

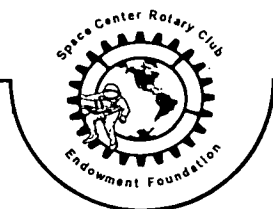
SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

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"



February 8, 1993

**OUR CHARLES
HARTMAN HONORED
BY SEABROOK ROTARY**

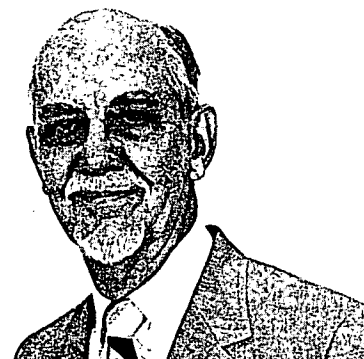
PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman
Responsibility for February: Owen Morris

- FEB 8 **Ralph Royce**, Lone Star Air Museum
- FEB 15 **FEDERAL HOLIDAY (PRESIDENT'S DAY).
NO MEETING**
- FEB 22 **World Community Service**

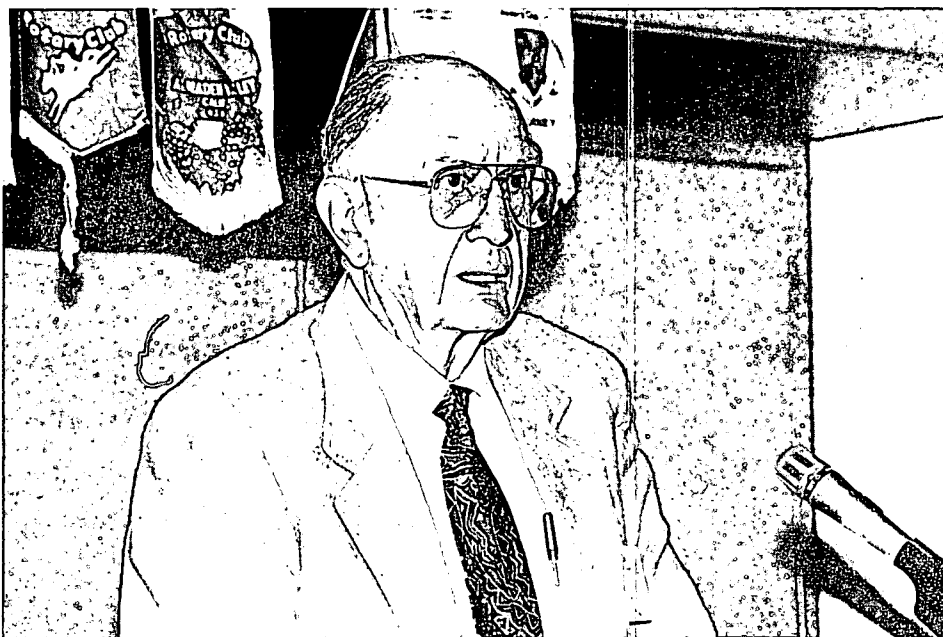
OTHER COMING EVENTS

- FEB 18 **RNASA AWARD DINNER.** (A few tickets available at \$75 each)
- MAR 5 **ROTARY NIGHT AT THE RODEO.** See Dick Hergert for tickets, etc.
- MAR 11 **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT ROBERT BARTH DINNER.** In Houston at the Houstonian. \$24.50
- MAR 25-27 **DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, MARRIOTT HOTEL.** This is our chance to make a big splash! Let's have a big turnout to celebrate our own Billy Weseman's role as District Governor-Elect. We will have our usual most popular hospitality room!
- APR 17 **EARTH AWARENESS DAY CELEBRATION AT BAYBROOK MALL.** This is Space Center Rotary's 4th year of the leadership role for the Clear Lake area in this national program! Sandra Sausley is in charge. More details and a couple of suggestions inside.



Charles Hartman received a standing ovation from our club at the last meeting after a worthy tribute from Jack Fryday, president of the Seabrook Rotary Club and former member of our club. We had appointed Charles as our designated sponsor for the Seabrook Club when it started up a year ago. And a more faithful and wise counselor for them could hardly have been found. This was not an "I'll see you every month or two" type job. Charles attended every meeting of that 7:30 AM Thursday mornings club, but he also kept up perfect attendance at our Monday noon meetings. His wisdom and experience got them off to a great start! Thank you, Jack for making sure our members know what a jewel we have!





MEETING NOTES

2/1/93. Of the dozen or so announcements at the last meeting, the one by Treasurer Lamar Bowles may be the last one you hear at a Rotary meeting IF YOU DON'T SHAPE UP!

HE IS REQUIRED BY ROTARY RULES TO TERMINATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF DUES ARE NOT PAID.

