

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"

April 3, 1989

SPACE CENTER ROTARY EVENTS

Mon., April 3

*Noon at the Hilton. Our program will be presented by **Davis Barton** and is entitled, "The Latest In Health Care Services."

*Noon at the Hilton. Collection for Interfaith Caring Ministries.

Tues., April 4

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

*8:00 a.m. at the Hilton. Red Badge meeting

*6:30 p.m. at the Westin Galleria. Royce Abbey, President of Rotary International is the speaker for the 50th Anniversary Dinner for the Rotary Club of Houston Heights.

Mon., April 10

*Noon at the Hilton. **Billy Weseman** will present a program on the Rotary Club District Assembly.

Mon., April 17

*Noon at the Hilton. Space Center Rotary Club Meeting. (Open)

Tues., April 18

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

*8:00 a.m. at the Hilton. Red Badge meeting.

Mon., April 24

*Noon at the Hilton. A. Earl Swift, President and CEO of Energy Corp will present a program entitled, "Oil and Gas Trends for Today."

April 27-29, 1989

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

Mon., May 1

*Noon at the Hilton. Chief Lee Brown will present a program on the Houston Police System.

Tues., May 2

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

*8:00 a.m. at the Hilton. Red Badge meeting.

May 13, 1989

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

May 19-21, 1989 Unlimited Hydroplane Boat Race on Clear Lake.

May 21-25, 1989 Rotary International Annual Conference in Korea.

June 1, 1989
Reverse Draw Fun-D-Fest Dinner at South
Shore Harbour Hotel.

Bob Wren has set a goal and issued a challenge to our club. The goal is for everyone in the club to be a Paul Harris Fellow or a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. The challenge is that Bob will put up \$50.00 for every club member who is not a Paul Harris Fellow or Sustaining Member and who becomes a Paul Harris Sustaining Member. This means that you can become a Paul Harris Sustaining Member for just \$50. But you had better hurry. Offers like this don't last forever.



Don Kyle presented a \$1,000.00 check from our club to **Michele Ventura**, Vice President of **Junior Achievement** of South East Texas.

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International Youth Exchange - Host Family: Longterm Program

The time to get involved is now!!! Host families for the International Youth Exchange longterm (one year) program are now being accepted for incoming youth exchange students. This unique, enriching opportunity is for you to experience this coming year. We currently have an exchange student from West Germany who needs welcoming host families to reach out in support of a good cause. Several Rotarians are currently participating as host families for our incoming exchange students. It is a cultural experience with unique opportunities for family growth and development. It involves building global friendships while enjoying all the comforts of home. Let this be the day you decide to participate in promoting the Rotary experience "Service Above Self" with the youth of a dynamic rapidly growing generation. This opportunity is now possible by calling Alan Wylie at 326-4175 today!

An Appeal for Students for a Rare Opportunity

Rotary International has long fostered world peace through summer youth exchange but this is the first summer that an exchange will occur with a Communist country. The reason it has never occurred before is that there are no Rotary Clubs in Eastern bloc countries. So we have arranged with a church youth group to conduct a Rotary format, home-to-home, summer exchange with Hungary.

Our recruitment for this year's regular exchanges is over, so we are trying to conduct a special call to locate some American students to make the first exchange of this sort with a Communist country. We have six Hungarian students, who all speak English, who would come to Houston June 15 to July 15. The Americans would go to Hungary July 15 to August 15. We will only send American students if we have two or more students interested in the exchange. The minister of the church there has assured us that they will "arrange a pleasant, high-level program and assure the required oversight of the students." That is the same function that Rotary clubs provide.

The cost of the American student's airline ticket roundtrip is about \$1100. If anyone knows someone who would like to participate in this history-making exchange we are holding open the application process just for this project.

Please spread the word and try to help the American side of this initiative to come through. Call Dr. David Taylor for more information at work 332-6513 and residence 474-9694.

Again, congratulations to Maria Parra who is the recipient of the Space Center Rotary IYE "World Understanding Award" which paid for her travel expenses to France. Maria is the daughter of Carlos and Amalia Parra who reside at 18610 Capetown Drive in the Bay Area. Maria is a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who in America for three years, the French club, and is the chairman of her church youth club. She speaks fluent Spanish, has had three years of French, enjoys sports, and plays the flute in band. She is truly an outstanding representative of Space Center Rotary and will carry the spirit of Rotary with her during her travel experience in France.

