

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
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Club President: Terry Hesson

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"



February 22, 1993

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for February: Owen Morris

Responsibility for March: Bob Richmond

- FEB 22** World Community Service
- MAR 1** Bill Read, Meteorologist, National Weather Service
- MAR 8** ???
- MAR 15** New Zealand Group Study Exchange Team
- MAR 22** Constable Bill Bailey (Need we say more?)

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- FEB 25** GOLF OUTING, Bay Forest Golf Course, LaPorte, Tee time 1 PM. See Dennis Dillon for details of cost, prizes, etc. It will be a regular full handicap round.
- 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 18-21** VISIT TO MEXICO CITY AEROPUERTO CLUB. You may have waited too long, but see Gonzalo Montoya. Many activities and special ceremonies at the pyramids on Spring Equinox.
- 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.



**NOW, BOYS AND
GIRLS, IT IS TIME
FOR A LITTLE
BEDTIME STORY !**

Your Editor has decided that it is time for him to spend more time on his health and that of his wife.

We have both had spells of hospital time recently. I am also the principal source of technical knowledge for my manufacturing company and we are expecting some exciting new developments that will take attention on my part. --Hence, I have asked Terry to seek a new Editor soon, quick, pronto, without delay, i.e. NOW !

SO--Get to bed early and maybe when you wake up you will have a bright, shiny new Editor! I hope so !

PHOTOS:

Top: Mike Dennard

Center: Mike Brown

Bottom: Bill Rittenhouse

DIRECTORS REPORT ON PROGRESS OF THEIR COMMITTEES

At the February 8 meeting Mike Dennard, Director, reported on the activities of the Community Service-A committees.

The Youth Activities committee is headed by Danielle Dupuis. Principal activities, details of which have been reported in recent Blastoffs, are the Drug Essay contest, the Bridgeport Afterschool Players, and Partners in Space.

Mentoring is headed by Ron Blilie and it also was reported in recent Blastoffs. The action is still in its infancy but it holds the prospect of very significant impact.

Interact in the intermediate schools is chaired by Teri Hernandez and is carrying out a pilot program at Clear Lake Intermediate School. They meet twice a month, have approximately 20 members and 2 teacher sponsors. In September they manned the hot dog stand at the Shrimporee. In December they baked and delivered cookies to Hope Village. In February they took valentines to senior citizens.

Tim Kropp oversees the program for Interact in Clear Lake High School. They also meet twice per month and have about 20 members. As money-raising projects they have conducted a marathon softball game for United Way and a "Miss Falcon" contest (guys in girls clothes). Their goal is to raise \$1000. They also honor teachers for each department each month.

Don Kyle is our leader for the Rotoract program at UHCL. The group has about 35 members and is involved in such activities as: Parking cars to raise money; chili cookoff/softball tournament; a reading program at LaPorte School and a mentoring program at LaPorte School.

Mike Brown reported on Club Service C activities.

Membership is chaired by Dave Baldwin. The committee is not the one that seeks new members, but rather the one that checks the references of proposed members.

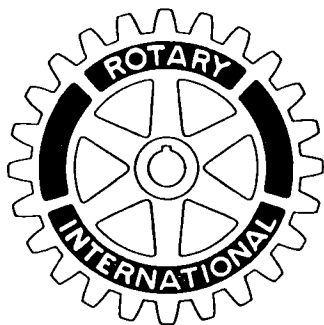
Classification is headed by Al Holguin. Get a good candidate and he'll do the rest.

Rotary Information, headed by Bert Kraft, takes the form in our club of our Red Badge Program. It is a continuous project and Bert is the good shepherd.

Administrative Services is a monster of detail that falls to Ed Geissler to keep track of as chairman-every week.

Our scheduled program for the day could not make it so Rev. Bill Rittenhouse stepped in to fill the gap with a touching story of his wartime experience as a captive in Hungary after his plane was shot down. He befriended one of the prison guards, and a neat feature of his talk was that the guard he befriended was visiting him in his home at the time of our meeting--and was present at our meeting. Their friendship was a lasting one.





SPACE CENTER ROTARY HONORS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Space Center Rotary Club is beginning a new project to recognize and honor outstanding individuals who have distinguished themselves in law enforcement.

The purpose of this Rotary project is to draw attention to law enforcement and recognize the important role it performs. In doing so, we hope to convey the sentiment that we value what police officers do for our community and appreciate their professional standards.

Nominations for the award come from members of the police and law enforcement profession, although other nominations are accepted.

To qualify, the person need only work for a law enforcement agency in the Clear Lake or Bay Area and be nominated.

The Rotary Club was not looking for heroes or headline getters. Instead, it stressed:

- professionalism
- effectiveness
- community involvement
- valor

Space Center Rotary believes our police forces are a special and valued part of our community and with this annual award it hopes to communicate that fact to the law enforcement profession as well as to the community at large.

These five outstanding individuals will receive:
The Space Center Rotary Club
Distinguished Service Award in Law Enforcement.

