

# 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

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"



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## What's News

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### PROGRAMS

MAY 10 Robert Adler  
Enjoying Your Work  
MAY 17 Doug Johnson  
Channel 2 Weather  
MAY 24 TBD  
MAY 31 Holiday - No Meeting  
JUN 7 Art Barker on  
Mentoring  
JUN 14 Tom Delay - View  
from Washington  
JUN 21 INSTALLATION OF  
CLUB OFFICERS  
(Dinner meeting)  
JUN 28 Terry Hesson -  
Awards Ceremony

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### EVENTS

AUG 30 GOLF FUND-RAISER  
FOR SHRIMPOREE  
SEP 18 SHRIMPOREE  
DEC 10 CHRISTMAS PARTY

### BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Hammack	5/2
Bob Montgomery	5/2
Alan Wylie	5/10
Jim Hargrove	5/12
Bob Wren	5/12
Donald Self	5/17
Vann Jones	5/18
Robin Riley	5/19
Carlos Villagomez	5/20
Donnie Johnson	5/27
Aaron Olsen	5/27
Bill Predmore	5/29

### AHA! AT LAST- OUR NEW EDITOR



New Red Badge member Gene Oley, sponsored into the club by Dave Baldwin, has thrown himself into the cauldron by volunteering to become Editor of the Blastoff. He has editorship experience and is full of energy. As a warm-up he has been taking notes during the meetings and I have been working with him on understanding the structure of the club and its committees, sources of information and individual members. However, introduce yourself to him.

While he is very familiar with computers, he doesn't have one that does word processing. But Bob Frost is going to do that for him until a better arrangement can be worked out. Thank you, Bob! Welcome, Gene! He takes over with this issue.

(More on Gene inside)



TEACHERS HONORED (see article)

# WHO'S NEWS

## MORE ON GENE OLEY

Gene is a local stock broker with G. H. Blair and Associates. If you need to get information to him, his office number (call him there only after 3:30 PM) is 333-3196; his home number is 480-8587; he has a fax, which he can turn on after you call that number; or if you want to deliver something, his office is located in the Security Bank Building on Egret Bay Blvd.

While new to this club and to the field of securities, he has 30 years of professional experience in technology and business consulting. He has 2 engineering degrees from the University of Houston. His jobs have resulted in extensive travel in the United States and overseas. Based in Houston for 27 years, he has called Clear Lake home since 1990.

Gene is a strong community advocate, whom you may have seen at your door--fundraising for one good cause or another. For example, he serves as an officer of the Clear Lake chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Support him in this new role. Make it better for him and for your club by keeping him up to date on what you, your friends, and your committee are doing. You have made my stints as editor very rewarding. They totaled nearly 7 years. THANKS!

Tom Wier

"FORMER EDITOR AT LAST!"

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## INJURED ROTARIAN

Ed Geissler was recently injured in a car accident.

Ed sustained 5 broken ribs, a bruised liver and bruised lung from his accident.

He has been in the hospital several weeks at the time of this writing. Ed can be reached at SE. Memorial Hospital, 929-6235.

Ed is expected home soon, but in the mean time, he is bored. Give him a call!!

## HEALTH CARE



UNION LEADER

April 19 speaker of the day was Dale F. Hoagland, President of UFCW (United Food & commercial Workers) district local Union 408, Meat Cutters & Allied Food & Insurance Workers, AFL-CIO. As it appears on his card.

Mr. Hoagland expressed concern about the health care problems facing America today. He singled out several issues to highlight, such as ---

The working poor suffer dramatically because their employers either do not provide health care benefits or avoid providing them, such as restricting employees to 39 hrs per week.

Retirees who can least afford health care often have to fill the time cap between retirement and Social Security/Medicare by dipping into their savings.

Aids and cancer patients are such a financial burden on the system that they throw the statistics off. For this reason they are excluded when possible.

Finally special interest groups fighting over a slice of the pie and economic, social & political issues make legislation difficult. Still, take heart! Other countries have made it work, perhaps we can too.

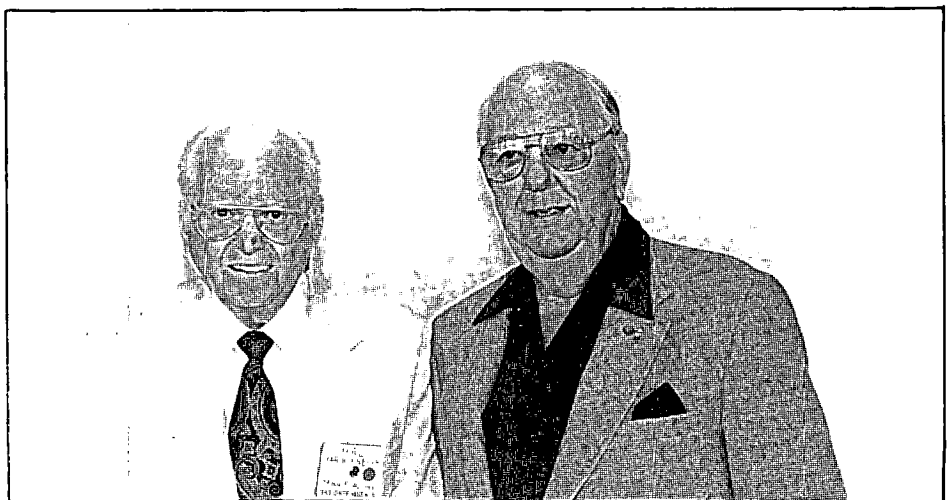
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## 90.1% ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCED AT BOARD MEETING

High attendance for March was reported by Treasurer Lamar Bowles at a recent Space Center Rotary Club Board of Directors meeting. The 90.1% implies that about 152 Rotarians made time in their busy schedules to participate in Rotary meetings. An impressive number!

