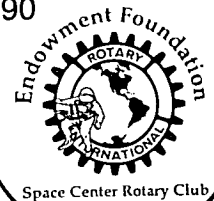


SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.
at the Nassau Bay Hilton
Rotary International District 5890



Rotary International President: Clifford Dochterman
District 5890 Governor: Bob Ellis
Club President: Terry Hesson

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"

SEPTEMBER 28, 1992

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for September: David Franz

Responsibility for October: Mary Wylie

SEP. 28 **Auction of remaining Shrimporee items**

OCT. 5 **Dr. Paul Pepe**, Director of Emergency Medical Services, City of Houston; Assoc. Prof., Dept. of Medicine, Surgery and Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine.

OCT 12 **Columbus Day**. Federal holiday. No meeting.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

OCT 4 Distr. Gov. Bob Ellis invites you to a Rotary "On to Melbourne" meeting/party he is hosting and MC-ing on Sunday Oct. 4 at 4:30 PM at the HL&P Energy Center, 6700 W. Loop South in Bellaire. The Rotary International Convention will be in Melbourne in May of next year-- but you need to think ahead. Australian Airlines will present an audio-visual program; VIP Supertravel will provide information on the special tours and options. Contact LaWann Tull (486-1401).

OCT 20 American Red Cross Adult CPR Training Course 6-10 PM. For more details call 333-9700. Registrations must be received by October 9.

OCT 31 Volunteer Center/Bay Area daylong Festival at Baybrook Mall More info later. Halloween style theme.

NOV 20 Weekend cruise to the Bahamas on the Nordic Empress. As Billy Smith said, this is a great inexpensive way to introduce yourself to the world of cruising. (Ed.: I'm taking Marge, wheelchair and all.) Call Joe Hang 333-3124.

A JOB WELL DONE

Although your editor was writing this before the fact, and the tremendous job of putting on the Shrimporee had yet to be done, I bet you found a great exhilaration in doing your part of the event. The excitement of the crowd, the animated talking, the music, the spirited bidding, the good food, the entertainment, the joking with your friends all produce a feeling that it is all worthwhile. And so it is!

One of the songs Ray Graham likes to lead us in says "the more we get together --- the happier we'll be." And sure enough it's true! That's the FUN-raising part of the Shrimporee. The FUND-raising part helps drive us to do it and get more satisfaction in the process.

It reminds me of the glow, the metabolic high that comes following aerobic exercise.

Ask yourself:
AREN'T YOU GLAD WE DID IT!
Tom Wier, Editor



SHRIMPOREE REPORTING

Because of space and lead time requirements, this issue of the Blastoff will report on the Golf Tournament and the Beauty Contest and next week (Oct. 5) we will be back with lots of pictures of the Shrimporee itself. In fact, we expect to have so many photos that will interest you that we will have to overflow onto a bulletin board at the entrance to the meeting room. Your Editor will be out of town then but Steve Bolton will do text writing, Vince (etc.?) will provide photographs and Bob Frost will do typesetting and production.

We also need to keep in mind that other clubs do good things at their fund raisers. We need to stress exchange of successful features. Bill Ward, visiting us from the Harrisburg Club, told me last week that they had raised \$87,000 at their Fiesta. Think about that! - - (P.S. I'm trying to play the role of the rooster that showed the hen the ostrich egg and said: "See what the competition is doing !")

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Top: Judge John Kyle, who had some solid ideas on crime and imprisonment.

Center: Prexy Terry with John Osterman from RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill, and District Gov. Bob Ellis

Bottom: Visiting Rotarian Yoshihisa Katayama, President of Chusei Oil Co. that just dedicated a new plant in Bayport, and Jelmer Henskens, Marketing Mgr. Mr. Katayama promptly donated \$200 to our Shrimporee auction.

PROGRAM NOTES

adapted from notes by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF 9/14: Vic Maria stood in for prexy Terry Hesson, who was rumored to be out throwing money to the winds of Las Vegas. Al Ligrani handled the ceremony to make Ed Geissler our newest Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations, Ed. - - Keith Cook became the newest graduate of the Red Badge Program. We Boy Scouts practiced on merit badges, eh, Keith? - - Bert Kraft invited submission of new member nominations and reminded sponsors to follow through to assure that the member they sponsored gets fully integrated into club activities.

Mary Wylie introduced our guest speaker, Judge John Kyles, reported to be the "best qualified criminal district judge standing for election". His talk showed he had a real grasp of the problems as well as intelligent solutions to offer. Judge Kyles pointed out that 10 % of the criminal population commit 50% of the crimes. Drug abusers commit 60 % of all crimes. And youthful offenders are ill prepared with morals, values or discipline to be successful. - - With the downsizing of the army, the military alternative is no longer available. It ends up that youthful offenders learn from the 10% of sociopaths in county jail. Half of the people in Harris County jail serve their entire sentence there- and there is NO REHABILITATION IN HARRIS COUNTY JAIL.

