

THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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

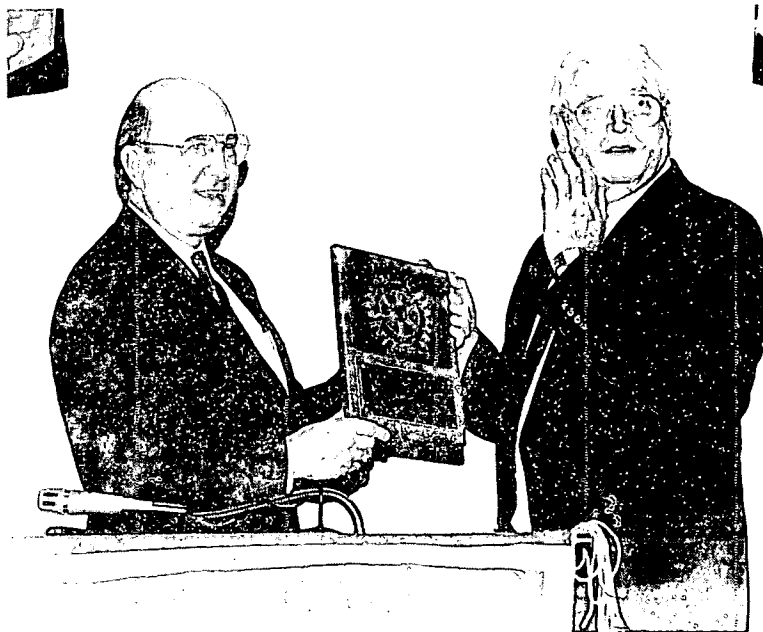
Rotary International District 589

Rotary International President, Rajendra Saboo
District 5890 Governor, Bob Fitts
Club President, Jack Lister

May 18, 1992

"LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF"

Coming Events



Billy Smith, Past President and President, Jack Lister admire our new "Best Club" award.

WE'RE #1! WE'RE #1! WE'RE #1!

President, Jack Lister, was presented with District 5890's award for "Best Large Club in District" at our District Conference in Corpus Christi a few weeks ago. Our club officially received the recognition it deserves. We are all aware of the many, many accomplishments we have made and innovative programs we have developed and completed over the years. We should all be proud to declare ourselves members of such a great club.

MAY

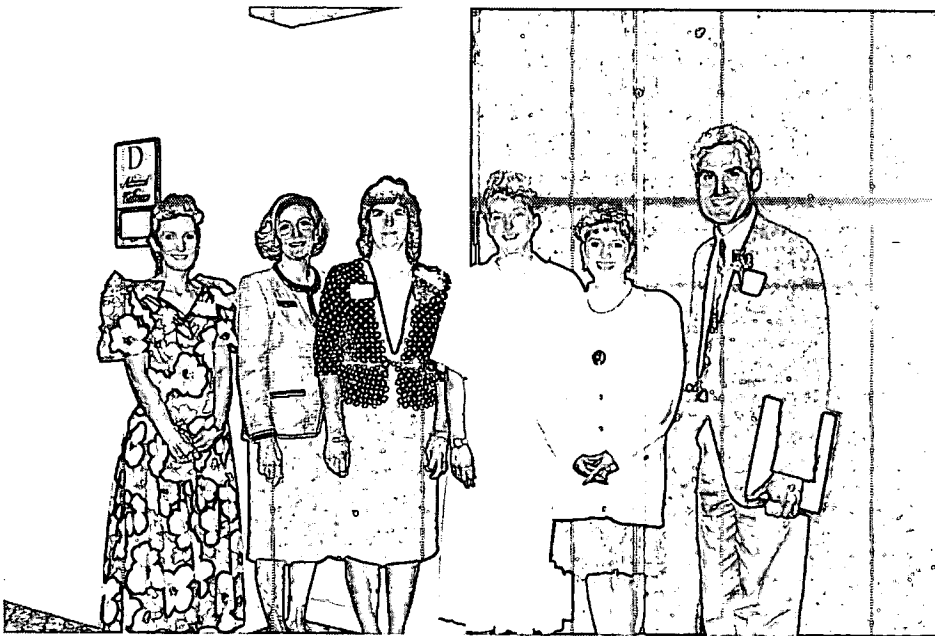
- 11 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: John Gay,
Wills & Trusts
- 14 District Assembly
- 18 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: Rick Sepolio, HPD
Youth Gangs
- 25 No Meeting - Federal Holiday

JUNE

- 1 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: Larry Stockman,
Drug Free Workplace
- 8 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: Steve Bolton,
Son Light Mission
- 15 Regular Noon Meeting
Program: Floyd Boze,
Past and Present
- 22 Regular Noon Meeting
President Jack Lister,
Awards Banquet
- 29 Regular Noon Meeting
Installation of Officers

Think About It

Do not follow where the path
leads. Rather go where there is
no path and leave a trail.



