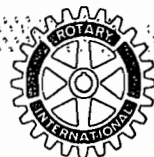


A Salute to Rotary International & The Space Center Rotary Club



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Marvin Matthews

Message from Marvin Matthews Space Center Rotary Club President - 1978

The needs of the community served by our club have changed considerably over the 15 years since we were chartered. We have tried through periodic reevaluation to keep up with these changing needs. In this regard we have stressed helping with new starts, or special help during a particularly difficult time, and prefer that no particular groups or activities become dependent on our club for their sustaining budget needs.

This stresses self reliance, and permits us more flexibility in responding to new community need as they appear. We also attempt to stress personal involvement of Rotarians in community projects, although financial assistance is often the crying need. Some examples of community organizations which we have helped over the years include Freeman Memorial Library, Boy Scouts of America, Earth Awareness Foundation, Little League, Girls State and Boys State, Operation Close-Up, American Field Ser-

vice, Harris County Youth Village, Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps, Bay Area Committee on Drug Abuse, Ed White Memorial Youth Center, Palmer Drug Abuse Program and the Bay Area YMCA. (And many others.)

Our financial support to community service projects began to increase substantially after we began holding the annual Shrimp Boil, Fish Fry and Auction. The very large support given this event by the entire community has enabled our club to net several thousand dollars each year for Community Service.

The purpose of International Service may be summarized as follows: To encourage and foster the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship and business and professional men united in the ideal of service. There are a rather large and diverse set of ways that different Rotary clubs have achieved this purpose.

Marvin F. Matthews

Walt Wicker: Rotary historian

by LEON BECK
Managing Editor

Although the Space Center Rotary Club has been in existence for only 15 years, its accomplishments can fill volumes. And to make sure that its rich history is recorded, Dr. W. Walter Wicker, the club's historian, chronicles the club's progress.

Wicker, director of libraries at the University of Houston at Clear Lake City, has been the Space Center Rotary Club's historian for three years, and he says that he acquired that position because of "my interest in history and I guess they felt I should be the one to collect all of the information."

Wicker says that basically his job entails "maintaining a record of what the Rotary Club has done. We try to write its history, pointing out exactly what the club is doing, and what we are trying to accomplish. We try to highlight the major events of the club, to recognize the people who have made noteworthy contributions." The club's scrapbooks trace the club's

history back to its origin 15 years ago, through press clippings, photos, special reports and other historical remembrances.

Wicker, a native of Pottscamp, Miss. (pop. 200), did not join a Rotary Club until 1975, although through his position as a librarian he was familiar with the *Rotarian* magazine.

Wicker lived in Pottscamp until he graduated from high school and he received his B.A. from the University of Mississippi, his master's from Louisiana State and his doctorate from Florida State.

Wicker's initial contact with the Space Center Rotary Club came through an invitation to attend a meeting. Through his position with the University of Houton Library, Wicker was appointed to the administrative board of the Freeman Memorial Library. Through Rotary's involvement with the Freeman Memorial Library, Wicker became involved with the Space Center Rotary Club and he eventually became a member.



Walt Wicker

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Reflections of Al Ligrani

The Rotary: More than a club...

To a child in the Philippines it may mean polio vaccine and the chance to see tomorrow

by LEON BECK
Managing Editor

To a child in the Philippines it may mean polio vaccine and the chance to see tomorrow; to a little leaguer it may mean a new baseball bat and a chance to get to first base; to a young kid on drugs who can't see beyond the next fix, it's a chance for a new lease on life; and to the high school student it may be a college scholarship and a chance to carve his niche in the professional world.

Their motto is "Service Above Self" and wherever there is hunger, pain and a cause, the Rotary Club hears their cry, whether the need may be in Bangladesh, the jungles of Southeast Asia or the Clear Lake Area.

For 75 years Rotary International has brought the world closer together through their humane efforts, and this year also marks the Space Center Rotary Club's 15th Anniversary. During the past 15 years, the Space Center Rotary Club has touched almost everyone in our community through the Freeman Memorial Library, the YMCA, Harris County Boys

Home, Little League Baseball, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program and countless other worthwhile causes.

At the helm of the Space Center Rotary Club for 1979-80 is Al Ligrani, who says that he first heard of the Rotary Club through their good deeds, the service they do and their motto, "Service Above Self." "The Space Center Rotary Club certainly does practice that," Ligrani says.

The Rotary Club is a rather exclusive organization. "Not everyone can be a Rotarian," Ligrani says. "You're supposed to be a leader in the community in the professional or business world...We have a unique classification system in that there is only one person in each Rotary Club in each locale with that particular classification."

Ligrani's classification is in government resources management. "I deal in a budget world and manage resources here at Johnson Space Center."

The Space Center Rotary Club membership is 130 and Ligrani says, is one of the four largest in District 589, which covers

Houston and the surrounding communities.

Ligrani, who has served in the club as sergeant-at-arms, treasurer and president, says, "We try to get everyone actively involved as soon as possible in some committee structure...In our club once they make a commitment we've made it made because we have men, who by the nature of being a Rotarian, stick with their work. If they say they're going to do their job, they will."

The Space Center Rotary Club has four avenues of service to the community, Ligrani says, vocational; international; club; and community.

In the vocational service, Ligrani says, "We try to get each Rotarian to think of his profession as the way he can best serve fellowman. His (profession) being the only one in the club and his (profession) being an example set as a lawyer, doctor or government worker."