Adjustments to the by-laws were proposed, published, voted on and passed. The primary result is to combine the officers of the Vice President and the President elect.

With a total membership of 169 Rotarians; dues collected; lunch prices adjusted; and bookkeeping problems resolved--- the next set of officers will be inheriting a smooth running operation.



Hal Neeley with 21 years

Bill Tuite with 28 years

# WHO'S NEWS

## THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION



April 26: The Honorable Jack Brooks, member of Congress of the United States, Ninth District, Texas.

On behalf of the space Center Rotary I want to thank Congressman Brooks for taking time from his busy schedule to join us for lunch. His talk was both informative and very entertaining.

Congressman Brooks remarked "meetings like this are very productive for members of congress because they allow us to establish a dialogue and open lines of communication." He feels these meetings provide a valuable insight into how people feel about major issues.

The spirit of partnership and cooperation was a strong theme of the congressman's speech. He feels the federal government works best in this role when it works actively with local community officials. The idea of working together as a community lies at the heart of Rotary clubs.

We believe in working together with each other to achieve objectives worthy of our heritage. Congressman Brooks believes this to be the key to all local, state and national progress.

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## ROTARY REACHES JUNIOR HIGH

by Tery Hernandez

Clear lake Intermediate students experienced the opportunity of becoming the first Jr. Interact Club during this 1992-1993 school year. Officers elected were: President, Chrissy Wiginton/ Vice President, Anson Koshy; Secretary, Veena Nannegari; Treasurer, Sabrina

Martinez/ In keeping with the Rotary spirit of community service, the students completed several successful projects.

Their first endeavor was to create decorations for the STAND Club (anti-drug) and PTA's fall dance. Next, several members assisted Rotary members with their annual Shrimporce. During the Christmas season the club made dozens of cookies which they delivered to the Hope Village in Friendswood. Additionally, money was collected from the student body to purchase a bicycle for a foster child at Christmas.

After hearing a speaker, Kathleen Holt from United Way, students were motivated to make personal Valentines for around fifty senior citizens at the United Way Neighborhood Center. Three students, Sandra Kirkpatrick, Emma Tsai, and Eva Bakowska delivered the valentines to the center.

As their final project of the year, Jr. Interact sold doughnuts to raise funds for an International project to provide school supplies for underprivileged children in Mexico. Alan Schultz, school principal, and their teacher sponsors, Marie Small and Pat Russell are extremely proud of the efforts of these students. All agree that the club has provided service to the community and an awareness of community needs.

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## SPACE CENTER ROTARY HONORS TEACHER OF THE YEAR



At their May 2 luncheon, space-Center Rotary announced Theresa Walker as the Teacher of the Year. For the third year the Space Center Rotary has honored excellent performance by outstanding teachers in the Clear Creek Independent School District. Others honored were Angelee Chiver, Ellen Conner, Melinda Mills, Judith Puhr and Milton Pullen. These teachers were introduced by Rotary members Beth Stus, David Taylor, LaWann Tull, Lynette Masen-Hale and Richard Hergert. The Excellence in Education committee has selected Theresa from 69 nominations for 59 different teachers from 231 different schools.

Theresa is the resource teacher at Ferguson Elementary School. she has an MS. degree in education with certification in learning/language disabilities and early childhood for exceptional children. She not only excels as a teacher but also as a trainer of teachers. She had conducted over 100 hours of workshops for teachers.

She has written curriculum documents for Hitchcock, Friendswood and Clear Creek Independents School Districts. For the past three summers she has worked at St. Mary's Hospital in the Children's ABC unit and at the Baywood Hospital school unit.



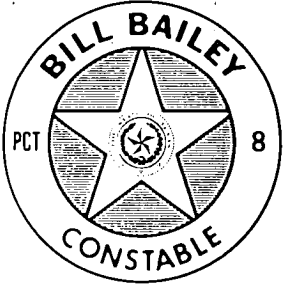




This past spring she was selected by GTE as a recipient of their Excellent Teacher Award. She has been acclaimed by her principal, Mr. Peter Quatrini, as one of the best teachers he has seen in 29 years in education. "She is an extremely hard task master. She demands and gets 100% effort, not only from the student, but from the parents also." Mr. Quatrini claims that students who are two to three years behind their grade placement are on level after a year with Ms. Walker.

Theresa believes that "the best educators of our children are those who care enough to know their students and who use every means available to make them lifelong learners."

by Beth Stus

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