Randall Derr	Houston Sub-Station
Regina Ellis	Lakeview Police Dept.
Larry Fleenor	Webster Police Dept.
Russell Herrera	Pasadena Police Dept.
Jeff Wagner	Houston Sub-Station

Space Center Rotary Club will select the Officer of the Year from among these five recipients.
The Officer of the Year will receive a cash award of \$1000 as well as other honors and publicity.

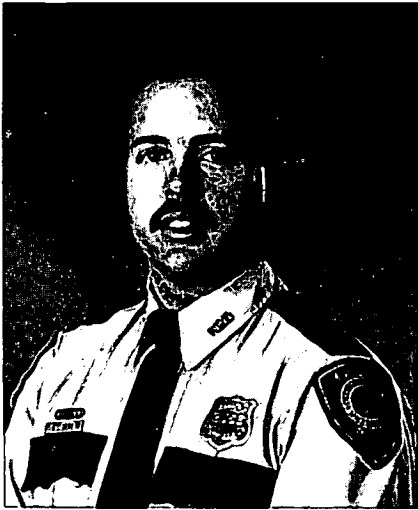
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RANDALL L. DERR
Houston Police Dept.

Officer Derr has 13 years in law enforcement. He is a Patrolman with the Clear Lake Sub-Station, and is the HPD Police Community Liaison Officer for the Clear Lake Crime Watch. Officer Derr puts the Crime Watch Report together and ensures that it is distributed throughout the Clear Lake Area. He works closely with the business community as well as the residential community. He is called upon by businesses, community associations, PTA's, hospitals and local shopping malls and apartment complexes on crime prevention topics: Burglary, auto thefts, gun safety and shoplifting. He works with young children, and teenagers, in areas such as stranger awareness, bicycle safety, drug awareness, and

computers in law enforcement. He is a Certified Crime Prevention Specialist and responds in a very positive manner to these many requests. He also advises home owners and renters for security measures and improvements of those systems already installed.

His nomination stated: "Officer Derr is a unique police officer and the demeanor that he displays reflects credit upon law enforcement." He was nominated "because his dedication to duty has left a tremendous impact upon the community of Clear Lake. Officer Derr is well known throughout the area. He is well liked by the citizens he serves and the officers of this station. In the field of crime prevention he has set an example for his peers to follow."



REGINA ELLIS
Lakeview Police Dept.

Officer Ellis has 8 years in law enforcement. She is assigned to Patrol and Juvenile duties in El Lago and Taylor Lake Village. She does criminal investigations involving adults and juveniles. She teaches children in the D.A.R.E. program, and counsels with families in crisis. The Lakeview Chief of Police says of Officer Ellis: "Most individuals enter the law enforcement profession yearning to solve the problems of our society, but few are able to maintain these feelings year after year of service. Officer Ellis is one of the few who can maintain these feelings. She not only wants to solve the problems of society, but she enthusiastically pursues this goal with an unparalleled devotion to mankind coupled with a deep level of compassion for the people she encounters. She works in some of the most sensitive areas: D.A.R.E. Officer, Juvenile Officer, and the questioning of sexual assault victims. Her level of concern for those she encounters in these various assignments is genuine and cannot be imitated." Officer Ellis is a fully qualified EMT Paramedic. She has many letters of commendation and was the Lakeview Police Department's

Employee of the Year in 1990. She was nominated by a fellow officer, who stated: "She is highly respected by her fellow officers and even by the kids she has to handle. I have had several kids tell me 'Officer Ellis pointed me in the right direction.' Officer Ellis is positive proof that a woman can be a fine police officer and a fine lady both at the same time."



LAWRENCE R. FLEENOR
Webster Police Dept.

Officer Fleenor has 14 years in Law Enforcement. He is a Detective/Juvenile Officer and is assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division with specialization in Juvenile Law. Officer Fleenor is very active in juvenile programs in the Bay Area. He teaches the D.A.R.E. Curriculum and, as an extension to that program, teaches lessons in drug awareness, runaway prevention, and child abuse prevention. In 1990 Crime

Stoppers of the Bay Area honored Officer Fleenor as Officer of the Year. In 1991 he was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership in the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers on behalf of the McWhirter PTA. The Webster Police Chief, Reyes Sonora, says of Officer Fleenor: "He is to be highly commended for his work with juveniles. Since he started working with children, the juvenile criminal activity handled by the Webster Police dropped by 30%. While some officers fight crime at the street level as it occurs, Officer Fleenor works to prevent crime before it gets to the streets, and this effort should be commended the same or even greater than normal heroics. Officer Fleenor has single-handedly accomplished what most departments merely dream about: Developing true community relations with the leaders of tomorrow -- our children."

Former HPD Chief Elizabeth Watson has commended Chief Sonora and Det. Fleenor on the success and effectiveness of Webster's D.A.R.E. program. School principal Glenna Shields says of Fleenor: "He has served as a positive role model for

children, who recognize him as an important adult in their life, and who look forward to his lessons and visits on campus." Shields said: "People who serve their community in the way Larry Fleenor has done need to be honored."