Judge Kyles' solutions: 1. Lock up the 10 % heavy repeaters for as long as possible. Find a way past Wm. Wayne Justice's population cap, recognizing that Federal penitentiaries allow 160 % of design capacity while in Texas the limit is 95 %. 2. Use alternatives to jail expansion for youthful offenders. 3. Institute substance abuse rehabilitation needed for drug abusers. And start the program for an abuser as soon as possible after he is identified as one rather than waiting until he has been through the revolving door a few times.

MEETING OF 9/21: Governor Bob Ellis visited us as part of his showing around John Osterman from RI Headquarters in Evanston, Ill. Terry Hesson took the opportunity to tell Gov. Bob about the new program we are pioneering for Interact in Junior High School. Tery Hernandez has taken the responsibility for this work, which is believed to be the first effort of its kind in Rotary anywhere.

The bulk of this meeting was devoted to status reports of Shrimporee committee chairmen. Lo and behold! Everything seemed to be well in hand and everybody was just waiting for Saturday. Shrimporee Chair Donnie Johnson was just bubbling over.

Some of the committee chairmen were out playing in the Shrimporee Golf Tournament, but some of the reports heard went like this: Jon Hall said the cole slaw situation was stable now but expected it to be thoroughly mixed up by Friday night. A. B. Olsen (chairs and tables) moved that we table the commotion. Ken Goedeke (clean-up) said he couldn't wait for Saturday night. Bill Tuite (aprons and towels) withdrew his offer to provide crying towels if anything went wrong. Danielle Dupuis modeled a handsome new Rotary apron and sold me one on the spot. Dave Baldwin (tickets) wanted our tickets or our money or some of each. Don Kyle solicited meal tickets for giving to his young parking help--(free nearby parking not included). Eddie Janek was finalizing our first ever Shrimporee ad book. And of course, Shrimporee Treasurer Dave Hamblin was ever ready to receive funds.- - Bill Austin requested donations of kegs of beer, and members responded: David Cantu, Larry Rowe, Bob Frost, David Owens, Bill Craig, Selma Neumann, Owen Morris, Dick Hergert, Bill Geissler, Bill Taylor, and Ken Gurry. Good going!

SHRIMPOREES DON'T JUST HAPPEN !

There are over 30 committees that have to be chaired, staffed, trained, motivated, coordinated and supplied. Fortunately, we don't start entirely from scratch every year. Our history carries us.

One part of that history is embodied in the Logistics committee, headed in recent years by Alan Wylie. You may not see this work, for much of it happens before and after the main part of the Shrimporee. But all the supplies have to magically appear in time for use and have to be later returned to an orderly storage for use the next year. It wasn't always an orderly process, but now we have a storage shed with floor to ceiling shelving and a place for everything. What's more Alan keeps a computerized inventory of the materials needed by each committee and what's on hand.

Alan says that because the supplier to the Logistics committee is not open Saturday afternoon, the practice is to assume a maximum attendance of 3500 each year and obtain supplies for that number.

The logistics work is broken down into ten key dates with two to six actions on each. The work fires up a month before the Shrimporee and the committee tries to have everything buttoned up and in storage and paid for by a week after the Shrimporee.

It's a lot of work, but Alan is a nice guy and I am sure you can call him if your daughter left her dolly behind or if you left your sun glasses.

1992 Shrimporee Golf Tournament by Dennis Dillon

On Monday Sept. 21 at 1 PM, after a super lunch, 75 golfers (including 19 Space Center Rotarians) attacked the South Shore Harbour Golf Course. Some attacked and some retreated.

A great time was had by all. Format was a 4-man Florida Scramble. Miller Lite furnished the drinks, Pro-Golf, GTE and Miller helped fill a ditty bag for each and we even had a snack after the 18 holes. Briefly, among the winners were:

Low Gross	Colin Coker, Buck Weglietner, Roger Sumicek and Todd Rittlec
1st Low Net	Mike Waters, Dr. Clark, Dr. Smith, and Dennis Jack
2nd Low Net	Billy Weseman, Julia Vidal, Bob Vidal, and Coleman Moore
3rd Low Net	Al Ligrani, Steve Waldner, Bob Driver, and Mike Zarcaro

Tedd Olkowski and Dennis want to thank all those who helped sign-in, put out signs, and all the other jobs it takes to put on a tournament. South Shore Harbour Golf Club did a great job. Red Adair, Honorary Shrimporee Chair, played and had a great time. That's Red next to the golf cart with his team. - - BUT Who took the Miller Lite girl?



Beauty Contest

by Donnie Johnson

This second annual contest was truly a great success. We tripled our profit from last year. The exact figures are not available yet, but it should be approximately \$1000, after expenses. We had over 30 contestants. - - We especially appreciated the support of two fellow Rotarians, Jay Gupta and Steve Erickson, who entered their lovely daughters in the contest this year. And many, many thank you's go to Austin Frame, a former member of our club, who donated the use of the immaculate ballroom at South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center to enable the contest to be staged.



