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Carol Hill, secretary to the Director of Business Management, receives the Marilyn J. Bocking award for secretarial excellence from JSC Director George Abbey.

Hill receives top secretary honors

Carol Hill, secretary to the Director of Business Management recently received the Marilyn J. Bocking award for secretarial excellence. Hill was recognized for her competence in dealing with the overall business responsibilities of the center.

James Shannon, director of business management, stated, "Carol brings to this senior position the highest of personal and professional integrity, polished technical skills in providing leadership to the directorate secretarial staff and a genuine caring attitude for others."

Shannon also stated that Hill, "has organized and structured the flow of correspondence and reporting through the directorate office in a highly competent and professional manner."

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JSC ready for Savings Bond campaign

JSC is ready to kick off its annual Savings Bond campaign on Monday. "I'm pleased to announce the beginning of the 1998 U.S. Savings Bond Campaign at JSC and encourage your participation in this worthwhile effort," said JSC Director George Abbey. "The purchase of savings bonds is important both to the well-being of the nation's economy and to the personal savings programs of individuals."

The purchase of savings bonds is a transaction where both the buyer and seller profit. Interest rates are market based and are adjusted every 6 months, climbing as market rates increase. Each May 1 and November 1, the Treasury announces the rate which is 90 percent of the average 5-year Treasury security yields for the 6 months before the rate announcement. Bonds earn those rates right from the start; the current

rate is 5.59 percent. Bonds cashed before 5 years are subject to a three-month interest penalty.

"The purchase of U.S. Savings Bonds is an investment in tomorrow," Abbey said.

"The program provides numerous other advantages. Interest earned, for example, is not subject to state or local taxes, and Federal tax liability can be deferred until the bonds are cashed. In addition, when bonds are redeemed for the purpose of financing higher education—yours or your children's—interest earned under some circumstances is completely tax free. I encourage each of you to talk to your organization's representative to learn more about the Savings Bond program," he continued.

"Our campaign will run May 11-25, during which time you will receive more information about the program," Abbey noted. "NASA's goals this

year are to have a 5 percent increase in the number of employees participating; a 10 percent increase in the level of savings by current participants; and a 50 percent or more level of participation. I encourage all employees who do not now participate to consider this investment alternative. For those of you who already participate, I encourage you to consider increasing your payroll deductions," he said.

Campaign coordinator Teresa Sullivan said bonds are available in \$100, \$250, \$500 and \$1000 increments and the minimum biweekly allotment is \$3.75

"I look forward to your support and commitment to this very important program, Abbey said. If you have questions about U.S. Savings Bonds, contact your directorate campaign coordinator or Teresa Sullivan at x31034."

People on the Move

Human Resources reports the following personnel changes as of April 25, 1998:

Key Management Assignments

Mark Hammerschmidt was selected as chief, Guidance, Navigation and Control Design and Analysis Branch, Engineering Directorate.

Cliff Hess was named chief, Special Projects Office, Engineering Directorate.

Betsy Hodges was selected as chief, Supply and Materials Branch, Center Operations Directorate.

Dave Ladrach was selected as manager, Engineering Products Office, Space Shuttle Program Office.

Rich Rodriguez was selected as chief, Crew Station Branch, Space and Life Sciences Directorate.

Additions to the Workforce

John Ira Petty joins the Public Affairs Office as a public affairs specialist.

Connie McLendon joins the Transportation Branch in the Center Operations Directorate as a secretary.

Promotions

Debra Eaton was selected as the secretary of the Institutional Business Management Office.

Debra Wilson was selected as the secretary of the Occupational Safety and Institutional Assurance Division in the Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office.

Linda Green was selected as the secretary to the manager, White Sands Test Facility.

Reassignments Between Directorates

Chris Gerty moves from the Engineering Directorate to the Mission Operations Directorate.

Peter Bethke moves from the International Space Station Program Office to the Engineering Directorate.

Dave Whittle moves from the Safety, Reliability, and Quality Assurance Office to the Space Shuttle Program Office.

Dalia Riojas moves from the Mission Operations Directorate to the International Space Station Program Office.

Reassignments to Other Centers

Chris Popp of the Engineering Directorate moves to the Marshall Space Flight Center.

Jack Bullman of the International Space Station Program Office moves to the Marshall Space Flight Center.

President salutes public employees

President Bill Clinton saluted the millions of Americans who devote their time and talents to public service in a special Public Service Recognition Week (May 4-10) message this past week.

"Public service is among the most noble—and demanding—of vocations," the President wrote. "Throughout my years in government, I have been privileged to know and work with extraordinary men and women who have recognized both the responsibilities of public service and the opportunities it offers to improve the quality of life for others."

