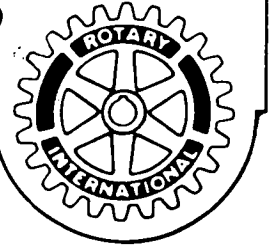


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

*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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"Put life into Rotary - your life"

"Honor Rotary with Faith and Enthusiasm"

December 17, 1990



A TIME FOR GIVING

Collin Coker (right), Chairman of The Community Hunger Committee, presented Mike Logan (left), director for the Son Light Mission in Friendswood, with a check for \$100 which will go toward the Mission's utility bill. The Son Light Mission is a facility for the homeless people in this area. They are selling Christmas trees to help support their cause and feed these needy people.

To offer your help or give donations for this worthy cause, please contact:

Mr. Mike Logan/ 482-0964

Son Light Mission
1408 S. Friendswood Dr.
Friendswood, Texas 77546

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 24 & 31 NO MEETING

Jan. 7 Regular Noon Meeting

Jan 17 Second Club Assembly

Feb. 28 Fifth Annual Rotary National Space Awards Banquet - Hyatt Regency

Apr.18-20 District Conference - Galveston, San Luis Hotel

June 1-5 Rotary International Convention - Mexico City

DEC. BIRTHDAYS

Alfred Boyd 12/07

William Dusenbury 12/01

David Franz 12/12

Dick Gregg 12/19

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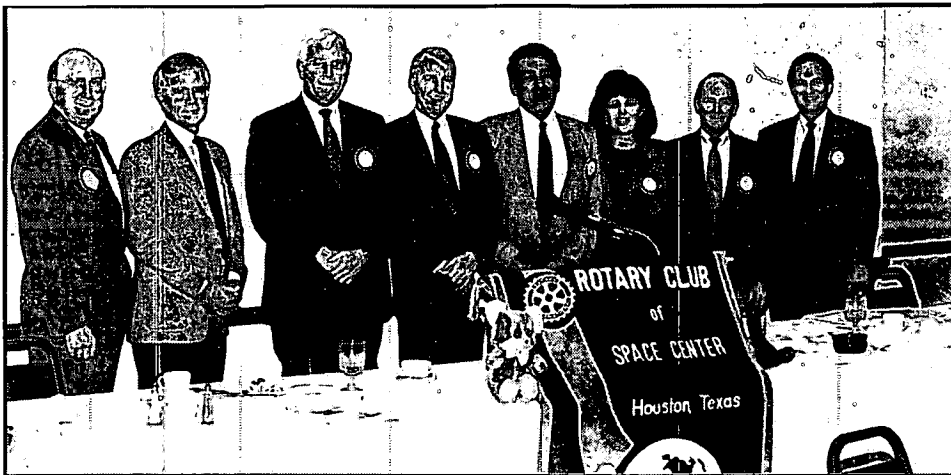
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The 1991 Space Center Rotary Club Officers and Directors eagerly look forward to the upcoming year. (l-r: Billy Smith, Terry Hesson, Jack Lister, Don Kyle, Vic Maria, Donnie Johnson, Huey Barnett, David Taylor)

AFRICAN JOURNAL

(The following is the second in a series of excerpts of a letter from Warner Marsh, our exchange student to Nairobi, Kenya. Warner visited our club a few months ago before he left for Kenya. He has expressed a desire to hear from anyone who can find the time to write. His address is: Warner Marsh, Nairobi Central YMCA, P. O. Box 63063, Nairobi, Kenya.)

October 22, 1990

I have had enough outside confirmation to convince me of the veracity of Gordon's wonderful stories. But even if some of you don't believe this could all be true, it doesn't really matter. As my grandmother Annchen used to say, "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story."

So on to now. When I went to register for classes at the University bright and early Monday morning, October 1, the department chair said that they were not yet sure if they would be offering the program I had been accepted for! But in any case, they wouldn't be able to tell me anything for a week. Well, Gordon was leaving that very afternoon to push on northward on the next leg of his grand "safari". He was looking for a traveling partner so I

said, "What the hell!" I would drive as far as Assis Abbaba with him, then fly or hitch back on a Red Cross food aid truck.

Off we went. As we drove north that afternoon, we paid a visit to Muranga, where we were received graciously by Gordon's modern-day counterpart, the district officer for Kangema, and his boss, the district commissioner. Kikuyuland, to the immediate north of metropolitan Nairobi, is a verdant, green area of steep hills covered with coffee trees, tobacco, and other crops. We continued to climb the winding road leading to Mt. Kenya and the Aberdares. We have planned to stay with a friend of Gordon's whom he had not seen for some 20 years, but when we stopped to ask around in Nyeri, we heard that she had been killed years ago. So we pushed on. As the hills around Mt. Kenya leveled out into high plains, we "quibbled" (camped) off to the side of the road. I awoke the next morning just in time to witness my first sunrise over Africa.

-Warner Marsh

Part 2 of Warner's Journal. Next issue—'Cockroach' fire.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Officer's Corner

LET US AT ALL TIMES GIVE OUR FULL SUPPORT AND CONSIDERATION TO ROTARY AND TO OUR FELLOW ROTARIANS.

I had heard of Rotary and of its many good services. When I was asked to join Space Center Rotary Club, I felt honored.

Every Monday for about three months I attended the Rotary luncheons, at first excitedly, then with less and less enthusiasm. I began to wonder what it was all about - a lot of talking, but little else. While my mind was playing ping-pong with whether or not I wanted to continue going to luncheons, I was told that I was on the Shrimporee Fish Frying Committee. What in heck is the Shrimporee Fish Frying Committee?? On Shrimporee day I fried fish in one of those small old friers in which you had to keep changing the oil and cleaning the pan. I cooked fish for about five hours, using from two to four friers at a time. I was hot, sweaty, tired and had oil burns on both hands and arms. My legs and arms ached, - but guess what?

It was on that day that I truly became a Rotarian. I felt and saw the friendship and fellowship of Rotarians working together and enjoying themselves, ~~doing as well as each one~~

could to raise funds to help the community and people the world over. I began to learn of the many projects and programs sponsored and actively pursued by Rotarians.

The more I got involved, the more I was asked to do, the greater became my circle of Rotarian friends and the more enjoyable I found Rotary luncheons and functions. I am thankful to Rotary for giving me the opportunity to help others.

NOTE

There are no two Rotarians who are the same physically, mentally, financially, socially, etc., etc. We all have various degrees of ability and free time and of problems, worries and stress. Rotary and Rotarians should not try to measure or compare the involvement of one Rotarian with that of another whether it be on Committees, Projects or Programs.

Each Rotarian should work on those committees or projects where he/she feels most comfortable. Only the individual Rotarian is able to determine the amount of time and effort he/she can give to Rotary.

Vic Maria

SPACE CENTER WOMEN OF ROTARY

They came through with flying colors! Our Susan Taylor and Mary Wylie did a fantastic job arranging the beautiful centerpieces for the Rotary Holiday Party. Our compliments to these two special women for representing Space Center Women of Rotary in such a superlative manner.

What a festive evening it was! The dinner was delectable, guests mingled, the music was great for dancing, and the party mood quickly captivated all. It was definitely a smash hit and should be repeated next year. Thanks to Space Center Rotary for this joyful way of ushering in the Holiday Season.

*Norma Maria
President
Space Center Women of Rotary*

"People seldom improve when they have no other model but themselves to copy after."

-Oliver Goldsmith



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