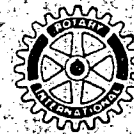


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ROTARY THEME OF 1972-73 "LET'S TAKE A NEW LOOK" by ROY HICKMAN, R.I. PRESIDENT

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THINGS TO COME

MONDAY, DEC. 18TH. The 46 member symphonic chorale of the CLEAR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL under the direction of MILTON PULLEN will be with us. Much has been said about this outstanding group of students and we look with much pleasure their being with us. By all means bring a guest!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20TH. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY at King's Inn. In order to get everyone excited over this annual event, the committee in charge ordered special invitations to be mailed to all the ROTARY-ANNS rather than to the club member. In this way the member will have no excuse for failing to tell his Rotary Ann about the party. Now ain't that a dandy way to get a 100% attendance ??? Martin Gracey is handling the ticket sale - call 483-4913. He will need a "head count" several days prior to the 20th. There will be plenty of door prizes - several big ones!! See you there!! Oh yes, it was decided that only club members and their wives (or the equivalent) will be entitled to come to this year's shindig! So no guests, please! Lots of surprises planned!

MONDAY, DEC. 25TH. CHRISTMAS DAY. NO MEETING!

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MONDAY, JAN. 1ST. NEW YEARS DAY. NO MEETING!

NEW MEMBERS ARE NEEDED!

... HEAR YE, HEAR YE! ... The membership committee chaired by CHAS. WHYNOT is beginning to stomp its feet and we don't much blame them because our club is in dire need of new members if we are to meet the goal set by President George DeMontrold!

Do you enjoy the fellowship of Rotary?

Do you want to see ROTARY move forward?

IF your answer is YES - then accept the CHALLENGE of sponsoring one qualified man to become a Rotarian during the month of January, 1973!!!!!!

ACCEPT THIS CHALLENGE AND GET TO WORK!

In WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE our club is on the ball. Under the direction of AL BRADY this committee has purchased some audio visual equipment for use in the LICEO NOCTURNO De MEJILLONES COLLEGE in Antofagasta, Chile. The equipment includes both slide and movie projectors and tape recorder - together valued in excess of \$500.00. Shipment is being held up pending approval of the import into that country without import duty. This should be arranged soon by the proper consul office. This project was selected by our club when the International office of Rotary received request for such equipment from the Mejillones Rotary Club in Chile. A most worthy project and we are proud of this type committee action. Another feather in the Space Center Rotary Cap!

PROPOSALS FOR MEMBERSHIP... and approved by the board:

R. LAMAR CHANDLER
JOHN F. KNIGHT

C.P.A. Service
Air Force Advisor

Any questions or comments concerning these candidates should be directed to our president or secretary prior to initiation date of January 8, 1973.

VISITING ROTARIAN FROM FAR-OFF... LYLE W. BENTZEN on December 4th from the Rotary Club of Sheridan, Wyoming. Was good having you, Lyle. Hurry back to TEXAS!

The best Yule gifts are those tied with heartstrings! ... Did you ever meet a hospital patient who wouldn't like to bite the hand that feeds him? ... and why do so many folks spout off about capital and labor when they never did any labor and never had any capital? (all by The Scandal Sheet-reprints)

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Happy Birthday!

AL NAUMANN	DEC. 14
DICK CHANDLER	" 16
ROY ILES	" 17
DICK GREGG	" 19
CURTIS REDMAN	" 20
DICK DOWNS	" 22
JACK BRIDWELL	" 25
GENE HORTON	" 28
BILL SPENCER	" 29
DAN SMITH	" 30
FRED WADDELL	" 31



WOW! What a distinguished group!
Is there a cake in the house?

OH-OH, here come those AGGIES!