Last year, Ligrani says, the president of Rotary International started the 3-H

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Program—health, hunger and humanity. Individual clubs are given the opportunity to participate and to donate \$15 for each club member. This program, Ligrani says, is designed to help alleviate health, hunger and humanity problems. Projects underway include a polio immunization program in Australia and a committee is set up to look at the greatest needs throughout the world.

Also under the International Service program is the scholarship program which offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. "We've been fortunate in our club, because the people that we've been nominating...the district has been sending two each year, and the last three years we've sent five out of the six from our own club."

Why have the students from the Clear Lake Area been so successful in obtaining the scholarships?

"I guess it's the school system in part and the motivation that the kids have just to want to learn more about what we can offer through a scholarship overseas."

The Space Center Rotary Club also provides funds to assist the International Seaman's Center, the American Field Service program and they hope soon to be able to start a Latin American Club.

On the community level, Ligrani says the key is youth. "We try to support youth in all its ramifications and we do it through scholarships, both high school and the UH/CLC, and a youth recognition

Rotary members go into the public schools on Career Day "to help the kids, to counsel them on their careers." Other projects include funding the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps, the Palmer Drug Abuse Program, the Freeman Memorial Library, the Ed White Youth Center and the Bay Area Committee on Drugs and Alcohol.

What guidelines has the Space Center Rotary Club set for giving funds?

Basically it's to get an organization started and not to have them keep coming back for operational funds, Ligrani says. "We were instrumental in getting Freeman Memorial Library started. Once that thing got going and became self supporting, we worked through the Friends on just an as need basis. We don't want to get involved in the operation of it. We did the same thing with the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps when they first started. When they first started they needed an ambulance, they were our principal beneficiary. We helped them to buy the ambulance..." Ligrani adds that the club traditionally sponsors a Pony Colt League and a Little League Team.

Ligrani, who is a former mayor of El Lago, is a native of Denver, Colo. His early goal was to become a teacher and he received a B.A. in education and a masters degree in supervision and administration.

Ligrani taught school in Wyoming, Virginia and New Jersey. He eventually joined NASA in program control and was transferred to Clear Lake in 1962.

Message from Al Ligrani

"As we Rotarians celebrate our Club's 15th anniversary year and Rotary International's 75th Anniversary, I predict that Space Center Rotary will continue to be the leading service club in the Clear Lake area because I know that each Rotarian, as a leader in our community, takes his commitment to Rotary very seriously and will continue to faithfully serve in the avenues of international service, vocational service, club service, and community service."

Al Ligrani

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Chuck Jacobson:

Shrimporee general chairman

Underlying the festive atmosphere is the somber realization that without the Shrimporee funds, many charities would have to tighten their budgets.

by LEON BECK
Managing Editor

Shrimporee is a world of sunburned noses, country music, an auction, 3,850 pounds of shrimp, 1,800 pounds of fish, 14 barrels of cole slaw and even an Earl Campbell autographed football.

But underlying the festive atmosphere of the Rotary Shrimporee and Benefit Auction, is the somber realization that without the funds generated by the Shrimporee, many area charities and organizations would have to tighten their budgets.

This year, Chuck Jacobson, vice president of the Space Center Rotary Club and general chairman of the 1979 Shrimporee, said that the Shrimporee netted \$21,700. The primary beneficiary of the funds this year was the Palmer Drug Abuse Program which received \$6,000. Last year the YMCA received \$5,000.

The Shrimporee is the Space Center Rotary Club's only fundraising activity. It was, Jacobson says, a successful event for the Brazosport Rotary Club so the Space Center Rotary Club initiated the event in 1974 at Galveston County Park in League City. "We borrowed an old cooker from a recreation association...since then we have built our own cooker and we can cook up to about 300 pounds at a whack."

The first year, Jacobson recalls, about \$7,000 was raised. And there has been an increase each year. He attributes the success of the Shrimporee to more and more people becoming aware of the Shrimporee and the solicitation of auction items from merchants in the area. There are,

Jacobson says, about 300 people actively involved in the Shrimporee.

It takes a full calendar year of preparation, Jacobson adds, to get the Shrimporee underway. The Galveston County Park is reserved on Jan. 2 and committees, such as publicity, ticket sales and auction, are soon organized.

The auction committee contacts the merchants for auction items, and Jacobson says, the response has been excellent. This year's auction items totaled 388 and they included a Monte Carlo from Norman Frede Chevrolet; a Mustang from Miller-Freeman Ford; a Subaru Go Cart from Criswell Subaru; an autographed bat by Cesar Cedano; a Jimmy Carter Fun Mask; a gift certificate for a Dallas Cowboy Weekend special; two parrots in a cage; and a Honey Bear plush toy.

In the community services division, projects which received funds included the senior citizens and the handicapped; Operation Close-Up, Boy's and Girl's State; the Boy Scouts, Pony Colt League; Little League; the YMCA; and the Ed White Youth Center.

Other community services included the Clear Lake Emergency Medical Corps and the Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

Requests for funds are made by the various organizations in April and May and since the Space Center Rotary Club started the Shrimporee, Jacobson says that they have received around \$80,000.

"What we all feel, we're really pleased with the way the community supports this event," Jacobson says. "It seems to be more successful every year. I imagine there's a limit somewhere, but I don't

'It seems to be more successful every year. I imagine there is a limit somewhere, but I don't know where it is...'

Funds from the Shrimporee support the American Field Service; the World Community Service Foundation Scholarships; and International Seaman's Center ("We bought a 15 passenger van used to pick up seamen and bring them to the center from the ships."). These funds go to projects under the International Service division and they total \$6,170, Jacobson says.

know where it is..."

