

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"



December 14, 1992

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for December: Mike Hernandez
Responsibility for January: Lynette Mason Hale

- DEC 14 PDG Sonny Nichols, originally expected to be with us today, passed away during bypass surgery last week, but it is understood that his GSE team will still come, led by Tom Childers.
- DEC 21 Christmas Fellowship and election of officers and directors. Preschoolers singing christmas carols. Santa will pass out goodies to kids.
- DEC 28 NO MEETING !
- JAN 4 TBA, Pending, etc.
- JAN 11 **Dave Ward**, Channel 13. Next scheduled Blastoff publication date.
- JAN 18 **Federal Holiday. NO MEETING !**

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- DEC-- NO GOLF OUTING IN DECEMBER AND POSSIBLY JANUARY.
- JAN 23 AL JOWID MEMORIAL HEARTWALK benefiting the American Heart Association and YOU as a walker.

TO OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Robby Birchenough

God Jul och Gott Nytt År från Dina Rotary vänner i Space Center Rotary. Robby was in Stockholm last week to attend the Nobel Peace Prize Awards ceremony - one of the highlights of his exchange.

Elane Fontenot

Milleurs Voex do la part do vox amis du Rotary au Space Center Rotary

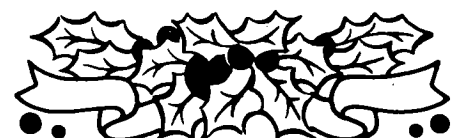
Past Prez Jack Lister Announces Nominees



The nominating committee appointed by Terry Hesson included the following in addition to Jack Lister, Chairman:

Floyd Boze
Charles Hartman
Terry Hesson
Vic Maria
Billy Smith
David Taylor
Billy Weseman
Bob Wren
Jim Wyatt

All of these are either past presidents or soon-to-be presidents. Officer and Director candidates are listed on page 2.





SPACE CENTER ROTARY CANDIDATES

Vic Maria as President-Elect automatically advances to the presidency. Other officer candidates to be elected are:
 Pres.-Elect -- David Taylor
 Secretary --- Lamar Bowles
 Treasurer -----Bill Lowes
 Sgt.-at-Arms- Donnie Johnson

Nominees for Director

There are 3 director positions which will become vacant at the end of the Rotary year on June 30. There are 12 nominees:

David Baldwin
 Ron Blilie
 Bob Frost
 Charlotte Garner
 Vann Jones
 Bert Kraft
 Tim Kropp
 Ron McLeod
 Jim McDonald
 Mike Porterfield
 Bill Taylor
 Johnny White

NOTE: THE ELECTION WILL BE BY WRITTEN BALLOT AT THE MEETING NEXT WEEK (21st). Don't miss the meeting !

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MEETING NOTES: 11/30.

There is a coalition of business people who are joined under the name "Houston Drug-free Initiative". Calvina Fay described the activities of this organization, which is unique in Texas. They seek to share information on successes and failures in the fight against drug use.

For the main program, Patty Wellborn of BFI described the oncoming trash crisis and the measures that are going to have to be taken to handle it. New government regulation is forcing the closing of many landfills because many companies can not
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MAKING A DIFFERENCE -- A "MOVING" STORY

Carlos said: "JON, PUT ME ON HOLD, NOW! MAKE A CALL! the ox is in the ditch! We've got to move that medical equipment now or lose it."

--(Editor's note: While Carlos is on hold and Jon Hall is madly dialing connections, let me bring you up to date. The August 10 Blastoff said "thanks" to our donors of medical equipment to be sent to Mexico and told you who they were. But the intended recipients in Mexico could not seem to make things happen. And those storing the equipment for free were running out of space and understandably short on patience from repeated postponements.)--

In an example of the power of the Rotary world, Jon's call to his district connection, Don Oelfke, yielded almost immediate fruit in the form of a reference to Quinton Sieck, a member of the Astrodome Rotary club, just back from Monterey. With a call from Sieck, the Monterey, Mexico Rotary club leaped at the opportunity to provide the hospital beds and other equipment to their local senior citizens rest home project, the House of Mercy. The Monterey club would arrange free trucking to Monterey, in a truck that would otherwise make an empty return trip to Monterey, provided we could act quickly.

Carlos and Jon did act quickly and it can now be announced that the project has been accomplished. See the smiling faces in the photo below: That's Jon and Quinton with the crew Quinton brought, after they finished stuffing the 18-wheeler. (Carlos says it's the biggest truck he has ever seen.) **THANKS, Carlos, Jon and Quinton!** It couldn't have happened without you.