Candidates (left to right): Brenda Bondy, eighth-grade Language Arts teacher at Clear Lake Intermediate; Sue Harral, fourth-grade teacher at James F. Bay Elementary; Glenda Hunt, special education teacher at LaVace Stewart Elementary; Lynne Dugat, English teacher at Webster Primary; Patricia Russell (winner); and Rick Pruitt, choral music teacher at Clear Brook High School.



(left) Patricia Russell was presented her Award by committee chairman, David Cordell.

The Second Annual Excellence in Education Awards were presented to recipients at our May 4 luncheon meeting. Committee members consisted of David Cordell (chairman), William Austin, Charlotte Garner, Richard Hergert, Lynette Mason-Hale, Selma Neuman, and LaWann Tull.

Teachers were nominated by their peers and the committee invited a limited number of nominees to submit applications for the awards. Each teacher's principal submitted a letter of recommendation on the teacher's behalf.

The coveted 'Teacher of the Year Award' was presented to **Patricia Russell**, an eighth-grade history teacher at Clear Lake Intermediate School. Ms. Russell was given a Paul Harris Fellow medallion and certificate, commemorative plaques (for her, the District, and her school), and a \$1000 check. She has 20 years of experience in teaching and has been with CCISD for eleven years. The School principal noted, 'Her commitment and dedication to the ultimate goal of education has a very positive and profound impact on our students and school.'

Youth Exchange



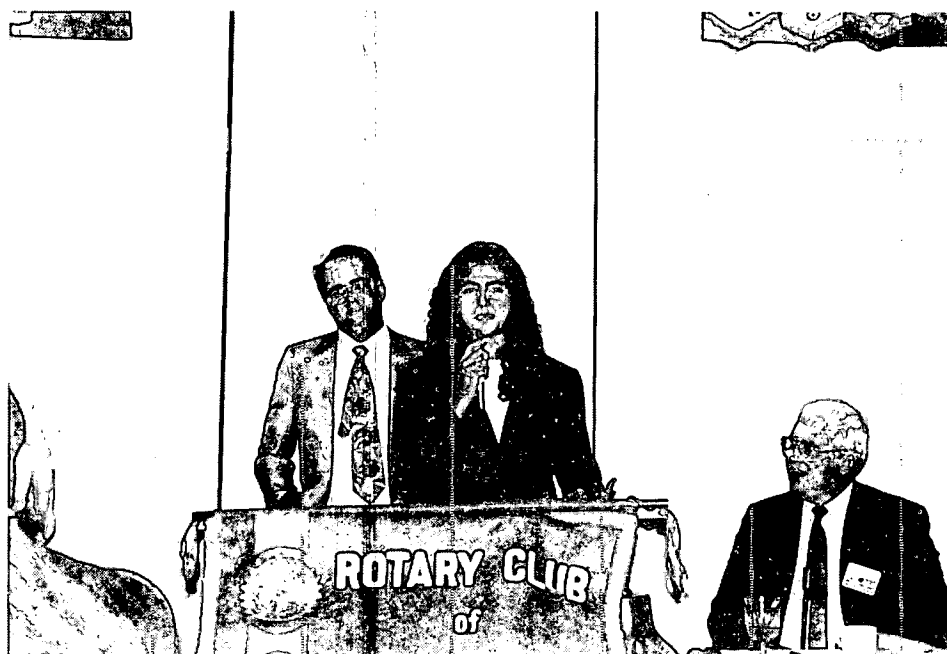
WELCOME, ALEXANDRA FLEURANTIN! Alexandra comes from Bourg St. Maurice - France. We are expecting her December 4, 1992.

Most of us in the Space Center Club have not had the opportunity to be a part of the International Youth Exchange Program. Those of us that have been involved have been holding our wonderful experiences close to our hearts and not sharing these students as much as we should. To make amends, we are offering the opportunity of hosting Alexandra to the members of Space Center Rotary.

Alexandra is 17 years young and loves the sea. She swims, surfs and sails. She began sailing at the age of 6. Her second passion is Art. She loves museums and the history of the great artists. Being well traveled and articulate, we are very fortunate that Alexandra wants to live with us for a year. Sharing cultures with her will be rewarding in all ways.

We only need three families. This is one opportunity you will want to secure quickly. Call or talk with anyone on the International Youth Committee. Thank you.

-Karen Birchenough



Priscila Leopoldo e Silva is an exchange student from Sao Paulo, Brazil. Sao Paulo is ten times the size of New York City. She adjusted to Houston's suburbs very quickly!

She recently celebrated her 17th birthday with her new American families and friends. The group enjoyed a chocolate cake prepared by 'Pri' with a delicious chocolate caramel filling as done in her home country.

