling **Anne Weseman at 488-2244**. You do not have to speak Spanish to participate.

The Heights Rotary Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at the Westin Galleria Hotel. Royce Abbey, President of Rotary International, will be the featured speaker. Also, the 50th anniversary celebration

will serve as a make-up meeting for all District 589 clubs. You and your spouse are invited to attend this event. Cost will be \$40 per person. Seating will be limited to 550. Cocktails and reception 6:30-7:30, seated dinner at 7:30.

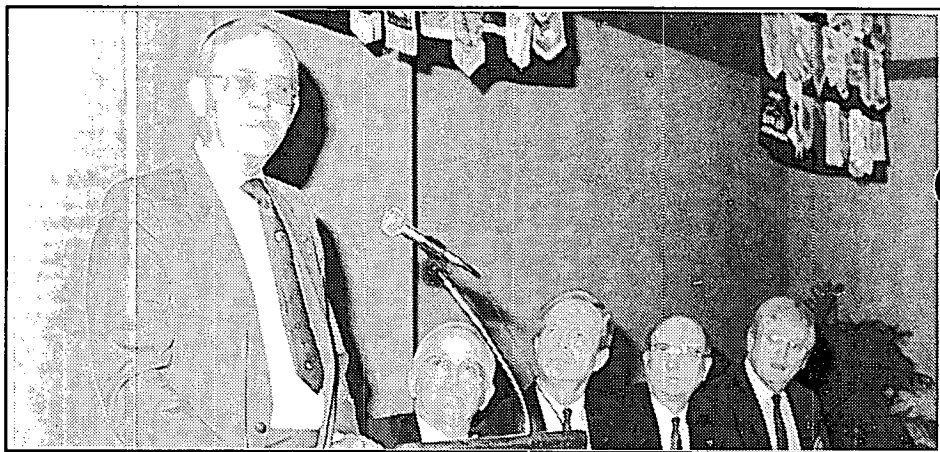
The Reverse Draw Fun-D-Fest Dinner will be held at South Shore Harbour Hotel on June 1. The Buddy Kirk band will play. More details will be announced soon.

Rotary's Anniversary A Time For Reflection

On February 23, Rotary celebrated its 84th anniversary. Acknowledged by Rotarians as World Understanding and Peace Day, this particular time is set aside not only in recognition of our dream for the future, but to recognize where that dream began. Our organi-

zation has come a long way since that wintery evening in 1905 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., when Founder Paul Harris met with three friends to discuss the ideas from which Rotary would grow. Our steady course over these many years of expansion can be attributed, in part, to the integrity of the ideals and direction set forth by our earliest leaders and embraced by successive generations of Rotarians worldwide. Therefore, this day is a time to reflect on our plans for Rotary's future, at the club, district and international level, to be certain that we are continuing Rotary's rich tradition of "Service Above Self," the legacy that has been entrusted to us until the next generation of Rotarians arrives.

Philip H. Lindsey
General Secretary
Rotary International



James M. Windham, Jr. spoke to us about the Texas Chamber of Commerce.



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