(Another Editor's Note: The medicines rounded up in the project could not, it turned out, be taken into Mexico, but they were sent instead via the Nassau Bay Police Dept. to the hurricane relief in Louisiana).

CHECK OFF ONE MORE WORTHY PROJECT ACCOMPLISHED !



BLASTOFF PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

JAN-JUN '93

Tuesday Monday

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(Jan. 5)	Jan. 11
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(Mar. 2)	Mar. 8
(Mar. 16)	Mar. 22
(Apr. 6)	Apr. 12
(Apr. 20)	Apr. 26
(May 4)	May 10
(May 18)	May 24
(Jun. 1)	Jun. 7
(Jun. 15)	Jun. 21

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Please put a copy of this list in your committee folder so dates won't slip up on you when it is time to tell us about your committee's progress.

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Jon, Don't strain so hard!

TEACHER'S AWARD COMMITTEE REPORT

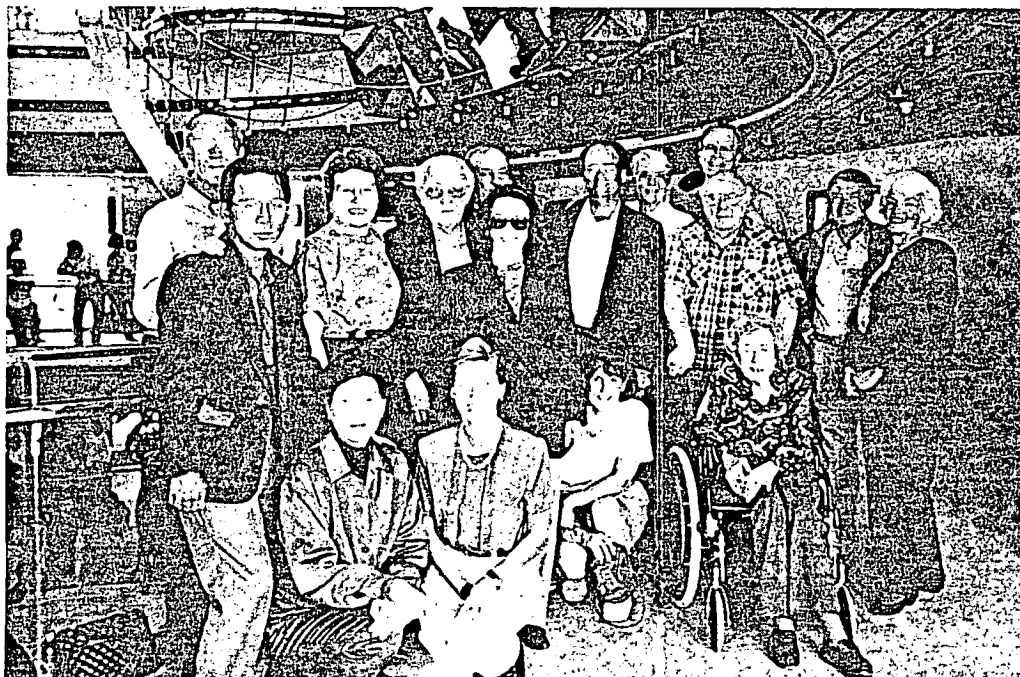
The Teacher's Award Committee has begun the selection process for the annual Excellence in Education Awards. The committee has received 69 total nominations for 59 different teachers. These nominations will be carefully reviewed before the holidays and 10-20 of the teachers will be asked to submit a detailed application. Six teachers will then be selected for Certificates of Excellence in Education. The outstanding teacher from this group will receive the Space Center Rotary Club Award for Excellence in Education and a cash prize of \$1000, plus being named a Paul Harris Fellow, an Honorary member of Space Center Rotary, plus publicity, and plaques for permanent display.

The 69 nominations came from 21 different schools: 14 from three high schools; 23 from six intermediate schools; and 32 from twelve elementary schools. This much response from the schools tells us that they value this recognition program.

Committee members include: Lynette Mason Hale, Bill Austin, LaWann Tull, Dr. David Taylor, Richard Hergert, Beth Stus, and Chairman Charlotte Garner.

+++++ PERSONAL NOTES

- Ed Geissler is having surgery.
- Woody Williams had quadruple bypass surgery week before last and is recovering well.
- Merv Hughes has requested medical leave for some planned surgery.
- A. B. Olsen's wife, Mary, is still unable to speak following a stroke, but she has good mobility otherwise. She is in Clear Lake Rehab Center. If you visit her, you will find her frustrated at not being able to respond to you.
- On the positive side, Bob Wren has accepted the chairmanship of next year's district assembly, which our club will host.
- Tim Kropp was forming a caroling group from Rotarians and Interact members to perform at retirement homes in the area yesterday or the day before. How did the group do, Tim?