Chuck Jacobson is an aerospace program manager at McDonnell Douglas Corp. and has been a resident of the Clear Lake Area for 13 years. Jacobson was born in Cresco, Iowa which had a population of 4,000. He joined the Navy and became a naval aviator prior to his association with McDonnell Douglas.

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Space Center Rotary Club:

Fifteen years of service, lending a helping hand... Freeman Memorial Library, Boy Scouts, Little League...



Al Ligrani

Marvin Matthews

Early in 1964, Ellis Bareiss of Pasadena, Tex. acting as a special representative of Virgil P. Lee, 1963-64 Governor of Rotary District 589, visited the Clear Lake area to investigate the possibility of forming a Rotary Club. He later reported: "...This looks like an ideal area to start a really fine Rotary Club. The people I have met and talked with, I am confident, will make good Rotarians." Less than three months later Rotary International granted a charter to the Rotary Club of Space Center (Houston), Texas.

The LaPorte Rotary Club sponsored the Space Center Club and an application for a Provisional Club was submitted to Rotary International on July 11, 1964, with 35 charter members listed. The charter was presented to the Space Center Club by District Governor Edwin G. Bratcher during a dinner meeting held at the Houston Yacht Club on Sept. 28, 1964. Michael Pederick, from Tulsa, Okla. represented the president of Rotary International and was the principal speaker at the installation dinner. President Ivan E. Brown, Space Center, accepted the charter.

The territorial limits for club membership set the following boundary lines:

North: Fairmont Parkway from the intersection of Red Bluff Road to the intersection with the South Belt to Gulf Freeway.

West: Gulf Freeway from South Belt to Clear Creek.

South: Clear Creek from Gulf Freeway to Kirby Road.

East: Kirby Road from Clear Creek to

the intersection of Red Bluff Road and thence northwesterly along Red Bluff Road to Fairmont Parkway.

The first officers, directors, and charter members were: Officers-President, Ivan E. Brown; Vice-President, J. A. Newborn, Jr.; Secretary-Treasurer, Joe R. Stutts; Sergeant-At-Arms, David L. Shaw. Directors-William A. Parker, Richard Allen, Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr., Eddie H. Nettles, Paul K. Swackhamer, and Colin Harrison. Charter Members-Donald A. Ahlborn, Richard Allen, Wayman Armstrong, Jack C. Ball, William Gerald Barber, Charles A. Berry, Wick J. Blanton, Ivan E. Brown, Leroy Gordon Cooper, John B. Elder, Joseph H. Frost, Jr., Martin Gracey, Bob J. Graham, Walter Kellen, Mike Kouchoucos, Vince Lipovsky, Frank G. Morgan, Jr., Eddie H. Nettles, J. A. Newborn, Jr., William A. Parker, Walter M. Pickett, Robert G. Runger, Bernard L. Sarahan, David L. Shaw, Harry P. Smith, Beverly E. Steadman, Joe R. Stutts, Paul K. Swackhamer, J. Boyd Taylor, Richard T. Tear, S. S. Tompkins, Ladislaus W. Warzecha, William H. Weston, Charles L. Whynot and Colin Harrison.

The new club held regular luncheon meetings on Mondays at 12:15 p.m. at the Kings' Inn. The initiation fee was \$20 and the annual dues were \$25. A club banner was designed by Martin Gracey in 1965 and was approved that same year. The Board adopted a policy of giving out-of-state visitors a banner, and members of the club could purchase banners for \$1 each to give to clubs which they visited.

Waymond Armstrong, a former mem-

ber of the Space Center Club, once stated, "It's the strangest Rotary Club in the world-and it has some of the strangest classifications." The members of the club were quite different than any other club. The average age of the members at that time was 43 which is nine years younger than the average Rotarian world and at least 95 percent had college degrees which is 30 per cent more than Rotarians generally.

The community service program of the club began almost immediately as the Space Center Rotary Club began work to establish a public library in the Clear Lake area. Citizens of the area along with the Club organized the library and established temporary quarters in the Clear Lake City Recreation Center in January, 1965. Two thousand volumes were donated by residents to help get the library started. Richard Veth and Richard Allen, members of Space City Rotary, were elected to the first Board of Trustees of Freeman Memorial Library. Since that time, numerous Rotarians and Rotary Anns have served on the Library Board.

Club members also participated in a variety of projects at the library: renovating the building, changing of partitions, constructing shelving, painting and landscaping. There has also been a repainting job on the library by club members. The Freeman Library still remains one of the Space Center Rotary Club projects.

The fame of the Space Center Rotary Club continued to spread during 1966 as Astronaut Gordon Cooper addressed the

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Rotary International Convention in Denver, Colo. Ivan Brown and Martin Gracey represented the Space Center Club at this convention. The Space Center Rotary Club was featured in an article in the May, 1966 issue of the *Rotarian*. The following honorary members were accepted into the club: Frank Borman, astronaut; Apollo 8; Gordon Cooper, astronaut; Mercury 9 & Gemini 5; William Parker, NASA/MSC Government Agent; Dr. Charles Berry, NASA/MSC Space Medical; Ellis Bareiss, Member of Pasadena Rotary. membership also included a resolution in appreciation of his efforts in organization of the Space Center Club.