"Day in and day out, in a variety of settings and at every level of government, these quiet heroes work to give their fellow citizens the tools and opportunities to make the most of their lives," Clinton wrote. "Providing vital family, health, and educational services, improving transportation and water quality, defending our freedom and preserving our environment, each day public employees meet the needs of a dynamic and diverse population. They have succeeded in making government work better and cost less, in forging effective partnerships at all levels of the government, and in honoring the trust placed in them by their fellow citizens."

"On behalf of a grateful nation, I salute America's public employees for the hope and help you bring to individuals, families and communities every day. You have dedicated your skills and energy to fulfill America's bright promise for all our people, and you have rightly earned the respect and lasting appreciation of all those you have served."

Krishen appointed to medical physicists board

The Texas Board of Licensure for Medical Physicists recently appointed JSC's Kumar Krishen to its ranks.

The board oversees licensing and licensing procedures for professional medical physicists and processes complaints.

Krishen, chief technologist for the technology transfer and commercialization office at JSC, is responsible for developing strategies for joint research and technology projects and plans with other

NASA centers, industries, universities and other government agencies. Krishen also represents JSC as the principal technologist on the NASA Council on Science and Technology.

Krishen earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physics, a masters degree in radio physics and electronics, and a doctorate in electronics.

Krishen was appointed to an unfilled position on the board through January 1999.

Dates & Data

May 8

Space society meets: The Clear Lake chapter of the National Space Society will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 8 at the Radisson Hotel, 9100 Gulf Fwy. in the Deer Park room. Dr. Kenneth Cox, assistant to the director, engineering directorate, will speak on "A Futurist' Perspective for Space." For additional information, call Murray Clark at 367-2227.

Astronomers meet: The JSC Astronomical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. May 8 at the Center for Advanced Space Studies, 3600 Bay Area Blvd. Jim Morrison will speak on celestial time keeping. For details, call Chuck Shaw at x35416.

May 12

ISS media workshop: Reporters and editors from around the world will be at JSC May 12-14 for an International Space Station Media Workshop. Televised briefings on NASA TV and demonstrations are planned. For more information, call the JSC Newsroom at x35111.

NPMA meets: The National Property Management Association will meet at 5 p.m. May 12 at

Robinette and Doyle Caterers, 216 Kirby in Seabrook. Dinner costs \$14. For details, call Sina Hawsey at x36582.

Aero club meets: The Bay Area Aero Club will meet at 7 p.m. May 12 at the Houston Gulf Airport clubhouse at 2750 FM 1266 in League City. For additional information, call Larry Henderson at x32050.

May 13

Spaceland Toastmasters meet: The Spaceland Toastmasters will meet at 7 a.m. May 13 at the House of Prayer Lutheran Church. For details, call George Salazar at x30162.

Communicators meet: The Clear Lake Communicators will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 13. For information and location, contact Henry Duke at 280-4403 or Melissa Sommers at 332-0698.

Spaceteam Toastmasters meet: The Spaceteam Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 13 at United Space Alliance, 600 Gemini. For details, call Chuck Kubricht at 282-3908 or Brian Collins at x35190.

Astronomers meet: The JSC

Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon May 13 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. An open discussion meeting is planned. For more information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

PSI meets: The Clear Lake NASA Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will meet at 5:30 p.m. May 13 at Bay Oaks Country Club. Cost is \$21 for dinner. For information, call Elaine Kemp at x30556.

May 20

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MAES meets: The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 20 at Bldg 16 Rm. 111. For details, call George Salazar at x30162.

Astronomers meet: The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon May 20 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. An open discussion meeting is planned. For additional information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

Scuba club meets: The Lunafins will meet at 7:30 p.m. May 20 at Pot Pie Pizzeria at Watergate Marina. For additional information, call Mike Manering at x32618.

May 21

Child care board: The Space Family Education board of directors for the JSC Child Care Center will meet at 11:30 a.m. May 21 in Bldg. 45, Rm. 712D. For additional information on this open meeting, call Gretchen Thomas at x37664.

SHPE meets: The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will meet at 6:30 p.m. May 21. For additional information and location, call Juan Anaya at 587-6824.

AIAA meets: The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics will meet at 7 p.m. May 21 at the Gilruth Center grand ballroom. Jim Adamson, chief operating officer for United Space Alliance, will speak on "Shuttle Privatization." The social begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. Reservations are required by May 15. For details, call Janet Stewart at 333-6724 or Nellie Moen at x30934.

May 27

Astronomy seminar: The JSC Astronomy Seminar will meet at noon May 27 in Bldg. 31, Rm. 129. Dr. Larry Friesen will speak on "Hypervelocity Impact with Light Gas Guns." For additional information, call Al Jackson at x35037.

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