There are about 18 of you who have not gotten the message from the several cartoons I have run or the humorous depictions of the "lean and mean" side of the actions that the Treasurer (Hanging Judge Lamar Bowles) and the Board are required to take. Well, it's "No pay, no play" time now! If you intend to be serious about Rotary, we want and need you, BUT,--- WELL, FAIR IS FAIR! The others have met their requirement. May you be among our happy throng.

Consul General for Japan Shojiro Imanishi was our speaker for the day. He analyzed Japan-US relations and recommended some changes. It was a very even-handed discussion. He said that a strong US economy was very important to Japan and stressed what the US is doing to make its economy strong, framing his analysis in terms of capital, labor and R & D

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PHOTO REVIEW

Upper: Owen Morris told us about the RI Benefactor Program whereby you can designate funds in your will.
Center: Dick Gregg reported on the committees he supervises. (See p. 3)
Bottom: Shojiro Imanishi, Consul General for Japan



DIRECTOR REPORTS ON COMMITTEE ACTIONS

The policy recently begun by President Terry Hesson of having one or two of the Directors report from the podium on the status of their committees each week when time permits seems to be working well. This last week the report was by Dick Gregg who has responsibility for the committees of Community Service B.

COMMUNITY HUNGER (Steve Waldner, Chair)

Our club participates in a program called "Commodities Program" which feeds 45-60 families per month using USDA food, a truck from St. Bernadette's Catholic Church, funds from United Way, the church, Interfaith Caring Ministries and those dollars that we drop into the baskets sometimes on the tables at meetings.

SAFETY (Shirley Lindquist)

The committee will be bringing us a couple of informational safety programs: one featuring the Chief Meteorologists of the National Weather Service in March on Hurricanes; and another featuring our friend Constable Bill Bailey.

The most ambitious project, a few months back, was poorly attended and poorly supported by our membership. The multiple mentions of the training program in the Blastoff may have gone unheeded, but your editor finds it hard to believe that the membership didn't pay attention to the compelling talk a week or two ahead on the subject of sudden death syndrome by the head of emergency medicine for the City of Houston. He said that the best protection against sudden death was to have someone in every household trained in CPR. The faster the response, the greater the success. The audience gave him unusual attention.

SENIOR CITIZENS: (Woody Williams and Bill Tuite)

Their efforts have concentrated on financial and moral support for:

AARP

Sunshine Club

Meals on Wheels

All are senior citizens groups that assist individuals in that age group. These groups also significantly assist our club at the Shrimporee.

COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED (formerly the "handicapped" committee: (Mike Waters)

Historically this committee has assisted needy families with Christmas food. This year was no exception. Mike and Carlos Villagomez coordinated the purchase and gift of food to a grateful needy local family.

The goals of this committee are: Assess community needs, increase Rotary awareness, assist families, encourage the wheelchair race as part of the Fun Run at Shrimporee time, and similar activities such as a "wheelchair roundup" to assist with an exercise program for the disabled.

ENVIRONMENT: (Robin Riley)

Sponsorship of an Earth Day event such as the forthcoming one being chaired by Sandra Sausley at Baybrook Mall on April 17.

HOMELESS: (temporarily without leadership because of a change in club membership)

MORE ABOUT THE BLUE STONES !

Seeking more information on the rules governing the addition of stones to Paul Harris pins, your editor was handed an explanation prepared by RI. It was two pages of single spaced small type. The reason for the long answer to a simple question was that it tried to cover too many alternative situations. Rather than use the Blastoff to try to educate the entire membership in the multiple aspects, if you have a specific question, the committee will be able to give you the answer to your specific question.

The important thing to remember is that RI does great things with the money we give them. For example:

■ In May 1992, food and medicine valued at several million dollars arrived by airlift in hard hit areas of the former Soviet republics. The medicines were purchased in part by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

■ In late 1991, a Matching Grant from the Rotary Foundation helped purchase educational material and supplies, including 70 new Braille machines, for a school for the blind in Zimbabwe.

■ A modest program to provide hearing aids to needy children has grown into the Rotary Audiology Center at the Kandy Gen'l. Hospital in Sri Lanka. Using a wide variety of state of the art equipment provided through Rotary, specialists have since performed some 5000 surgeries and treated 43,000 patients at the center.

■ There is more you need to know! We'll tell it later.

GOLF OUTING SCHEDULE FOR 1993

(Please replace your own divots!)

Dennis Dillon has announced the following schedule for the year but seeks your ideas.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
Feb. 25	Bay Forest
Mar. 18	Clear Lake
Apr. 15	Baywood C. C. Space Center Rotary Club Championship
May 20	Southwyck
Jun .17	South Shore Harbor
Jul. 15	Clear Creek
Aug. 19	Bay Forest
Sep. 27	South Shore Harbor Shrimporee Tournament
Oct. 21	Bay Oaks
Nov 18	Golfcrest C.C.