Nineteen sixty-six ended in a spirit of conviviality, a remarkable quality of this club, as exemplified by a quote from the Dec. 21, 1966 board meeting minutes: "The normal routine business of the Board was dispensed with because of our special guest, Mr. Jack Daniels. His presence gave us a warm glow in keeping with the holiday spirit. His contribution added greatly to our meeting and we are grateful to him. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned."

The club membership voted to move the luncheon meeting to the Nassau Bay Hotel during 1967. Board meetings were also held in the same hotel. Jim Lovell, astronaut, was accepted for Honorary Membership. The Board was expanded to

include the addition of a second vice-president. Community service projects for 1967 included financial aid to the World Community Service and Boy's Home, a resolution supporting the Big Thicket Park, a Career Day Luncheon for guest speakers, and a Committee review of Boy's Home needs. The Space Center Club was selected to host the District 589 Conference during April 1968.

The Club started the year with a treasury balance of \$1,242.25. The Conference publicity budget was increased from \$200 to \$500 with the Board instructing the treasurer to juggle the budget to pay increased convention costs. Two thousand invitations and conference information packets were mailed to district members. This diligent work brought about the largest attendance to date for any district 589 conference.

Career Day was held on March 29, 1968. This was a vocational program organized by the Club in conjunction with the Clear Creek School District. Guest speakers discussed their professions and educational training with students interested in vocational guidance.

Buzz Aldrin, astronaut, was accepted for Honorary Membership in the Club. Martin Gracey represented the club at the Rotary International Convention in Nice, France, May 21-25, 1967. One hundred and three tickets were ordered for the

opening day baseball game in the Astrodome. This was a family social event with the trip to the ball game via bus.

Surplus books from the Freeman Memorial Library were sent to Brazil. An Interact Club was organized, another family picnic was discussed, and the Board voted to have the 5th Monday meetings held in the evenings as a special Ladies' night. Financial contributions were made to the Boy Scouts, Harris County Boys Home, Little League Baseball, and the Freeman Library. Jerry Hammack attended the Rotary International Convention in Mexico City as Space Center's representative.

Nineteen sixty-nine was another busy year for the Space Center Rotary Club. The Club requested permission to expand its territorial limits and jurisdictions to include Kemah and League City. District 589 investigated the request but refused the expansion of the club. A Drug Awareness Program was approved. Five hundred large posters were printed and distributed throughout the Clear Lake area. Samples of the posters were mailed to other clubs in the area to encourage greater participation in the program. Stanley Reins of the Clear Creek Independent School District was presented a Club Award for 25 years of accident-free ser-

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vice with the school district. Career Day was held on April 18. Frank Borman was principal speaker at Rotary International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii. He presented Rotary International President Kiyoshi Togasaki of Japan, the club banner of Space Center Rotary. This miniature banner was carried on Apollo 8, the first flight for circumnavigate the moon. This banner now hangs in Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Ill. Contributions were also made to Interact and Bayshore YMCA.

The Apollo 9 crew, McDivitt, Scott, and Schweikart, was elected to honorary membership during 1970. A committee was appointed to study and develop a fund raising project for the Club. Discussions were held throughout the year and were carried over into the next year. The Club Events Committee was authorized to proceed with a raffle. The Club continued to support the Interact Youth Program even though there was less interest than last year, especially in attendance and activities. A Club golf tournament was proposed and submitted to the membership for approval. Handicaps included up to 60 feet of string, one free shot, one free throw, and similar non-tournament rules.

Contributions were made to the Paul Harris Fellowship, Girls State-an American Legion Auxiliary Program, Pony League, Rotary Youth Forum and Corpus Christi Disaster Fund.

The year 1971 brought about increased involvement for the Club with Crisis Hotline. Twenty thousand stickers were printed and distributed listing the Hotline number and the telephone company agreed to the assignment of a hotline. Space Center car raffle ticket sales started on March 1, at \$100 each. A Chevrolet Caprice and Vega were the prizes for the winning tickets. The raffle was held during a dinner at the Kings Inn and the net profit was \$2,028. The Board moved to make this an annual affair, but enthusiasm for further participation was lacking.

The Rotary International Convention was held in Sydney, Australia and Gene Lindquist attended as the Club representative. The Space Center Club sponsored International Kids Day with a trip for 1000 in 24 buses to the San Jacinto Monument, Manned Space Center, and a picnic lunch at the Harris County Clear Lake Park.

The price of club luncheons was increased from \$2.50 to \$3 and a 25 cents charge for coffee was started for the convenience of the coffee only members. The

club was again active not only in the community, but abroad as well, as 40,000 vitamins were air transported to Santiago, Chili for school children. Donations were made to Girls State, Clear Lake Youth Ecology study, Rotary Foundation, Bayshore YMCA, AAU Swim meet at Glenbrook, International Youth Project and World Community Service, Boy Scouts, Interact, Library Scholarships, Community Environment, Career Day, Freeman Memorial Library and YMCA.

Rotary International Convention was held in Houston during May, 1972, with Bob Scott representing the Space Center Club. The Clear Lake High School Choral Group was awarded a trip to Vienna, Austria. The Space Center Club made a contribution to their expense fund during a program that this group presented to the club.

