

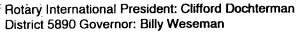
SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

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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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The selection marks the fourth consecutive year that our club will honor and recognize outstanding CCISD teachers. The six recipients of the Awards, from which the eventual Teacher of the Year will be selected, include Janet Barksdale of Space Center Intermediate, Bertha "Bert" Campbell of John F. Ward Elementary, Gwendolyn Cash of Clear Creek High School, Janine M. Morrell of Clear View High School, Sherry A. Roach with the district elementary level Gifted and Talented Program, and Vickie M. Smith of Space Center Intermediate.

The Teacher of the Year will receive a Rotary Excellence in Education Award of \$1000 in cash, as well as an honorary Rotary membership, a personal plaque and a plaque for display in her school. The teacher's name will also be added to a permanent plaque on display at the CCISD administrative offices. All of the awards will be presented to the teachers at our May 9th meeting. * * *

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BANQUET

By Alan Wylie

Space Center Rotary hosted the annual International Youth weekend on April 7-10, 1994. Over 80 young people from 19 different countries attended. including inbound students, American outbound students, and other American students interested in learning about youth exchange. In addition, the French GSE team visiting East Texas and a visiting host family from Germany attended all of the activities. Rotary districts participating included those in the Houston. Fort Worth, and East Texas areas. Distinguished guests on hand for the Friday night banquet were Billy and Anne Weseman, George and Janet Francklow, and Andy and Anita Smallwood -- our full complement of District Governors and their wives for District 5890; Harold Jones, who is credited with beginning youth exchange in Houston several years ago; and District 5890 Youth Exchange Officer Tony Sortino and his wife Jodye.

The weekend started with our guests visiting Johnson Space Center on Friday and then attending the banquet on Friday evening. A surprise was Paul Harris, portrayed by Dane Shelton from East Texas. "Paul", with his excellent singing voice, led the exchange students in a variety of songs to entertain the audience. Tim Kropp, Space Center Rotary International Youth Chairman, organized the weekend and chaired the banquet. Alan Wylie, Long Term International Youth Chairman for District 5890, educated the audience on the exchange student process.

On Saturday, everyone enjoyed the beach in Galveston, at least until 3:00 PM when the sun disappeared and rain began to fall. The only major problem was facilities, or lack thereof. One hundred participants, and only one bathroom to handle the crowd.

Many thanks to the many host families that supported the weekend. Host families included Space Center Rotary families, Seabrook Rotary families, and many friends of Rotarians. A special appreciation to Tim Kropp, who spent a tremendous amount of time to plan all of the activities and organize the many host families for our quests.

Countries represented at the banquet were: USA, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Russia, Ukraine, Estonia, Hungary, Turkey, Rumania, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, Japan, Philippines, S. Africa, Morocco.

HOE-DOWN FUN By Terry Hesson

April 21st marked the first annual Western Hoe-down chaired by Mike Dennard. Rotarians were entertained by Willie Nelson, Garth Brooks and Clint Black. Over 500 people attended and our club raised a net of \$1,000. By the way, this is still April Fool month. Gotcha!

SHOWBIZ By Terry Hesson

Terry Hesson and his wife Jayme, will be performing in the Neil Simon comedy "Rumors" at the Center Street Theater in Dear Park beginning April 29th and running for 3 weekends. Ticket prices \$15.00 and includes a buffet dinner. For more information, contact Terry at 488-6721.



A PARADIGM SHIFT

5-18 Dr. Glenn Freedman, Ph.D., Associate Vice-President, Office of the President, University of Houston-Clear Lake was today's speaker.

Dr. Freedman spoke of the major shift in emphasis of universities across the country. The student population is getting older, often starting a second career. The needs of these students are different. The job of all schools is to create a work force for industry, and industry needs have changed.

Glenn, who is in public relations and development, feels that universities nation wide are trying to face today's challenges. Some of the more critical questions facing institutions of higher learning are:

How can the university customize its curriculum? How can it think globally and act locally? How can it deliver its services faster, better, and cheaper? An example of faster service is telephone registration which is now available to students. This is an innovative solution to the long lines an other problems of inperson registration.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Space Center Rotary Club has erected a granite monument, inscribed with the names of the deceased Space Center Rotarians, at the entrance of the "Cap" Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park.

Today, April 25, 1994 at 11:45 the Space Center Rotary Club's regular luncheon meeting is at the "Cap" Landolt Pavilion. This meeting includes a formal memorial dedication in honor of those deceased members who know the true meaning of "Service Above Self" as they served this community with distinction and devotion.

This memorial service is in memory of those gentlemen inscribed on the marker. We are pleased to have you and members of your family in attendance at this memorial tribute today.

If you would be kind enough to respond to one of the below listed Rotarians, it will be our pleasure to greet you and your family on this auspicious occasion.

Al Ligrani Bill Taylor Vic Maria

Deceased Rotarians

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Make those rafters ring Hey fellows - pitch right in And lets all sing.

All together - it's fair weather Always on the dot Shout the praises of your club now Give it all you've got.

Sing Rotarians - Sing Rotarians

Cheer up and be gay. Sing fellows - sing, sing, sing

And smile all day.

ALL HAIL TO ROTARY

(Melody: Anchors Aweigh)

All hail to Rotary! Steadfast and strong, We strive to hold our course, Though days seem dark and things go wrong.

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