

Mission Control veteran Randy Stone named Deputy Director

Randy Stone, a 34-year veteran of Mission Control and Johnson Space Center, has been named Deputy Director of Johnson Space Center by JSC Acting Director Roy Estess.

Stone began his career with NASA in 1967, developing landing and recovery equipment for the manned lunar landings of the Apollo Program. He most recently has served as JSC's Acting Associate Director of Management. In between, Stone has held positions in Mission Control as a Flight Controller, Flight Director and Chief Flight Director. In senior management, his positions have included Director of Mission operations before being named to the Acting Associate Center Director post in July.

"Randy is one of the foremost experts in the world on human space

flight and he has played key roles for over three decades in the success of space exploration and the Johnson Space Center," Estess said. "His adept leadership already has been proven and he is a natural for this position."

Stone's work at JSC has included contributions to the Apollo Program, Skylab Program, Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, Space Shuttle Program and International Space Station Program. Stone is a native of Brownsville, Texas, and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in 1967.

As JSC Deputy Director, Stone shares the responsibilities of the Center Director and serves as Acting Director when necessary. The Deputy Director plans, organizes and controls activities required to meet all JSC goals and objectives. ■



JSC collects toys for New York

By Aaron Wyatt

When JSC Co-op Becky Mairoano went home to New Jersey over the Columbus Day holiday weekend, she better understood the result of the terrorist attacks on New York City.

"I was exposed to a much more direct impact from the attacks than I have been here in Texas," she said.

Mairoano was one of several Co-op students who helped JSC collect toys for the children affected by the events of Sept. 11. "I thought about the toy drive and how it is going to help these children get through a rough holiday in the near future."

The citywide drive, supported by area businesses, benefitted children whose parents were killed in September. JSC had several collection bins on-site at both the cafeterias and Gilruth Center. The Marine Corps Toys for Tots and the Red Cross were also instrumental in collecting toys.

Karen Frank, Chief of the GN&C Development & Test Branch, described how Mark McDonald got the idea for the toy drive: "The toy drive was created as the result of a video clip from New York in which a newly-widowed mother of two asked, 'Who will be Santa for my children this year?'"

McDonald's instinctive reply to the clip was, "I will." He presented the idea of a toy drive to Center Management. After some negotiation, the drive was set.

"Within hours of suggesting the idea to my Division Chief, I had escalated through Directorate to Legal, Personnel and the to the Center Director's Office," said McDonald. "Everyone said, 'Go.'"

And they were off. Victoria Vinci prepared graphics and posters. Co-ops helped get the word out and collected toys each night from bins on-site. Monalisa Norton drove to McAllen, Texas, to pick up toys from a supporting drive.

Frank stepped forward to coordinate the efforts of JSC. Several contractors agreed to do drives at their sites as well. The collections at United Space Alliance and Lockheed Martin accounted for 50 percent of the drive. George Davis (USA) and West Womack (LM) helped lead their organizations' efforts.

The team effort collected about \$50,000 of new toys and \$3,000 of used toys. The new toys were delivered to New York and the used toys were donated to local charities for flood victims.

"The total team includes a lot of people beyond JSC and extends all of the way to the wives and husbands who support our endeavors," McDonald said.

ENGINEERS WEEK APPROACHING: VOLUNTEERS NEED

By Aaron Wyatt

As the time of giving quickly approaches, make plans to donate your time and volunteer for Engineers Week 2002.

National Engineers Week, Feb. 17-23, is an annual event to help raise awareness and appreciation of engineers and their work. Volunteer registration begins Jan. 2 on the Engineers Week web page. Registration ends Jan. 24.

Any civil servant or contractor interested is encouraged to participate. Volunteers can be from any field, although focus is placed on technical-type issues.

Last year, 133 JSC volunteers reached out to more than 10,000 area students in grades 4-12. The event increased student interest in engineering, technology, science and mathematics with presentations to local schools. By using hands-on demonstrations, JSC engineers gave of their time with

the hope of getting students excited about the field of engineering and creating a public awareness about engineers and what they do.

Each volunteer will need to attend a training session, scheduled for Jan. 23 and 24. Volunteers may present throughout the month of February, not just during Engineers Week.



For more information on volunteering for Engineers Week, contact Anne Roemer at x32929 or Teresa Gomez at x39588.

You gotta have heart!

The Human Test Subject Facility is currently recruiting healthy men and women 45 years and older with no known personal history of heart disease.

Volunteers will participate in a non-invasive cardiovascular study investigating a new type of computerized electrocardiography called "high frequency QRS electrocardiography." This new computerized ECG method is being studied as a possible way to more sensitively detect coronary artery disease that conventional 12-lead electrocardiography can't.

Interested and qualified participants will complete a questionnaire, have blood drawn (for a free cholesterol screening) and be given a brief physical examination that includes the study's 10-minute, computerized ECG test. The non-invasive ECG test will be repeated by itself a second time in six to 12 months. All activities related to the study will occur in Bldg. 37.

For additional information, please call Linda Byrd, RN, at x37284, or Rori Yager, RN, at x37240. ■

From the Equal Opportunity Office

In the past, we have had the privilege of having entertainers performed at the Holiday Extravaganza program. Unfortunately, due to the heavy security restrictions this year, we will not have any entertainers. However, from Dec. 10-21, we will celebrate the holiday season with taped holiday music in the Bldg. 3 Cafeteria during the lunch hour (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). The cafeteria stage wall will be decorated for the holiday season and, once again, the U.S. Marine Corps will provide donation barrel for toy collection in conjunction with their "Toys for Tots" program. All employees are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys in support of this worthwhile endeavor.