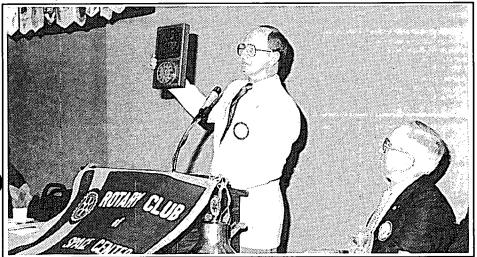
The East Texas Rotary IYE students will arrive Thursday night, April 6th, at 5:00 p.m. in Clear Lake. Rotarians who desire to participate in the planned activities should meet at the residence of Rotarian Alan Wylie, 302 Pebblebrook in El Lago. The students will participate in several interesting activities throughout the weekend. Make plans to join in the celebration of youth exchange in our local community.

The International Youth Exchange committee will meet at Alan Wylie's on April 24th at 7:30 p.m. The attendance at these meetings has shown continuous growth due to the excitement and opportunity to serve others. If you have not felt the moving energy of Rotary in action, we cordially invite you to experience the difference by participating in International Youth Exchange!

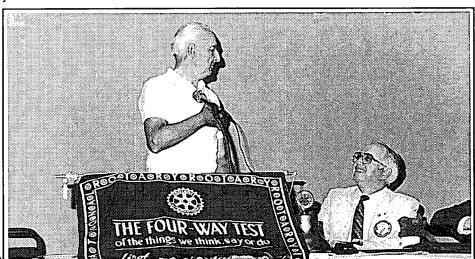




Millie Cowen, President of **Houston Proud**, presented our program on March 27. The three areas emphasized by **Houston Proud** are visitor relations, community improvement, and community awareness.



Dr. Huey Barnett announced that clocks like the one shown in the picture are being sold for \$75 each to support the **Bridgeport** project. The clocks include the Rotary logo and the purchaser's name engraved in wood. One of these clocks would be a beautiful addition to your den or office.



Bill Webb urges us to join the Shuttle to the District 589 Annual Conference in San Antonio from April 27 through April 29. This year's theme is "Put FIESTA into Life... Your Life." The registration deadline has passed, but if you see Bill, he may be able to use his influence to get you in.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Unlimited Hydro Plant Boat Race on Clear Lake will be held May 19-21. It is sponsored by Friendswood Development and Exxon. The Rotary emblem will appear on the publicity materials, so Rotary should receive a good deal of favorable publicity from this event. This event is expected to attract at least 100,000 people to the Clear Lake area. The Houston Rotary has agreed to man this project. The Downtown Rotary Club is requesting that our club, as well as other Rotary clubs, the Jaycees, and the Boy Scouts provide some of the 300 to 500 volunteers needed. All profits will be divided among the clubs and groups participating. (This project is expected to produce between \$30,000 and \$60,000 in profits for Rotary International projects and for the other groups participating.) Lonnie Clement has agreed to chair our club's efforts and will follow up with additional information.

Houston Heights Rotary Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at the Westin Gallerla 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 \$40.00 per person. Seating will be limited to 550. Cocktails and reception at 6:30 and 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.

Lonnie Clement has the Blue Book inserts for members who have already received Blue Books. If you are a new member and you have never received a Blue Book, Lonnie has your new blue Book.

David Owen has been selected as the new Director of Club Service "A." He

replaces Carlos Villagomez, who has resigned as Director of Club Service "A." Our club extends a special thanks to Carlos for his outstanding service.

Space Center Women of Rotary will meet for a luncheon on April 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Nassau Bay Hilton. The program will be Fern Yung from the Crow's Nest Art Gallery located in La Porte. She will present an interesting program on American Endian jewelry.



Edwin Mabry of Mabry & Hilton, Attorneys in Texas City presented a program on March 20 entitled, "If There Ain't No Will, There Ain't No Way." He gave us reasons for single persons without children to have wills, reasons for married persons with small children to have wills, and reasons for people of modest means to have wills. At the same time he entertained us.



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