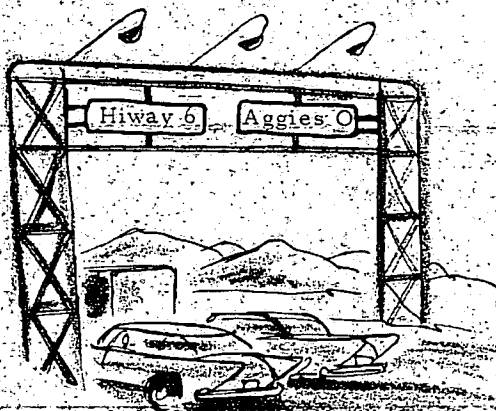
(Question): What is a devoted AGGIE?

(Answer): A devoted AGGIE? Is there any other kind???

...hear about the AGGIE that fathered four sets of twins and sued for divorce on the grounds that his wife was over-bearing?

...or the AGGIE who thought a mushroom was a place to neck?

...or the AGGIE who thought it was unlucky to be superstitious?



It has been said that ONE out of every FOUR Americans is mentally ill. IF three of your friends are okay, buddy YOU'RE in trouble! (Rotary News, Marshall, Minn.)

At Christmas time the Big Brothers organization of Houston give a big party for fatherless Little Brothers. However, Big Brothers are in need of men to pick up and take a little brother to the party, OR for the small cost of \$10 you can give a Little Brother a night of fun, a good dinner, gifts and prizes. What better way to give at Christmas time! If interested, phone Ralph Lojo at Big Brothers at 529-4627. Bless ya!

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER, LARRY ROWE, sponsored by Gene Lindquist. Born in Texas City, graduate of Clear Creek High School in 1969 and the Commonwealth College of Mortuary Sciences in March of 1972. His classification is "Funeral Director". His wife is Cathey and they live at the Kon-Tiki Apts in League City. We welcome Larry into ROTARY and note him to be the youngest member ever initiated into the Space Center Club (age 21).

WE WILL MISS: ... member, Col. Walter W. Pine, who has just been transferred by the USAF from Ellington Field to the Van Nuys International Air Base (Calif) where he will be the Airforce Senior Advisor for the 146th Tactical Air-lift Wing - Calif. ANG. We will miss Walt. He was a fine and active Space Center member and we do hope he finds membership in Rotary near his new home base. Let us hear from you Walt! Good luck!

Then there was the AGGIE who invested heavily in frozen radio dinners.

An AGGIE left home to get out on his own and upon arriving in a big city read a big city newspaper for the first time. After reading the page of obituaries he scratched his head and muttered, "That's mighty strange!" The next day he again read the days paper and again the obituary column and then exclaimed, "Well I'll be darned, it happened again!" The third day he again read the days paper and again the obituary page, jumped up and down and commented out loud, "This is amazing! The folks in these big towns die alphabetic-ally!!!"

A TRIBUTE: A retirement luncheon was held honoring BOB MALONEY, Executive Director of the Houston Metropolitan YMCA, in the Grand Ballroom of the Sonesta Hotel on Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Bob spent 44 years with the "Y" - his last 23 with the Houston "Y". Bob and his Rotary-Ann, Marie, were both gifted well by their many friends and business associates. It is most noteworthy to mention that Bob has been a member of the Houston Downtown Rotary club since 1949. Hats off to this grand American citizen and Rotarian. - We wish them both many years of happy retirement!

Dr. Willis M. Tate, Chancellor, Southern Methodist University in Dallas, was asked by an incoming freshman student, "What, Sir, does a Chancellor do?" Surprised and in a bit of shock Dr. Tate replied, "He stands around and chancels, what else???"

IMAGINE! ... During August and September this year, 52 new Rotary Clubs were chartered in 24 countries:

Republic of Germany	8	The following had 1:
Australia	6	Argentina; Austria;
Brazil	5	Belgium; Denmark;
England	5	Fiji Islands; Ireland;
Japan	5	Columbia; Peru
India	4	Netherlands;
Italy	2	Norway; Sweden;
USA	2	Switzerland;
		Panama; Uruguay;
		Wales & W. Indies

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