

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

Atlantis being prepped for move to VAB next week



Employees invited to mission presentation by STS-103 crew



▲ **Shuttle Update:** The orbiter **Atlantis** is the vehicle flying on the next mission, STS-101. Currently in the OPF bay 3, Atlantis is scheduled to move to the VAB on Monday, March 13, and out to Launch Pad 39A on Saturday, March 18.

▲ **Mission Presentation:** All KSC employees are invited to attend a presentation by the STS-103 crew on Tuesday, March 7, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Training Auditorium. The astronauts' presentation will include a video and slides of their mission to service the Hubble Space Telescope. STS-103 crew members expected to appear are Pilot Scott Kelly, Payload Commander/ Mission Specialist Steve Smith, and Mission Specialists Mike Foale and John Grunsfeld. Representing the European Space Agency are Mission Specialists Claude Nicollier and Jean-Francois Clervoy.

◆ **Blood Donation:** Space Gateway Support (SGS) will be sponsoring a blood drive with the Central Florida Blood Bank at the following places on CCAFS this week:

- ♥ March 7 – OB Bldg., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- ♥ March 8 – AM Bldg., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- ♥ March 9 – ITL Warehouse, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

If you need additional information, contact Claire Deems at 853-5485, or send an e-mail to claire.f.deems@jbossc.ksc.nasa.gov.

◆ **Federal Women's Program Working Group Breakfast:** Buses will be available for employees to get to the Saturn V Facility for the 8 a.m. breakfast March 9. Building and time of departure are as follows:
CIF – 7:20 a.m.; HQ – 7:30 a.m.; O&C – 7:40 a.m.;

SSPF – 7:45 a.m.; Logistic – 7:30 a.m.; OSB – 7:40 a.m.
Arrive at Saturn V Facility at 7:50 a.m.
Be sure to look for Apollo/Saturn V placards on the buses.
Buses will return at 9:45 and 10:15 a.m.

◆ **Nominate Scholars:** The Space Coast Chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW) is awarding scholarships to high school and/or college students who are currently attending college or enrolling in the fall semester 2000. Students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered. Applications should be received by March 24, 2000. For additional information or an application, please contact Jane Eitel/EC-A at 867-3577; Jean Rhodes/AJ at 867-3382; or Christy Vanasse/NN at 857-6449.

◆ **Good food, rides, games, and entertainment! It's KSC's All-American Picnic, Saturday, April 15, at Kars I.** To help make it a day of great fun for the whole family, **volunteers are needed!** Anyone willing to spend as little as 2 hours on the day of the picnic, please send an e-mail to "All American Pic-Nic" (on the Global Address list) and include your name and phone number; or call Scott Colloredo at 867-2674 or Mary Baldwin at 867-6963.



◆ **Reminder:** As of March 1, customers placing telephone trouble calls and requests for service at KSC should call 7-ODIN (7-6346).

◆ **Did You Know?** Many weather factors govern Shuttle launches and landings. Read all about them on page 5 of the next *Spaceport News*, this Friday, March 10.

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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