December: Enjoy the holidays and wet weather.

BE WISE: CHECK THE BLASTOFF REGULARLY FOR POSSIBLE SCHEDULE CHANGES.

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A HAPPY GET-TOGETHER

Following the first stage of the surgery by Dr. Fustok on Fares abu Fares, who suffered a gunshot wound to his face in his native Jerusalem, this group assembled at our February 1 meeting. The work was done at St. John Hospital as part of our club's Rotary World Health Foundation cooperation with the hospital and Dr. Fustok. The next step is dental work. Shown here are Vic Maria, Dr. Nammeri (a surgeon on his way to a seminar on restoring the length of bones), Dr. Fustok, Fares abu Fares, and Charles Hartman



MORE ON EARTH DAY

Sandy Sausley stresses that the April 17 Earth Day event at Baybrook Mall is an open-ended one that encourages all who are part of the environmental action to participate. You can rent a table and cover for it from the Mall management for about \$15 or, if I understand it correctly, you can even just bring your own table to set up shop.

After you finish off the mall action, you might want to cruise on down Bay Area Blvd. to Armand Bayou Nature Center to get a whiff of the real stuff. There they will also be celebrating Earth Day with an opportunity to learn about living green, as volunteers, naturalists and local experts demonstrate ways you can appreciate your environment. Of special interest is Sharon Smaltz of Texas Wildlife Rehab, who will demonstrate her skill at working with injured animals. Ask Suzi Howe for more info. if you need.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Tim Rainey	2 / 2
Owen Morris	2 / 3
Floyd Boze	2 / 7
John Tenini	2 / 8
Dick Wettling	2 / 9
Maggie DeNike	2 / 15
Bill Geissler	2 / 16
David Taylor	2 / 16
Tom Butler	2 / 17
Billy Weseman	2 / 17
Randy Roof	2 / 18
Roy Slater	2 / 18
Pete Zamora	2 / 18
Ralph Karraker	2 / 20
Jonathan Hall	2 / 22
Al Holguin	2 / 22

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MEMBERS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Anne Fairchild Weseman was born in Oklahoma several years ago. The town is no longer on the map as the state decided to flood the valley and make a large lake. No hometown to go back to---. She says she was born too late or too soon--She learned to fly at 16 and tried to join the WASPS but by the time she was old enough, there were plenty of male pilots. After serving a year in AACCS, like most women of her generation, she married and raised children, three daughters. She says she was too old to become an airline pilot or an astronaut when those fields were opened to women.

In 1979 she married Bill Weseman and became active in his electrical contracting business. Since he was a Rotarian, she joined with other Rotary wives and helped to organize the Space Center Women of Rotary, serving as its first president. Then she joined Rotary in September 1988 and has worked on several committees; however, she points to still enjoying her association with the Women of Rotary.

Bill and Anne are looking forward to a great year in 1993-94 while he serves as District Governor for District 5890.

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SPACE CENTER WOMEN OF ROTARY HELP THE BAY AREA TURNING POINT

Recently Marilyn Burrow, President, (left) presented a check for \$1100 to Pam Merrill, director and board president of the Bay Area Turning Point. The check represented the profits earned from the 1992 Shrimporee Sweet Booth, the group's major fundraiser. (You also know what happened to that money you spent for that wonderful pecan pie!)

The Bay Area Turning Point was established to provide emergency shelter and assistance to individuals or families in the communities of the Bay Area. Volunteers are currently being sought. For that information call Diane Savage, 674-9675 (days) or 326-2809. To reach Marilyn on other matters, call 474-3346.



Anne Weseman

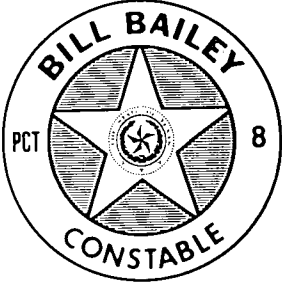




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DOROTHY TUIE
Bill Tuite lost Dorothy recently and, Bill, we extend you our heartfelt sympathy. Dorothy and Bill went to many Rotary District Conventions with our club.

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HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



<p>2 DOS MAS Mexican Restaurant</p> <p>David Caruso, Owner 103 W. Bay Area Blvd Webster, Tx 77598 332-1801</p> <p>Special with this coupon Buy one get one free</p>		<p>SPACE CITY RECORD STORAGE, INC. Climate Control Document Storage 18422 Highway 3 Webster, Texas 77598</p> <p>Office: 713/332-9042 FAX 713/554-7384 Herb McElveen, C.P.M.</p> <p>RYDER Local & One Way Truck Rental</p>	<p>Space Camp Houston</p> <p>A Non-Profit Summer Space Camp for ages 6-18</p> <p>(713) 486-4446</p>
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