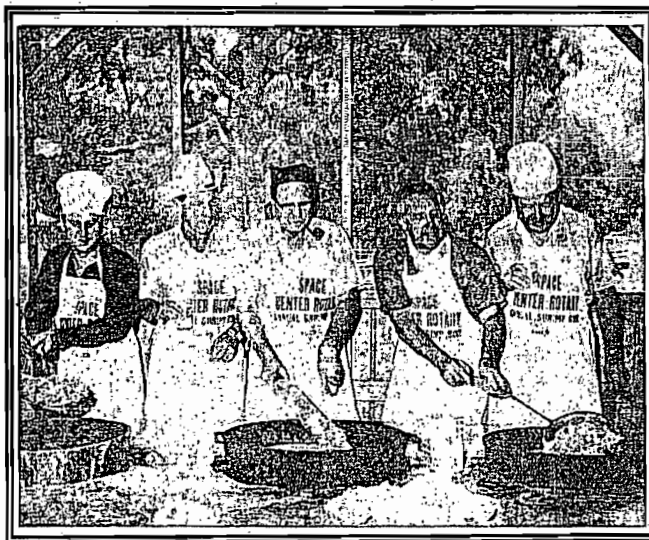
Space Center Rotary posthumously awarded its first Paul Harris Fellowship to Harry Smith, following his death in August 1972. He was a charter member of the club, and his activities are best described by a quote from a tribute as written by Gene Lindquist.

"For the past nine years Harry Smith became widely known in the Clear Lake and Houston areas because of his untiring efforts to help out in many civic programs and for the tremendous part he played in

many civic programs and for the tremendous part he played in the development of Clear Lake City, an Humble Oil and Friendswood Development Company project..." "During these years he was actively engaged in serving many worthwhile civic endeavors. He was a charter member of the Space Center Rotary Club and served as director for 1971-72, a charter member of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce Blue Coat Committee and its chairman in 1971-72. He was also elected to the Chamber's Board for a three year term, 1971-74. He was a long time member of the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo and each year took large part in the general overall stock show activities. He helped organize the Stock Show's "Go Texan" Committee and for several years was chairman of the NASA-Clear Lake Area "Go Texan" Committee, and was very active on the Lamb Auction Committee for the Stock Show." Harry's wife, Pat, received this award during a luncheon meeting of Rotary.

Space Center was host to District 589 Conference held April 6 and 7, 1977 at the Sheraton King's Inn. Governor George DeMonstrond presided with Rex Bailey as Chairman for the Conference. President Rex Bailey attended the Rotary International Conference at Lausanne, Switzerland. Space Center Club sponsored a

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"Self-Motivation Seminar with speakers, Tom Norfleet and Zig Ziglar.

The year 1974 can best be expressed as the 10th Anniversary of Space Center Rotary, and the first annual Shrimp Boil and Auction.

A group of Rotarians headed by Ben Andrews from the Brazosport Club initiated this event as a sponsor. President Rex Bailey appointed an ad hoc committee in December, 1973, to study the feasibility of such a project.

The Committee report to the Board early in 1974 stated that 100 per cent participation by club members was necessary to insure success for the project. Some sixteen committees were required in planning, procurement, preparation, and finally, clean-up. Activities were to start two months prior to the event.

Brazosport's 10 years of success and a net profit of approximately \$10,000 for 1973, with that club's members willing to furnish manpower and recipes, was apparently all the encouragement the Board needed to vote "for" this event.

This was billed as an outstanding fun and fund raising project, and indeed it was, with membership participation beyond all expectations. Galveston County Park (League City) was selected as the site, July 20 as the date. Local merchants and individuals were most generous in donating auction items. DYHYSBTY (Do You Have Your Shrimp Boil Tickets Yet) badges appeared.

The principal beneficiary for the year was the Clear Lake City Emergency Medical Corp., with the remaining anticipated profits to other current beneficiaries as follows: American Field Service, Boy Scouts of America, Earth Awareness Foundation, NASA Little League, Freeman Memorial Library, Bay Area YMCA, American Legion Auxiliary (Girls State), Clear Creek Art League Scholarship and Harris County Youth Village.

Approximately 3,000 dinners were served and the net profit was \$7,000. Thus, by any standard of measurement, the event was a huge success and destined to become the club's annual fund raising project. The Medical Corp received \$3,500 for a high dome ambulance cover.

Rex Bailey ended his term successfully and Dick Chandler started his without apologies.

Space Center's 10th Anniversary was celebrated during a dinner held in the Lakewood Yacht Club Oct. 5. Dr. Alfred Neumann presided as master of ceremonies and one of his remarks of interest was that the club had started with 35 charter members, 328 have been inducted, and 208 members have been lost, with a present roster of 120 members. The turnover has been largely due to membership being from a transient aerospace industry personnel rather than lack of interest in Rotary. Eleven of the original 33 charter members were in attendance.

Special honored guests included Ellis R. Bareiss, founder of the Space Center Club. Presently he resides in Austin, Tex., is a member of South Austin Club, and has a perfect attendance record of 28 years. Ivan E. Brown, first president of Space Center, served two terms - 1964 & 1966 - and presently resides in Jackson, Tenn. George Shultz was guest speaker and is a past district governor. Other past district governors present and introduced were Wayne Holland, Ed House and Ernest Upham.

Ten year Perfect Attendance Awards were given to Dick Allen, Frank Morgan and Gene Lindquist.

Announcement of Paul Harris Fellows awards two of our club members was the surprise for the evening. The Board was commended in their selection of Martin Gracey and Harry Jennings. Martin received his award for 10 years of outstanding contributions in club service and his many civic endeavors. Harry received his for nine years as secretary for the club.

Floyd Boze won the 1974 Rotary International Golfing Tournament held at St. Andrew's Golf Course, Scotland, with the best individual net score in the 0-12 handicap division.