LONNIE CLEMENT NEW PRESIDENT OF CLEAR LAKE C of C

Congratulations, Lonnie! We can, of course, expect great things when "one of our own" is at the helm. Strike up the band!

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Donnie J Says Thanks

"A sincere thank you to all my fellow Rotarians for making the 1992 Shrimporee such an outstanding success. The time and effort you put forth was evident when the big day finally arrived. Because of you, the Space Center Rotary Club will continue to prosper, enabling more effective support to our local charities. I am extremely proud to have been associated with this organization and it has been my sincere pleasure to have worked with such devoted people"

"This year we had a total of 35 committees, more than ever before in our 19 year history. This will be our first year to have all committees turn in a procedure report explaining how each committee worked. Once compiled, a manual will be printed to aid next year's Shrimporee Chairman. This will be a great assistance to all future volunteers."-----

Donnie Johnson
Shrimporee Chair

**CHAIRMAN-- PLEASE
DON'T FORGET- - THESE
REPORTS ARE DUE BY
OCTOBER 3 rd.**

David Cantu was born in San Antonio in 1956 and was raised in Pasadena. Attended Univ. of Houston's Hilton School of Hotel and Restaurant Management. Worked lots of restaurants for practical experience then opened his own restaurant in Jan. 1984. Joined Rotary in Dec. 1984. David is single with 2 children, Merrell (9) and David Jr. (14). He is currently president of the Bay Area Restaurant Association, member Board of Directors of the Houston Restaurant Association, and a member of the State Bar of Texas grievance committee. (His hobby is monitoring Carlos' Beer Garden.)



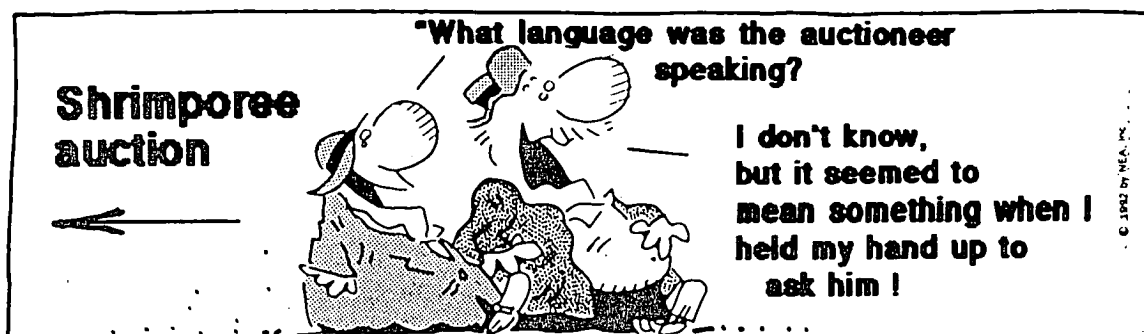
Eddie Janek, Jr., a Galveston native, was Interact president during his senior year at Galveston Ball High and Galveston Rotary Club's Student of the Year. He was also named MVP on the tennis team as well as MVP in district. He attended Texas A&M University, receiving a BBA in Marketing in 1978. During his four years at TAMU he was the intramural champion in both singles and doubles. (Tennis, anyone?)---- In 1989 he completed his MBA in Finance from the University of St. Thomas in Houston and began working for J and J Telecommunications, Inc. as Director of Finance and Marketing and has held that position since. He has recently completed his Red Badge program and has instituted our first Shrimporee Program Book with ads. (- - -If any of you care to take on the tennis challenge, I should tell you that in 1991 he achieved number 1 ranking in the state of Texas for men's 4.5 singles.) Eddie is single.

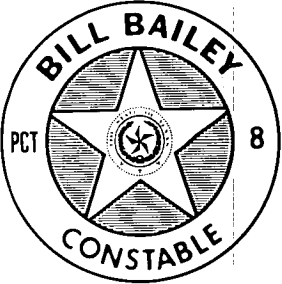




Jon Hall, another native Houstonian, grew up on the southeast side of town. Played varsity tennis for J. Frank Dobie High School. He was a member of the UH Honors Program and graduated magna cum laude from UH in 1976 with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics. Ask him about his Peace Corps years in Africa as Chairman of the Math Dept. at a Training College.---Then back to Houston and NASA in 1979 supporting program administration. Four years later he was in the private sector as a business manager for a computer design and manufacturing corp. in Santa Barbara Cal. It was "out there" that he first joined Rotary and became involved in Youth Scholarship selection. He returned to Houston, spending 2 years in the private sector before rejoining NASA, where he is now Chief, New Initiatives Business Management Office at JSC. ---He joined SC Rotary in 1987, married Janice Kirkland of Galveston in 1989, and has been giving service to Rotary with Group Study Exchange, World Community Service, Emergency Communications, and the Shrimporee ("700 lbs of the world's best slaw!")



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