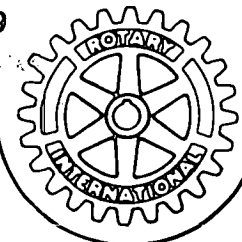


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

*The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
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Rotary International District 589

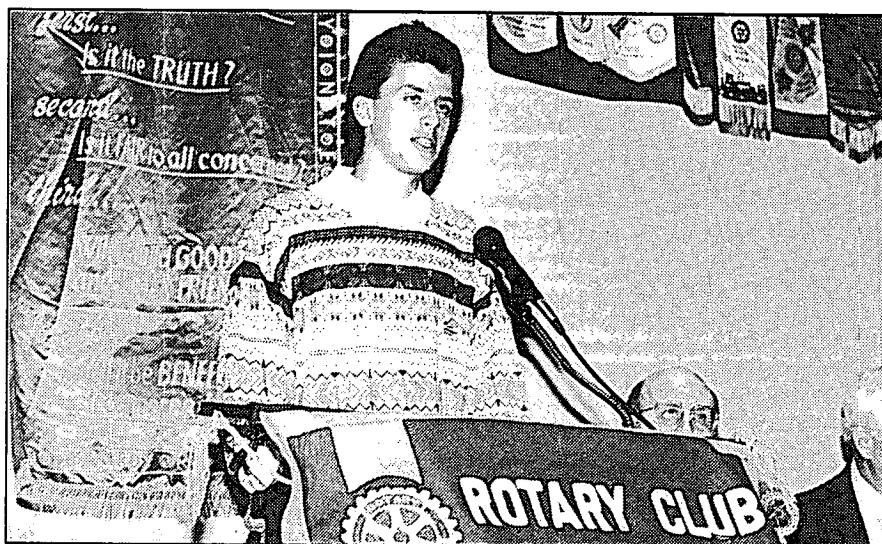


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November 19, 1990



COMING EVENTS

- Nov. 30** Space Center Rotary
Holiday Party - Lakewood
Yacht Club
- Dec. 31** Election of 91/92 Club Offi-
cers completed
- Feb. 28** Fifth Annual RNASA Banquet
Hyatt Regency
- Apr. 18-20** District Conference -
Galveston, San Luis Hotel
- June 1-5** Rotary International Conven-
tion - Mexico City

Dear Interact Supporters,

The following is a brief outline of Interact's plans for this year. However, it is only that—an outline; only with your input and support can these ideas be brought to fruition. Please review these projects and determine how you can help—with finances, labor, or planning.

1) The Second Annual Marathon Softball Game—This event is our main fundraiser of the year, and it determines to what degree we can pursue our planned activities. The club members solicit pledges based on how many innings the club is able to play. Last year, we played 52; this year, we're shooting for 75. In the first Game, Interact raised almost \$2000, which was donated to the Christian Child Help Foundation.

2) Halloween Haunted House—Unfortunately, we live in an era where parents must be concerned about allowing their children to Trick-or-Treat. Interact intends to provide a safe—and scary—place for children to go and have fun on Halloween...

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COMMUNITY SERVICE ROTARY ECOLOGY DAY

Is your club ready to participate in some "good housekeeping" of Planet Earth? Then mark November 1st on your club project calendar. That's the day designated by the RI Board as Rotary Ecology Day, and appropriate occasion to focus on meaningful environmental action.

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Jack Lister bestows "official shrimp" onto Mike Brown, Chairperson for Shrimporee 1991.

Women of Rotary Contribution to Shrimporee Provides Sweet Reward

We did it! Although the Shrimporee has come and gone with the blink of an eye, the exhilaration lingers on. The response for baked goods was remarkable and the work force undaunted. Many thanks to all the wonderfully talented contributors and to all the cheery troopers who ardently gave of their cherished time to serve. The atmosphere was absolutely electric when we realized

we had topped the well-earned \$1000 mark. We wish to express our undying gratitude to the generous members of Space Center Rotary who made it all possible by faithfully giving us their unwavering support and sharing in our efforts.

Norma Maria
President, Space Center
Women of Rotary

District Club Attendance

Sharpstown	39	98.7%	Pasadena	208	83.6%
So. Belt/Ellington	21	97.4%	Humble/		
Almeda/S. Post			Intercont'l	103	81.0%
Oak	31	96.8%	Space		
Pearland	49	94.5%	Center	186	80.8%
Alvin	52	94.2%	Pasadena		
Gulfway/			South	77	80.8%
Hobby	58	90.3%	La Porte	59	75.9%
Bay City	40	90.0%	Houston		
Baytown	98	89.2%	(Downtown)	810	71.8%
Deer Park	61	88.6%			
Astrodome/					
Houston	43	87.0%	Average Attendance		83.9%

Committee Activities

GOLF RESULTS

Results of the Space Center Club Golf Outing held 10/25/90 at Baywood Country Club:

1st Low Net (Tie)

Nelson Lemon	70
Al Ligrani	70

3rd Low Net (Tie)

Dennis Dillon	72
Bill Predmore	72

Closest To Pin:

Dennis Dillon and
Bill Predmore

Longest Drive:

Al Brady and Bill Predmore

Next Outing:

Space Center Rotary Club

Championship: tentatively set for November 15 at Bay Forest Golf Club. This Tournament is restricted to Space Center Rotary Club Members only. Please try to plan on playing.