Attendance of meetings before Christmas and New Year is minimal and guest speakers are difficult to obtain. The last two meetings in 1973 were declared holidays by the club, but the District Office vetoed the proceedings. Dec. 30, 1974, was billed as a fellowship song fest. The Program Committee provided a champagne luncheon. The sparkling stuff produced a variety of toasts, including Martin Gracey in Gaelic, Al Neumann in German, and Lionel Garcia in Spanish. Rev. Dean Woodruff read an unusual horoscope for several of the members present.

Floyd Boze was featured with an article and a picture in the February, 1975 issue of the Rotarian. Floyd won the Rotary International Golf Tournament in Scotland. Charles Whynot was named to the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of the United States of America.

Martin Gracey entertained the Club on St. Patrick's Day with green beer and a little bit of blarney. President Don Kirk represented the Club at the Rotary International Convention in Montreal, Canada.

The Space Center Club made its fourth Paul Harris award in April, 1976. Gene Lindquist, a long time member of the club was honored with a Paul Harris medal and a leather bound certificate. Gene has served the club as a director, treasurer, and president, and for the past seven years has been the editor of The Blastoff.

The Club awarded its annual \$250 educational scholarships to Melissa Wiginton, Emily Gilmore, Mike Dowling and Bradford Ward. The Club also continued to support the Clear Creek Basin Water Quality surveys. John Hart, creator of the comic strips, "B.C." and "Wizard of Iz" was honored by the club for his contributions to the Earth Awareness Fund's Summer Fellowship Program.

Early in August, the publicity began for the Third Annual Shrimporree which was held in Galveston County Park on September 18. Some of the excellent gifts donated for the auction was a Saab car by Norman Frede and a handmade bicentennial afgan donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Cox. The principal beneficiary of the proceeds of the Shrimporree was the Ed White Memorial Youth Center in Seabrook.

A van was purchased by the Club and donated to the Seaman Center. The van will be used to transport sailors from their ships to the Seaman Center.

A committee was appointed by President Garcia to establish ground rules for qualification of NASA and UH/CLC employees for membership in Rotary. Al Ligrani chaired this committee and developed new classification guidelines for their employees.

Pete Gist set up a display of various club banners. This display will be hung in front of the head table at each club luncheon.

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James L. Bomar:

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James L. Bomar, Jr., is a partner in the law firm of Bomar, Shofner, Bomar & Irion in Shelbyville. A native of rural Bedford County, Tenn., he attended Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. There he earned his B.A. degree and Doctor of Jurisprudence degree. He also has received an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Samford University.

Mr. Bomar is a member of the Tennessee, American, and Federal Energy bar associations, as well as the International Society of Barristers. He has been active in Tennessee politics, as he has served for 18 years as a member of the Tennessee Legislature. During this period, Mr. Bomar served as speaker of the House for five terms, and speaker of the Senate and lieutenant governor for one term. He was chairman of the Tennessee Legislative Council for a total of 12 years.

He is a member of the Tennessee Livestock Association, American Angus Society, and the Tennessee Farm Bureau. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church, Shelbyville.

A Rotarian since 1942, Mr. Bomar is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Shelbyville. He has served Rotary International as district governor, committee member, director and vice-president.

Johnson Space Center

*The scene of Rotary's 75th Anniversary. -
Recognition of the space program as
greatest of man's achievements*

James L. Bomar, Jr., president of Rotary International visited the Clear Lake area and the Johnson Space Center on Feb. 29th. The purpose of the visit was two fold: to give recognition to the space program as the greatest of man's achievements in the 75 years since Feb. 23, 1905, the date on which Rotary observes its founding. This February was not only the 75th anniversary of Rotary but had an extra day which 850,000 Rotarians of the more than 18,200 clubs in 153 countries throughout the world used to give service to mankind.

The former lieutenant governor of Tennessee and attorney who has served the Tennessee legislature for 18 years, assumed the presidency of Rotary International in July 1979. Mr. Bomar has stated: "The horizons of Rotary are ever expanding. New ways are opening up for us to bring the light of service, of goodwill and understanding, into the lives of people wherever they might be. As we venture forth with even greater resolve to enhance the vision of peace, Let Service Light the Way."

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Bomar states: "From the space program have come many discoveries and developments from which all of us have profited. Mankind will derive even greater benefits from future explorations in an expanding space activity. Many Rotarians throughout the world have been involved and instrumental in the work and achievements attributable to the space program."

Locally, over 40 per cent of the members in the Space Center Rotary Club are active in the space program. Most of the astronaut corps have been members or honorary members of the club. Gordon Cooper and Buzz Aldrin were active in club activities. Frank Borman was an honorary member and in fact flew the club banner on his first flight around the moon. (Apollo 8)

The club is also sponsoring a "Getaway Special," NASA's term for space allocated to private enterprise for scientific payloads. The club has purchased space on the Space Shuttle in behalf of the area high schools. Students at Clear Lake High School and Clear Creek High School are working jointly on a scientific project that will fly with the Space Shuttle.

