

# SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB BLASTOFF

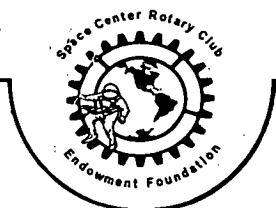
The Space Center Rotary Club  
meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m.  
at the Nassau Bay Hilton

Rotary International District 5890

"Real Happiness is Helping Others"

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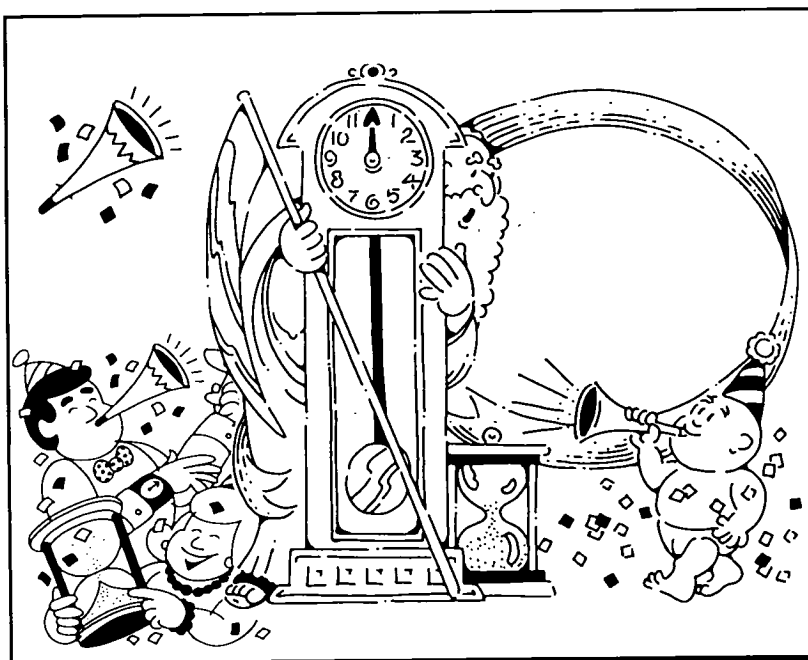


December 20, 1993

## WHAT'S NEWS

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*Happy  
New  
Year*





George, Debbie and Elaine Fleming

## PROUD PAPA

by Gene Oley

Rotarian George Fleming is a proud Papa. His daughter, Debbie Montooth, is running for office.

George with his wife Elaine are pictured above with their daughter at a recent gala held at South Shore Harbor Country Club in Debbie's honor.

About fifty people attended the Gala including the State Senator for our district. George, Elaine then Debbie each took a turn at the microphone, and said a few words.

Many of us are pleased when our children achieve something great. This is true whether they have just learned to tie their own shoe or just graduated from college.

Debbie is running for "Judge of the 180th District Court". The current holder of this seat will be running for Attorney General.

Debbie is Particularly blessed in that it was her co-workers, the court personnel, that asked her to run.

Being a proud parent of a worthy child is a pleasure for everyone and a particular pleasure when shared by the community. So, congratulations George and Yeah(!) Debbie.

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Randy Hamilton

## EMISSIONS

by Gene Oley

12-6 the subject of the day was environmental emissions legislation.

This technically intricate and politically sensitive subject was covered in detail by Randy.

Mr. Hamilton is Team Leader of the Regulation Development Section in the Office of Air Quality at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

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Bill Lowes, Club Treasurer

## BUDGET TRIMMING

by Bill Lowes

As some of you are aware, our club has had to resort to doling out napkins and silverware at recent luncheon meetings. Now this doesn't mean you've been purloining silverware, but it does reflect our tightening budget and inability to suffer any slippage in income and outgo. (Dave King, note the clever accounting language!)

It seems that some of us had gotten lax in the payment for meals. The Hilton has been conducting head counts of those eating and billed us accordingly. At \$8.00 each, we can't afford many freebies. One week we were in excess of 20 members out of balance, and thus was born the present system.

Some of you clever types from Austin may have figured out by now that we still have a loop hole - bring your own napkins - but Terry, they aren't burnt orange each week. If anyone sees Hesson eating with a dirty fork, call Daryl Royal.

Seriously, if any of you have a better idea, please see Jim Wyatt or me. In the meantime, have a Happy Holiday.

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Bill Geissler

In our Christmas Card photo, appearing in last weeks edition, Bill Geissler was missing. We found him! Merry Christmas Bill!

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Figure 1

## Responsibility?

The college professor said, "Such rawness in a student is a shame. Lack of preparation in the high school is to blame."

Said the high school teacher, "Good Heavens, that boy's a fool. The fault, of course, is with the grammar school."

The grammar school teacher said, "From such stupidity may I be spared. They sent him up to me so unprepared."

The primary teacher huffed, "Kindergarten blockheads all. They call that preparation. Why it's worse than none at all."

The kindergarten teacher said, "Such lack of training never did I see. What kind of a woman must that mother be?"

The mother said, "Poor helpless child. He's not to blame., His father's people were all the same."

Said the father, at the end of the line, "I doubt the rascal's even mine."

(Reprinted from a speech by Thaddeus Lott to Space Center Rotary.)

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Bob Crooks

## NAFTA

by Gene Oley

12-13 Today's topic was the elimination of trade barriers between the United States and it's neighbors, Canada and Mexico.

Mr. Crooks, who is a Director of International Services at Coopers and Lybrand in downtown Houston, covered many of the ramification of the treaty.

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has been a prime topic of the media for quite some time now;.

Key underlying issues includes clear protection of intellectual property, ie: copywrites.

Mr. Crooks tells us that the stereotypes of low paid workers and shoddy workmanship is no longer true. However, The historical stereotype of corruption at all levels is being corrected by Mexico's president, and we will have to wait and see if it is successful.

Mexican companies are looking for joint ventures with U.S. partners and licensing agreements. No mention was made if the same is true for Canada.

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## INTERACT

by Tommy Hunson





An Interact Club has been formed at Clear View Alternative High School. This is our first year in action for the Clear View Club and it is turning out to be a wonderful club. The club was originally the idea of Teri Hernandez who passed the idea on to tim Kropp, chairman of the Space Center Rotary Interact Committee. Bill Davidson will be our Rotary sponsor. Joe Coen is the faculty sponsor.

Fourteen of us attended our first meeting in November, elected officers and formed committees for service and fundraising. Our first project is a food drive for a needy family at Christmas. Other projects will include participating in habitat for the humanities, and improvements for the school. These projects will be funded by garage sale. and car washes.



The interact group and sponsors

This is the first time for most of us to be involved in this type of club. All of the members are becoming familiar with this program and enjoy what is taking place. The officers of the club attended a Space Center Rotary luncheon and said it was fantastic. We benefited from seeing how the Rotary Club conducts their meeting and learning more about air pollution. We are looking forward to working with the Rotary Club on our projects.

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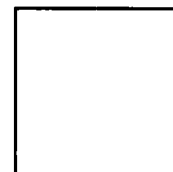
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