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afford to comply. That leaves two alternatives: recycle or incinerate. Recycling is not mandated in Texas. Fortunately, many innovations in packaging are improving the capability for recycling. But nothing is considered recycled until it actually reenters to stream of commerce for re-use.

12/6: We were serenaded by the brass band from Clear Lake High School followed by such a parade of announcements that it is a good thing that there was no formal program scheduled. Gov. Bob Ellis visited us in his cheery red coat but he did not bring his little red pump. He announced that Rotary International President Dr. Cliff Dochterman would be in Houston Jan. 7 and encouraged us to attend the meeting. Get details from Terry Hesson. "Dr. Cliff" will personally present Paul Harris Fellowships to those who complete the requirements before then. --Terry Hesson introduced the presidents of the Interact and Jr. Interact club, both young ladies.-- Jim McDonald circulated member-ship proposal forms and challenged each member to provide the name and background on someone who would meet the technical qualifications for membership. Other committees will then evaluate and recommend the strongest of these prospects. DO NOT, REPEAT, DO NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH A PROSPECT UNTIL THE BOARD HAS ACTED!

More 100% Attendance
(announced by Vince Lipovsky)
Ron Blilie
Al Brady
Maggie Denike
Herb McElveen
Anne Weseman
Billy Weseman

Carlos Villagomez. (An interview by Tom Wier).

The take-charge man we see today was born in one of the barrios of Southeast Houston, those priest-centered, large familial groups of Mexican Americans. He was "number 6 of 13" in his family. He remembers there were no organized sports in the barrios, so for entertainment he and other kids would catch "free" rides on the steam engined freight trains going from Houston to Webster, running along the tops of the boxcars, jumping from car to car ahead of a pursuing railroad employee. The docks of the Port of Houston were closeby and lots of available work lured many away from the schools. Carlos' father would not stand for it. When Carlos finished school he joined the navy. That was 1953. He really did see the world for 4-1/2 years. He said he learned to work hard, had a lot of fun, and knows it was very good for him. In 1955 Carlos married Rachel. So they have now been married 37 years, have two sons, Carlos Jr. and Adolph, and a daughter Roni. But that is not the end of the story.

Carlos went to Barber School, then worked for some prominent Houston barber shops. The more he saw of life the more he became determined that his children should not be stifled by the closeness of the barrio life style. He moved to Clear Lake in 1969 and now claims "everything I know today I learned on NASA Rd. 1." And an affable, energetic fellow in the barber business can get to know a lot of people and what they are like. Carlos has been or is a director of the Chamber of Commerce; served planning and zoning for the City of Webster; a Rotarian for 18 years; served on the grand jury; a director of the Clear Creek Education Foundation; and a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Nassau Bay.

Carlos likes to learn and to apply himself to challenging projects. He is proud of having paid a builder \$2500 to show him how to read bids, etc. so that he could act as builder of his own house, which he did a very nice job on. He was smart enough to practice on a smaller speculative house first ! He doesn't consider himself a builder but he does have a knack for making a profit whatever the project!

A final insight: When Alan Shepard was returning from the moon, he called Carlos from space to make a hair appointment. Every reporter from Germany to Webster besieged Carlos for info on Alan. It was then that Carlos dubbed Alan "the Joe Namath of the Astronauts".-----AND when the movie "Hell Fighter", the story of Red Adair, starring John Wayne, was made in Houston, Carlos was the hair stylist for John Wayne and the rest of the cast. ----So what have you been doing lately?







DRUG AWARENESS ESSAY CONTEST

The school essay contest that we originated has become district wide. This year 52 Rotary Clubs of Rotary District 5890 are participating in the on-going drug awareness program. No other Rotary district in the world has a program nearly as large or as successful. This year our message will reach between 50,000 and 60,000 eighth grade students in 31 school districts within our 9-county region.

Our own Dr. Carson Stephens heads the district effort and hopes that we can find those who will consider sharing in the funding of this project. It costs ~\$11,000 to conduct the program (only about \$0.24/ child). The program is cumulative. By the end of this school year over 180,000 children will have participated.

Savings of America, Hoechst Celanese and IBM have contributed. Please ask your company if this important program is one that they can find funds to support.

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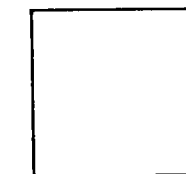
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