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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

OCTOBER 4

Seliece Caldwell

VP Ticket Sales & Bus. Comm.

Houston Rockets

“Houston Rockets – One

Team, One City”

Chair of the Day

Michael Wynne

OCTOBER 18

To Be Announced

OCTOBER 11

John McCloskey

“Steroid Use - from High

School to the Pros”

Chair of the Day

Joe Colangelo

OCTOBER 25

David Brady

Lone Star Sports &

Entertainment

“The Texas Bowl”

Chair of the Day

Hugh McElroy

Club Meets Thursdays – The Junior League of Houston

Luncheon 11:45 AM – Program 12:10 PM – Adjourn 1:10 PM

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Heard Around The Table

by Marcus Soper

HOWARD AND ANN HOLSENBECK

returned from a vacation of a week in the San Juan Islands of Canada, a week in Napa and a long weekend in Newport Beach.....

JOHN AND LINDA CARUSO visited their family home outside of Rome in August and traveled to the farthest Eastern city in Italy, Otronto.....Keep the news coming to soper@flash.net or fax: 713-524-4663.

Welcome New Members



Introduced at the meeting of September 20th, were, left to right, Robert E. Vanzant (Physicians – Family Medicine); Joel Levine (Government-County Children’s Services); Steven D. Day (Healthcare-Marketing); Kristal Casey (Business Services-Workplace Health) and Chataqua Allen (Foundations-Education-Health). A hearty welcome to one and all.

Wells Lauds Lucrezi Upon Exit From Rotary

To those who missed a recent Thursday luncheon announcement or a notice in “Rotary This Week”, the sad news is that Kate Lucrezi resigned as Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Houston effective September 14th to pursue other career goals.

For past club president Jack Wells, who has worked with all four club execs during his 45 years of chairing various club service committees – he is the current chair of this monthly post card bulletin - the departure of Kate Lucrezi is a great loss.

From her first days with our club, Kate very quickly became our authority on Rotary while fashioning perhaps the best administrative staff in club history with the addition of Administrative Marketing Coordinator Geraldine Mullins. And it was not just more efficient operation and greater support for club members that resulted, Kate went further by setting in motion some noteworthy innovations, the likes of which no previous executive director had provided the club.

One was New Member Orientation. After several revisions that ranged from an hour long Power Point presentation that left new members brain dead – they all recovered – to a full hour of simple welcoming conversation. Kate recently launched a blend of the two – a brief presentation on the operation and history of Rotary and our club followed by a half hour visitation. A very practical program.

The second was our web page, first launched three years ago, it now bears creative upgrades which properly reflect the distinctive character and high quality of communication of our Rotary Club of Houston.

The third, and likely the most difficult for her successor to emulate has been Kate’s gracious and genuinely welcoming presence at each Thursday luncheon. Once all the meeting details were completed, Kate would move about the room greeting all who accepted her attention. And the faces of Red Badgers, and even some of our most senior members, would beam upon receiving Kate’s friendly greeting. Were her efforts necessary, beneficial? Wells thought so, seeing it as an effective technique toward letting all 300 of our club members know that their individual membership is important and appreciated.

Wells doesn’t claim that Kate Lucrezi’s tour of duty was the “Golden Age” of Houston Rotary, but for him the absence of that striking personality, who was the Rotary Club of Houston, will most assuredly dim the setting at future Thursday luncheon meetings.