The Golf Committee would like to thank the members of Space Center Rotary for supporting the Shrimpooree Golf Tournament. In our effort to get more participation from non-Space Center Rotary Members, we had eight (8) teams with only one (1) Space Center Rotarian on the Team and we had four (4) teams that had no Space Center Rotarians on the team. I think this is a very good start on trying to get more people outside of our club to participate and support our events. The newly created Floyd Boze Award for the Space Center Rotarian whose team had the lowest net score and contained only one (1) Space Center Rotarian went to Jerry Smith of the Shearson Superstars Team.

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3) U.S. Troop Relief—Many troops which are from the Houston area are now stationed in Saudi Arabia. Interact plans to communicate with and send care packages to these Houstonians.

4) Elementary School Scholarships—The pursuit of education above and beyond what is required is not rewarded in the early years of education. Interact hopes to meet this need by offering scholarships to elementary school students who read the most books in their grade (We feel reading is the foundation of learning).

5) Scavenger Hunt—Interact sponsors these events periodically during the year to raise food for local charities. Last year, our scavenger hunt raised several hundred dollars in food in only a few hours.

6) Blood Drive—Early next year, Interact will begin a community blood drive to help alleviate the dire shortage of blood at local blood banks. Without this blood, many

patients could not receive adequate care.

7) International Sister Clubs—Through the connections of our founding Rotary Club, we have begun communicating with Indian officials about establishing a sister Interact club in India.

8) Interact Movie—The club is fortunate to have budding directors, filmmakers, writers, and actors who are working together to produce a movie—all are welcome to join and help out. The movie will be presented to an audience upon its completion, with the proceeds from the night going to the Houston Food Bank.

9) Second Annual Battle of the Bands—Interact will once again scour Houston, looking for the undiscovered musical talents which thrive in local high schools. The money raised by the concert will go to benefit Amnesty International.

10) Radio Station—This ambitious undertaking—to establish the nation's first radio station originated, owned, and operated by high school stud-

SHORT NOTES

11-WEEK VISIT IN NORWAY AN EYE-OPENER FOR SOVIET FARMERS

Twenty-seven young farmers will return to their homes in the Soviet Union Saturday, Oct. 27 after spending 11 weeks in Norway, observing Norwegian methods of farming. The trip was arranged by members of the Rotary Club of Nord Odal in Norway's District 230.

ROTARY CLUB BUILDING ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS FROM GROUND UP

In keeping with RI's Preserve Planet Earth theme, the Rotary Club of Mobile, Alabama, has pledged a commitment to increase environmental awareness within its community, starting with the youngest generation. In a collaborative effort with the Mobile County Public School System, the club's Conservation and Environment Committee has created Project CATE (Conservation Action Through Education), an integrative educational program aimed at kindergarten through sixth-grade students.

ents—is a testimony to the belief of Interact members that anything is possible. Students will have the ←



Dan Heath
Interact President

Officer's Corner

Robin Riley and our excellent Blast-off staff have come up with the idea that all Officers and Directors of our club should contribute articles to our newsletter.

President Billy, by virtue of his position, was tapped first, followed in the last issue by President-Elect, Jack. The next guy in the pecking order of officers was "Yours Truly". When I asked Robin what he wanted me to write about, he said, "anything you want". That's the toughest subject imaginable. After much procrastination and thought, I finally decided to write about the thing that is nearest and dearest to my heart-working with young people.

My volunteer career in working with troubled youngsters began in 1974 at Boys Harbor, then spread to Juvenile Court Volunteers in 1978, then to Friends of Students in 1989, and Bridgeport Communities in Schools in 1990. I am still affiliated with all these agencies and still work with kids and adults who I have met through these groups. I say "adults" because over the course of 16 years, they do grow up. One of my "kids" is now a junior in college in Califor-

nia. All of the kids I have worked with are from broken homes. In some cases, there was a stepfather present, but never was there a close relationship between the boy and the stepfather. The other constant in all these situations was the low esteem of the child. I somehow think there is a casual relationship between these factors. A boy needs a positive adult role model and influence in his life in order to find a direction and motivation. So many of these things that we take for granted are totally foreign to some of these youngsters. I am reminded of the 13 year old I took on vacation several years ago. He could not believe that hotels provided towels, and had televisions and telephones. A 14 year old who I took for a birthday dinner had never eaten steak in a restaurant, and had no idea how to order it or how he wanted it cooked. When the waiter asked him, he replied, "all the way, I guess."

Working with these special young people is a lesson in life. They teach me and I teach them. It is the most rewarding and fulfilling experience in the world, and it is also the easiest. There is only one qualification -

you have to care. Most of these kids need only to know that someone gives a damn. It is amazing what a difference that makes in a young person's life. It is also amazing what a difference it makes in your own life, when you share yourself with a child in need of a friend.

The purpose of this article is not to toot my own horn, but to share information and maybe plant a seed in some minds. If you truly believe in "service above self" and are looking for a place to get involved, I encourage you to contact a youth related agency and volunteer some time. You can really change the direction of a child's life and make your own personal investment in the future.

by Terry Hesson

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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Lisa Ehrler	11/04
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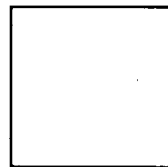
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