RUSSELL A. HERRERA SR.
Pasadena Police Dept.

Officer Herrera has six and one-half years in law enforcement. He is a patrolman assigned to the evening shift patrol. He has developed a network of informants. This action has assisted him in arresting a number of suspects and materially assisted in clearing up 22 burglary cases. His actions and efforts clearly show his dedication to duty and the community. In the words of Pasadena Chief of Police F. W. Daigle, "Officer Herrera has developed that extra perception and judgement that is necessary for a productive street officer." Along with his record of

arrests for major offenses, Officer Herrera received Channel 13's Award for Officer of the Week in November 1992. In September 1992 Officer Herrera received the Officer of the Month Award. Officer Herrera, in addition to his regular duties, has been assigned to the Gang Task Force. He is responsible for gathering intelligence on gangs, gang members, and their activity in the city. He interacts extremely well and on a continuous basis with both gang members and young school age children.

Herrera received 11 letters of commendation in 1992 in recognition of the performance of his duties. In April 1992 he received the Community Service Award for his cumulative efforts in law enforcement, which consisted of numerous arrests for narcotics, burglary, and auto theft with a substantial quantity of property recovered.

He interacts with school age youth by giving talks in school classes and by participating in Sam Rayburn H.S.'s Project Graduation. He is a coach for Pasadena Pee-Wee League baseball.

He says he does not measure success by awards an officer may receive, but "If I can say that I performed my duties within the law and to the best of my ability, if I feel satisfied about my performance, if I genuinely look forward to tomorrow and arrive home safely at the end of the shift, then I have been successful."



JEFF A. WAGNER
Houston Police Dept.

Officer Wagner has been in law enforcement for 9 years. His present assignment is patrol duty with the Clear Lake Sub-Station. Officer Wagner has been directly involved and instrumental in saving the life of at least four persons. He saved the life of a sexual assault victim, saved the life of a man trapped inside a burning car, and saved the life of a young girl who was choking and not breathing. He also probably saved the life of a man who was threatening to jump from

the roof of a building. Officer Wagner has received two Meritorious Service Awards. He received Officer of the Year Award in 1989 from the 100 Club in Houston. He was also selected Officer of the Year by the Houston Police Union for outstanding service.

The fellow officer who nominated him said: "These are typical examples of Officer Wagner's quick reacting ability to handle emergency situations that arise. Officer Wagner routinely receives letters for his excellence and professionalism toward his duty. His hard work and caring attitude are why I recommend him for this award. The community is lucky to have a fine officer like him safeguarding the community."

The nomination further stated: "Because of his diligence toward his work and his compassion and dedication toward the public he serves, he takes the extra step during his daily duties and is always going beyond the routine methods."

Officer Wagner lives in Galena Park, where he was elected city councilman in May, 1992.

MEMBERS TO KNOW

BILL AUSTIN has been a Rotarian for thirteen years and a member of Space Center Club since 1985. Since joining the club he has served on the Membership Committee, Project Free Enterprise, chaired the Scholarship Committee for three years, and currently is co-chair of the Excellence in Education Committee. Bill was born in Detroit, Michigan, grew up in Illinois and Wisconsin and graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has been in the banking industry for over 20 years and currently works at Texas Commerce Bank as a Division Manager in the Commercial Banking Department. Bill is married and has 3 daughters ages 11, 8, and 6. Hobbies include triathlons and an occasional marathon -- huff, puff, puff!



MAGGIE ADAMS migrated to the Houston Bay Area in 1980. Prior to that she lived in the San Jose Bay Area of California. She met her husband, Wade, on a blind date while he was out at the NASA facility in Mt. View, California doing a wind-tunnel test for General Dynamics of Fort Worth. After several months of long distance calls and plane tickets, Maggie decided it was easier for her to relocate in Texas than for Wade to relocate in California. Wade and Maggie were married (in California) on June 28, 1981. Wade, who obtained his Masters degree in Aerospace Engineering from Auburn University, is now employed by Lockheed. Maggie is an insurance agent specializing in business insurance. She is owner/agent of A & P Insurance Center in League City. Wade and Maggie have two children: Megan, almost 8, and Kevin, 6. Maggie has been a member of our Rotary Club since 1990 when she was sponsored by Donnie Johnson. She is chairperson of our Club Directory Committee and is currently working on our next update. So if there is something new she should know about you, now is the time to tell her.



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UNPAID DUES AT THIS LATE STAGE

ARE A SERIOUS MATTER !

DON'T SAY YOU WEREN'T TOLD !

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"Many thanks to Earth Day Committee Members:

Robin Riley
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for help in assembly of over 600 invitations to teachers and local organizations for participation in Earth Day Activities. Thanks also to Randy Roof, Claire Taylor & Dick Veth for help with our database."

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FOURTH ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Inside Baybrook Mall
Saturday, April 17, 1993,
from 9:00 am until 9:00 pm
Booths are available for \$30
or you may provide your own
to setup displays about your
environmental programs.
Due to the limited number of
booths, your reservation
needs to be in by
February 28
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