

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"

March 22, 1993 (Tom Wier "Editor-in-Waiting")

PROGRAMS

Vann Jones, Chairman

Responsibility for March: Bob Richmond

Responsibility for April: Delia Stephens

- MAR 22 **Constable Bill Bailey** (Need we say more?)
- MAR 29 **Thaddeus Lott**, HISD Principal. "Believing and Achieving"
- APR 5 **Judge Bill Elliot**, "God's Faithful Children in Family Law Matters"
- APR 12 **Law Enforcement Service Award Ceremony**
- APR 19 **Don Horn**, AFL-CIO

OTHER COMING EVENTS

- MAR 25-27 **DISTRICT CONFERENCE IN AUSTIN, MARRIOTT HOTEL.** Our own Billy Weseman will be installed as District Governor. We will have our usual most popular hospitality room!
- APR 15 **SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.** Baywood Country Club. Bob Frost sponsor.
- 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. Armand Bayou Nature Center also has a celebration. See Suzi Howe. From the mall, scoot down Bay Area Blvd. to the Nature Center.
- APR 17 **HABITAT HOUSE FOR HUMANITIES(District project).** 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Join in actually building a house for a homeless family. We need 12 to 20 volunteers. Bill Dusenbury, who knows the ropes as a professional builder, will lead us.
- APR 17 **BAY AREA TURNING POINT** is trying to raise money to build a shelter for families in crisis. Big sale of arts and crafts, sweets, garage sale and auction at United Way, 18301 Egret Bay Blvd (just south of NASA 1). All day with the auction at 3
- APR 17 **Top off the big day with The Houston Symphony's April in Paris concert at UHCL in Atrium II.** 8 PM. Call 488-1284 for ticket info. Ask Selma Neumann how wonderful it is.

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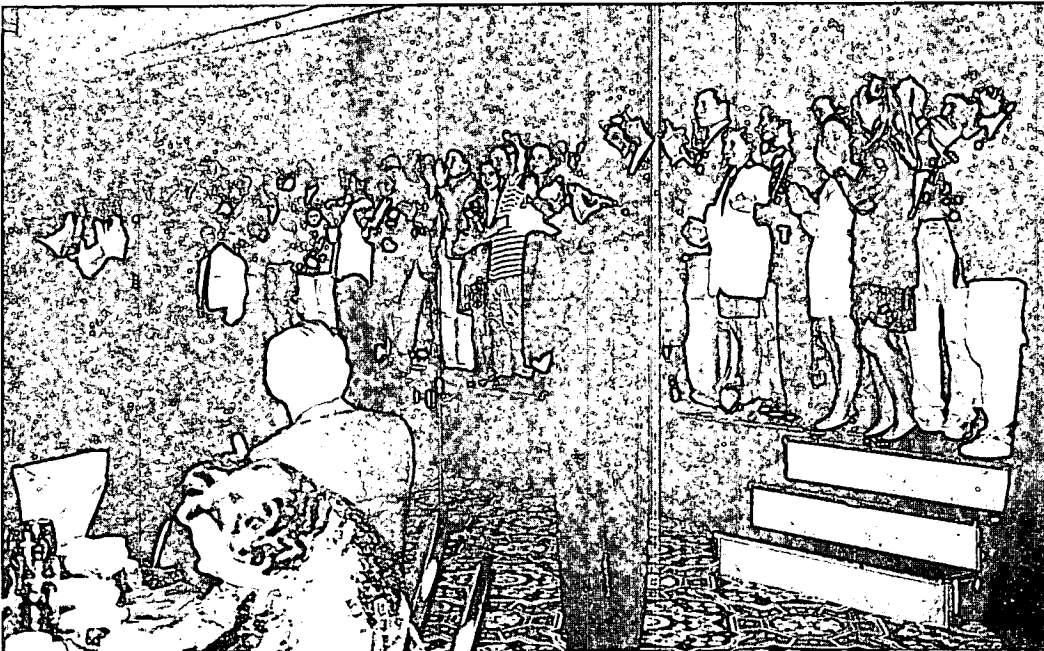
Believe it or not, Clear Lake did exist before the Johnson Space Center. There were the lake and the bay, and boats, and houses, and schools and churches. But there wasn't much "culture". For example, there was no theater (except for an abandoned movie house), no library, no university, no symphony, no country club, no golf course, no shopping mall! When the Space Center came, Maggie Denike (it was Plumb then) started lighting fires under a variety of projects, one of which was the Clear Creek Country Theater, which became our first cultural gathering place. The energy of Danielle Dupuis and others now has it "cooking in Kemah".

CCCT has also served as a training facility for children in the Bridgeport Community in Schools program. Our Rotary club presented a \$500 check to director Kelli Christiansen to support their good work with the Bridgeport program children.

