

# 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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## PROGRAMS

**JUN 13** State Of The  
Community State  
Senator Jerry  
Patterson

**JUN 20** President Vic's  
Awards

**JUN 30** Instillation of  
Officers  
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## PLUS:

## DRUG ESSAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS,

&

## JAMBOREE

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## BIRTHDAYS

	June
Huey Barnett	2
Hirschel Sexton	3
Ron Blilie	5
David Hamblin	9
Charles Hartman	10
Tom Wier	10
Don Kirk	12
Shirley Lindquist	12
John Lee	13
Bill Austin	17
Jim Shows	20
Bill Davidson	21
Herb McElveen	22
Claire Taylor	28

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## THANKS

Mr. Austin:

Please extend my thanks to the membership of the Space Center Rotary Club, with special thanks to the committee members charged with the task of selecting the teacher honorees.

On a personal level, I wish to express sincere appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful awards and monetary gift. But, even further, thank you for the opportunity to let six educators shine for teachers everywhere. We take pride in making a difference.

Sincerely, Vickie Smith

Dear Victor:

Belatedly, and with matured conviction, I want to express my appreciation for your leadership role in the Rotary memorial to deceased members. It was a well planned ceremony which was heightened very much indeed by Carson's beautiful service to their memory. I know I reflect the appreciation of the families present as well as our own members in attendance that day.

I for one, member as well as widow, was personally gratified to see the plan once projected finalized at last. The original names in scribed long ago and the recently added finally were memorialized. This chapter of Rotary intentions needed closure. Thank you and your committee very much for the special occasion to bring this about.

Most sincerely, Selma Neumann

Dear Rotarians:

LeRoy and I were so impressed with the Memorial Dedication Service. Daddy (Fred Waddell) would be so proud to have his name on that

memorial along with his good friends. Rotary was such an important part of his life - it was right up there with hunting and fishing and those of you who knew him know that's at the top.

Thank you for remembering him this way. He was very special to me and so are you, his friends.

Sincerely, Kay Laycock

Dear Mr. Maria:

Please forgive me for taking so long to write this letter.

I had no idea when my children and I accepted the Space Center Rotary's invitation to the Memorial Dedication Service in memory of Rotarians who had passed away that we would experience a function of such solemn beauty.

The Clear Lake High School Sound Waves were magnificent; I'm so proud of them. Carson Stephen's voice and message were superb and even the sound of the distant thunder added to the spiritual involvement we were experiencing.

Mr. Maria, the whole program was so beautifully planned and executed, no one could come away from the service and not be emotionally involved.

My husband, Hugh, was an extremely happy Rotarian and now I know why - you care about each other.

Thank you all for the lasting remembrance of a lovely experience.

Most sincerely, Cecilia Avery

Ps; Don Kyle, as our escort, helped to make it a very rewarding occasion.

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Humorist !!! Larry Wilde

## FUNNY YOU SHOULD SAY THAT

By Gene Oley

5/16 Today we were entertained by that hilarious humorist, Larry Wilde (no relation to Oscar Wilde).

Larry is a funny man. He had us rolling in the isles. Especially our brave leader, Vic.

Mr. Wilde told us about the healing properties of humor. How it helps longevity and even your finances. A good example would be the fella who laughed all the way to the bank.

His stories were funny even though we had heard some of them before.

In fact, when Larry started telling the story of the man who jumped out of the plane without a parachute, and passed a man going up who queried "do you know anything about gas stoves, Vic stood up and said: "I told that joke last week".

Larry Wilde entertained us all and did a fantastic job. There is no question of what a great humorist he is. His only question was "why didn't you buy my book"?

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## GSE

By Gene Oley

6/6 Today's speaker was John Lowery, our GSE Team Leader and a brand new Rotary Red Badger.

At irregular intervals, we send professionals for a group study exchange to visit other cultures.

These 4 to 5 week visits entail 12 hour work days and lots of hard work. John and his team members gave 25 presentations.

John told what an honor it was to be selected as a team member and how overwhelming the process was. First he had to write an application letter explaining why he would like to go, then when chosen, he had to appear before a 20 person selection team.

Once selected, he had to clear his schedule for the next 4 to 5 weeks. Rotary paid for the entire trip so he didn't have to worry about funding, but he did have to worry about his wife and responsibilities here.

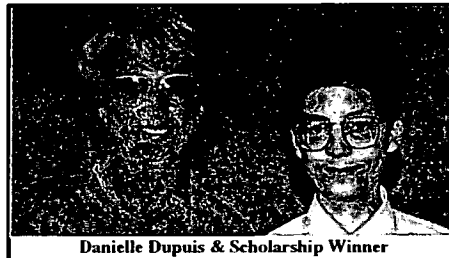
With everything clear, he was able to visit majestic New Zealand with crystal clear streams, lush green forests and beautiful beaches. He didn't go swimming though as the water temperature was 20 degrees.

He did get to go tramping (which is a local phrase for hiking and does not mean the same as it does here).

In his tramping, he warned that you have to watch your footsteps. While New Zealand has only 3 million people, it does have 50 million sheep so you better watch your step. We thank John for watching his step and returning safely.

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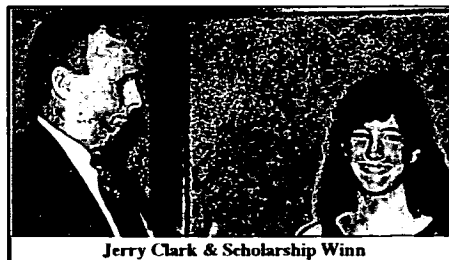
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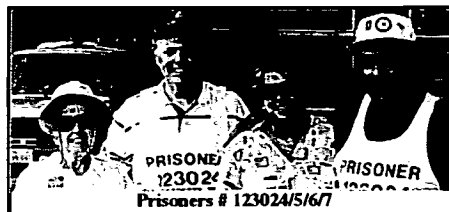


Jerry Clark & Scholarship Winn

## JAMBOREE



The Gang



Lowes presents beer drinking trophy to Taylor

## WEATHER

By Gene Oley

5/23 Bill Read, meteorologist-in-charge of the National Weather Service, was today's speaker.

Mr. Read who lives locally, reminded us of the horrors and tremendous damage that hurricanes can cause.



He showed us slides of map overlays. It was quite clear that all of Houston is in a hurricane path.

As we know, most of Houston is less than 15 feet in height. So, a 20 foot storm surge would leave most of us under water.





Here in Clear Lake, we would have to pass through all of Houston to get to a safe area. Anyone who has gotten stuck in rush hour traffic knows how impossible this is.

Mr. Read suggested some safety measures that we are all aware of. In case you can't evacuate, find a high dry spot well away from windows, get into an enclosed area, kneel close to the ground, bend over and kiss your fanny good-bye.

Always be prepared. If possible, have candles or some lighting source, canned food to sustain several days, a portable radio to keep in touch however - - get the hell out early.

For those of you worried about insurance, reach into your drawer and pull out the Rotary Membership Directory.

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