Phone calls and letters, lots of letters, from home keep her in touch with her mother and 14-year old brother. It seems he is losing weight while growing taller. Pri worries about gaining weight and lack of exercise in her new home.

The one thing she misses most is exercise and physical activity. In Brazil, she was extremely active in aerobic classes, resistance programs and swimming. She would love to learn para-sailing, tennis, bowling, etc. Those jet-skis on the lake are fascinating! We are open to any and all volunteers to teach her.

Priscila has become a real member of the Fontenot family for the past three months. She has two American sisters, Christina and Elaine. She participates in all family activities, from ballroom dance classes with her youngest American sister to prom with her older American sister, complete with date. Extra-curricular activities at school are one of the major differences between cultures that she talks about with her family.

Always ready to go, she has visited American grand-mothers in north and south Louisiana. Experiencing the true Cajun culture complete with crawfish boil and cajun music, she is a real trooper!

Attending Rotary activities has given her the opportunity to meet students from other parts of the world. She has attended meetings in Tulsa, participated in interviews from American students interested in international exchange, attended the International Youth Weekend, and the District Conference in Corpus Christi since her arrival in January.

Meet Priscila. She is somewhat timid and shy, but ready to meet the world.

-Alicia Fontenot, Host Mom

The International Youth Exchange Committee is searching for a new host family for Priscila from the end of June through the first part of September. Although Space Center Rotary has been the Host Club for many of these exchange students, few club members have acted as Host Families. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Alan Wylie or LaWann Tull for more details.

Committee Reports

HANDICAPPED COMMITTEE

(The following letter of appreciation was submitted by Wanda Mercado, instructor at Webster Primary School. Edgar Escobar, our latest burn victim we sponsored for corrective surgery, was a student in Ms. Mercado's class. One of Edgar's classmates and closest friend was Wilmer Chicas, a hearing-impaired student. Wilmer's family was financially unable to provide Wilmer with the medical assistance he needed to correct his hearing problem. Ms. Mercado contacted Carlos Villagomez, our own Marvin Zindler and Handicapped Committee Chairman. Carlos arranged for Wilmer to be fitted for a hearing aid. Wilmer is a new person and shows substantial improvement in school as well as social activities.)

April 22, 1992

Dear Mr. Carlos Villagomez,

The Webster Primary Staff and Faculty and Mrs. Mercado (the children's teacher) would like to thank your Rotary Club Organization for the help they have given two of our children, Wilmer Chicas and Edgar Escobar.

We have seen the wonderful improvement in Wilmer's hearing as a result of his hearing aid provided by your organization. His school work has improved and he is very good in math. He is helping other students in their math.

Edgar Escobar was a brave child who has endured so much from the fire accident that left him with disfigurement of his face and hands. Children in his class were afraid of him, but after the wonderful work of plastic surgery, the children saw a beautiful child. We know that Edgar is coming back in August to finish some more of the surgery (eyebrow implants).

We just wanted to thank your organization for all the help they have given children who need it.,

Thank you,

Wanda Mercado
Webster Primary Teacher




Birthdays

APRIL

Anthony Marquez	4/1
Bill Rittenhouse	4/6
Bryan Cannon	4/10
Margaret Adams	4/14
Kenneth Gurry	4/15
Frank Morgan	4/16
LaWann Tull	4/18
Michael Hesse	4/21
Lars Persson	4/22
Dennis Dillon	4/26

MAY

Jerry Hammack	5/2
Bob Montgomery	5/2
Alan Wylie	5/10
Jim Hargrove	5/12
Bob Wren	5/12
Vann Jones	5/18
Robin Riley	5/19
Carlos Villagomez	5/20
Donnie Johnson	5/27
Aaron Olson	5/27
Bill Predmore	5/29

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CONVENIENT MAKE-UP CLUBS

Monday

Angleton 12:00 noon, Villa Motel

Tuesday

Ellington/South Belt 12:00 noon, Mexico Lindo
Galveston Island 12:00 noon, San Luis Hotel
La Porte 12:00 noon, St. John's Episcopal Church
Pearland 12:10 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club
Texas City 12:00 noon, Nessler Center
Harrisburgh 11:45a.m., Brady's Landing

Wednesday

Dickinson 12:00 noon, Methodist Church
Friendswood 12:15 p.m., Camp Manison

Galveston

12:15 p.m., Wentletrap Restaurant

Thursday

Alvin 12:00 noon, Park's Restaurant
Gulfway/Hobby 12:15 p.m., Hobby Hilton
La Marque 12:00 noon, Elks Lodge
League City 12:00 noon, South Shore Harbor
Seabrook 7:30a.m., Lakewood Yacht Club

Friday

Pasadena 12:00 noon, First United Methodist
W. Galveston County 12:00 noon, La Marque Holiday Inn

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We're recycling!