Notably, Gonzalo Montoya and Kathy Woods are currently starring in "The Housekeeper", a racy comedy Fri's and Sat's through March 27. Go to it and have fun! (334-5790)

PHOTOS OF WHO DID WHAT

Top: District Governor-Elect Billy Weseman and Alan Wylie in Tulsa at the International Youth Regional Meeting (story at right.) Center: The youth on stage. Bottom: A little down-under music by the New Zealand GSE team for our last meeting (story page 2).



SECRET GIVEAWAY



Hank Moore

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John Watson

FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE

As you heard John Watson say from the podium a few weeks ago, he and Carolyn asked Joe Hang to arrange a Fall Foliage cruise. Joe has now done it and John and Carolyn hope you will join them and fellow Rotarians on the Royal Princess from Sept. 28 to Oct. 8. You will fly to New York and sail to Newport, Boston, Bar Harbor, Halifax and through the St. Lawrence Seaway to Quebec and Montreal. Return from Montreal to Houston. If interested, call Joe Hang at 333-3124.

MEETING NOTES

March 8: "How to get things done in Washington." Hank Moore, a public relations specialist with an astounding background, gave away trade secrets at this meeting. And he has the track record to know what those secrets are. He is one of Texas' most respected public relations practitioners, the only Houstonian elected to the profession's "Hall of Fame" at the international level. and he is ranked in the top 2 percent of public relations executives through accreditation from the Public Relations Society of America. He has received their highest individual achievement award. He has led a fascinating life, having spent early years working for former President Lyndon Johnson.

What does he say the secrets are? It boils down to what Rotary is all about: being a good citizen and a good neighbor. If you have a business that needs something accomplished, that needs government help, you will find that it is hard to get the government to do something if they do not know who you are or what you want.

Start by getting to know your government leaders, local or national, on a personal basis. Invite them to speak at luncheons. Offer to host public hearings. Get communications flowing. Encourage your public official to "do the right thing" (even if it means overriding bureaucracy).

What's more: positively package and sell your point of view. Build on your successes. Tell who you are NOW, what your track record is, not what you expect to be. Fit this into your strategic plan. Note who the most influential people are, who can help and who can hurt.

MARCH 15: WE WERE INVADED ! They were New Zealanders, that's what ! It was the Group Study Exchange Team from District 9980. They were from "down under, allright". New Zealand is 1400 miles south and east of Australia. Now that's "down-under". They even showed their map--with the south pole at the top.

There are about 3 million New Zealanders, about equal to the population of the Houston Metropolitan area. But they are spread over two islands totaling 102,374 square miles. (However, they fill in part of that space with some 57,000,000 sheep.) The two main islands, separated by relatively narrow straits, extend for over 1000 miles. It is a land of beautiful mountains. If I understood correctly, it has more mountains over 7500 ft. than Switzerland.

The GSE team was led by Derek Bulman, Managing Director of a building/manufacturing company. The five team members were:

Kelvin Collins, property appraiser and consultant, from Queenstown

Celia Reid, business development officer, from Traquair

Debbie Vercoe, teacher of English and drama, from Galloway,
Alexandra

Brendan Wood, ambulance station officer, from Timaru

Dale Wyber, charge nurse, from Milton.

It is not necessary to know exactly where all those places are but at least nod knowingly and say "mmHm". Besides, their map is upside down, anyway.

I hope they will take those comments with the good humor that they were offered because the team brought us a very enjoyable time-- as attested by the fact that members stayed overtime. It was interesting to follow the charming effect of the small differences in pronunciation, especially of the vowels e and a, from the way we usually hear the same words. They didn't hesitate to have fun with the way their Texas hosts talked! But then we expect that, don't we, y'all?"

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

The South Central Rotary Youth Exchange winter meeting in Tulsa was well represented by Space Center Rotarians: Alan Wylie, Billy and Anne Weseman and Karen Birchenough. There were 87 students representing 26 countries and four of the students were ours: Aaron Wylie, outbound to Norway; Tammy LaBreck, outbound to Sweden; Kelly Blacknoll, outbound to Germany, and our own Alexandra Fluerentine from France.

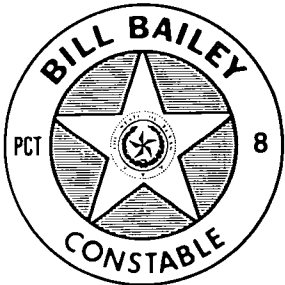




We are in the position of needing to host many more students than we will be allowed to send this year, in order to comply with the government's request that we host several students from the Eastern Block countries. This is finishing up the loose ends of the war. We have been virtually isolated from these people since 1918. The cry is out for more host clubs.

RYLA, an acronym for Rotary Youth Leadership Award, is a summer camp program that teaches leadership to students that are already doing very well in school. It is an awards program that other districts have found exceptionally successful. It is a minor expense to the club. Billy Weseman is looking into it and will keep you informed if he thinks it will benefit the Space Center Club.

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PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

As if to prove that nice things happen to nice people, Donnie Johnson won the board drawing for a Paul Harris Fellowship plus \$100 cash. So all you other nice people should now beseech President Terry to arrange one more drawing this year.

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