Rotarians of the Space Center Rotary Club are business and professional men who seek out the needs of the community and work to meet them. At their meetings, Rotarians discuss the work of the Rotary Foundation, Health-Hunger-Humanity Programs (3H), disaster relief, youth exchange and many more. Events like the annual Shrimpooree and Auction are used to raise funds for local organizations and charitable groups. The Space Center Rotary Club distributed over \$20,000.00 to local charities and civic groups, and in the near future will donate \$6,000 to the Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

Bomar met with JSC Director, Dr. Christopher C. Kraft, to discuss the involvement of Rotarians in the Space ef-

fort. Dr. Kraft commented on various NASA programs either in progress or scheduled to commence. Bomar was presented a plaque commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Rotary in recognition of the space program, the astronauts and Rotarians who are active in the space effort. The plaque reads:

In recognition of NASA's contribution to Aerospace research and exploration leading to the development of new technology and the improvement of understanding among nations for the benefit of all mankind. Presented on the 75th anniversary of Rotary, February 29, 1980, James L. Bomar, Jr., President, Rotary

International

After the presentation, a teleconference was held with space agencies in Canada, Australia, Japan, Europe and NASA facilities in the United States. Each agency made a brief presentation about the role their facility has in the space effort encompassing present as well as future programs.

After the teleconference concluded, Mr. Bomar toured the Johnson Space Center and Bay area. His visit culminated with a reception and dinner at the Gilruth Center later that evening. Local officials as well as many Rotarians from the surrounding area clubs attended.



Jim Bomar

Jim Carrell



Jim Bomar

Don Strickland

Floyd Boze

Scenes from the Gilruth Center celebrating Rotary International's 75th Anniversary



Paul Jurey

Pete Gist

Marvin Matthews

Rotary International

1905-1980

Their humanitarian efforts have reached citizens

from around the globe... aiding victims of an

earthquake in Peru and a tidal wave in Bangladesh;...

Every week in more than 18,000 clubs in some 150 lands around the world, business and professional men break bread at their weekly meetings. They call out familiar names, exchange news and jokes, hear a presentation and go back to work.

But they do more than that. They form a community—whether of 20 or 700. And they serve. They seek out the needs of their communities and work to meet them.

That work may result in a new playground or a clinic, a community center for the aged, a hospital or a school, or needed support for an already existing community service. This vast network of service is the strong and ever-growing root system of Rotary International. Yet Rotary is still more.

At their meetings, Rotarians discuss the work of The Rotary Foundation, the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program, world community service, disaster relief, youth exchange, Rotaract and Interact. These are some of the international extensions of Rotary's service and ongoing efforts to increase understanding. They have evolved as a natural result of Rotary's expansion around the globe.

Rotary began in Chicago, Ill., on Feb. 23, 1905. A young lawyer, Paul P. Harris, met with three other men—a coal dealer, a mining engineer, and a merchant tailor—to form a club, the world's first Rotary Club. The idea of a club which provided an opportunity for real fellowship and concrete service was attractive to others. More clubs began to be formed.

Rotary first expanded sporadically, then burgeoned astoundingly. The first club outside the United States was established in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1910. The following year, clubs were organized in Ireland and England and the worldwide spread of Rotary had begun. By 1926, there were clubs in Continental Europe, Africa, Asia, South and Central America,

and Australia as well as the United States and Canada.

Today there are more than 850,000 Rotarians. Approximate current membership by continent is: 140,000 in Asia; 12,500 in Africa; 45,000 in Australia and the South Pacific; 215,000 in Europe; 365,000 in North America; and 80,000 in South and Central America.

As Rotarians from different lands met each other at various official functions, they became increasingly aware of not only their deeper understanding of other cultures but also their added understanding of world needs. With the outbreak of World War I, they were able to use their already established systems of service to provide relief for war victims. Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland, for example, established a program for Belgian refugees and U.S. Rotarians raised thousands of dollars for aid.

This was the beginning of the Rotary tradition of disaster relief. It was an initiative since followed enthusiastically by Rotarians worldwide. For example, Swedish Rotarians cared for 32,000 Fin-

land children uprooted during World War II. Rotarians also responded generously with funds and manpower to aid victims of natural disasters like the 1970 earthquake in Peru, the 1971 tidal wave in Bangladesh, and the 1976 Guatemala earthquake. Currently, Rotarians in many lands are participating in Southeast Asian refugee relief programs.

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But Rotarians were not content with the role of advisors. An expanding tradition of international service, begun early in Rotary history, thrives today through Rotary's Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H), and world community service programs, and the Special Grants program of the Rotary Foundation. One example of the hundreds of such projects is the 3-H five-year polio immunization program launched on Sept. 29, 1979 for more than six million Philippine children. Local Rotarians will both store and help distribute the vaccines and publicize the immunization program implemented by the Philippine Ministry of Health.

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The Rotary Foundation program was born.

Officially, The Rotary Foundation is a trust, voluntarily supported by Rotarians and others throughout the world, to further international understanding and friendly relations through projects of an educational or charitable nature. In practice, the Foundation is one major way through which Rotarians give young people from all over the world an opportunity for contacts with persons in another country.

The first and most extensive Foundation activity has been the granting of scholarships. Since the first 18 scholarships were granted in 1947, more than 10,000 have been distributed. During 1980-81, more than 1,000 Rotary scholars from nearly 60 countries will study in a country other than their own. The Foundation grants graduate, undergraduate and vocational scholarships and special scholarships for teachers of the handicapped and for journalists. During 1980-85, the Foundation will spend more than \$100 million for its activities.

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Beyond the statistics, the Foundation scholarships mean that during the next academic year Anna Maija Alatalkari of Finland will be studying at Perkins School for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., that Steven M. Fishman from New Jersey will be studying at the Universite de Dakar in Senegal, and Suzanne E. Tory from Toronto, Ontario will study at the National Taiwan University in Taipei. The statistics mean that these young people will spend much of 1980-81 visiting Rotarians in their host countries. When they return to their home countries, they will share their experiences with Rotarians, friends, families and colleagues. These statistics mean that right now, all over the world, more than 900 young people are engaged in similar, special learning and sharing experiences.

Oliver Reverdin of Switzerland once told an audience at a Rotary International convention that "the true way to work for peace...is to weave around the world a tight web of personal relationships so that stereotypes, which historically have aroused hatred among people and incited them to war, will forever disappear." This, too, is part of the meaning of the Rotary Foundation statistics.

Another of the Foundation's programs is its sponsorship of Group Study Exchanges. Under this program, initiated in 1964, two teams of five young business and professional men from different countries exchange visits in each other's homeland. As of this year, more than 5,000 young men have participated in Group Study Exchanges. Team members examine the institutions and ways of life of their host country with particular focus on their specific vocational interests. One participant, Dick Carter, a member of a Group Study Exchange team from the United States visiting New Zealand stated: "For me... this was the richest and most rewarding of experiences. It gave not the best, or the worst or the surface gloss of another nation, but its totality."

The Rotary Foundation also has a

Special Grants program through which it provides matching funds to Rotary clubs and districts sponsoring projects contributing to international good will and understanding. That money goes for such projects as helping Australian Rotarians build college facilities in Papua New Guinea or sending 16 dental students from California to Mexico to furnish dental care for low income families, or helping

Rotarians from England, Germany, France and India establish cottage industries in India. The Foundation dispenses special grants for Rotary's 3-H activities from contributions to the organization's 75th anniversary fund. Each year, The Rotary Foundation programs link more people around the world in an effort to circumscribe animosity with understanding. It is a fitting tribute to Rotary's founder.

Rotary local

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cheon meeting. The Club participated again in the Jaycee's Halloween Party. The Freeman Memorial Library, Bay Area Women for Houston Symphony, the Boy Scouts, the Guatemala Relief Fund, Little League and Pony League baseball, were among the recipients of financial support from the Space Center Club.

Four American Field Service students were guests of the Space Center Club on March 7, 1977. President Lionel Garcia presented the American Field Services with a check for \$1,000 as the Club's support of the AFS program. Representative Bob Gammage also spoke to the Club during March on the future status of Ellington Air Force Base.

Floyd Boze was the first place trophy winner in the Rotary District 589 Conference golf tournament at Woodlands Country Club. The Club presented six \$250 educational scholarships to Gary T. Brock; Kristen Gunnerson and Teresa A. Dawson of Clear Creek High School and Dirk W. van der Meyden, Denise R. Grover, and Robert E. Chamberlain, Jr. of Clear Lake High School. Judge Mike Driscoll was selected as the recipient of the coveted President's Award for Outstanding Service to the University of Houston Law Alumni Association.

The Board voted to reserve space for an experiment on the first payload of the earth orbiting space shuttle. Community schools will design the experiment to be launched into space in 1981.

The Club made its fifth Paul Harris award to General Harold L. Neely on March 28, 1977. General Neely was honored for his outstanding work in Rotary especially in the scholarship and fellowship programs on the local and district levels.

The Fourth Annual Shrimporree was held at Galveston County Park on September 17, 1977. Pete Gist served as general chairman and did an excellent job. General and Mrs. Roy Hatch donated a 1972 Vega to be auctioned at the Shrimporree.

Michael Joseph Dowling was awarded an undergraduate scholarship from the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International for the 1978-79 academic year. Dowling, a former Space Center Club scholarship winner, was sponsored by the Club. The Club sent a \$100 memorial to the Harrisburg Rotary Club in memory of the late J. Wayne Holland, former district governor. The high school scholarship awarded in 1978 was known as the J. Wayne Holland scholarship.

President Jim Wyatt attended the Rotary International Conference in San Francisco as the Club's representative. The calendar year ended with a Club Fellowship Meeting which was a champagne luncheon. Everyone agreed that this was an excellent way to close out the old year.

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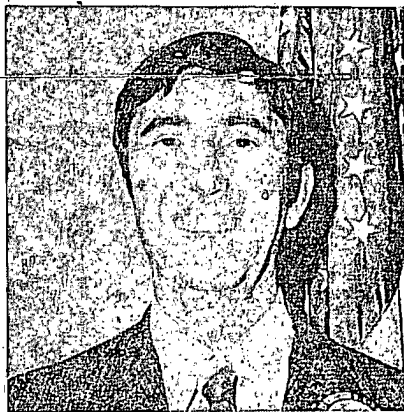
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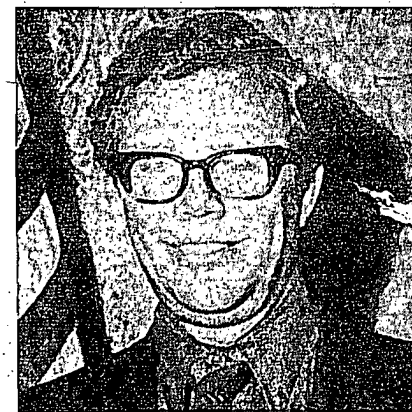
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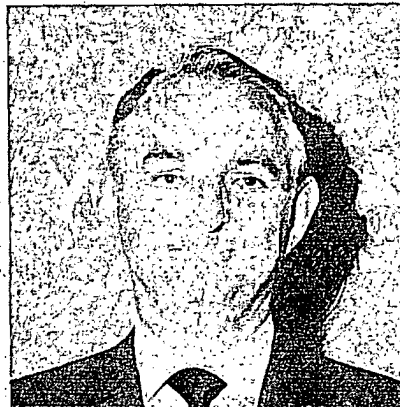
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