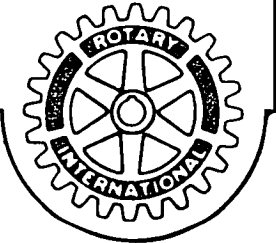


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News Bulletin for the
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DISTRICT 589



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"Rotary brings hope"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

Responsibility for Apr.: Charles Post

APRIL 20, 1987

- APR 20 **Harvill Weller, Attorney.** "Tort Reform: The Injured Man's Perspective"
- APR 27 Details to be announced about visit of Norwegian Rotarians

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF APRIL 6: A Space Center Rotary banner and a warm hand of fellowship was extended to Bobby Srinivas, Governor of Rotary District 314 in Nagpur, India.

Charles Post introduced our speaker, Nat Eisenburg, the "Main Street Economist", who gave one of the most outrageously humorous and informative speeches in recent memory-- we even stayed until 1:30 to hear his address. (Late bulletin: He was still talking non-stop when there were only 2 people there at 2 PM!) Mr. Eisenburg urged us all to get back to non-leveraged basics of finance and attacked:

Democrats- who tax and spend

Republicans- who borrow and spend and

Wall Street Yuppies- who are out of touch with economic reality.

He sees less quantity but better quality of everything in the Houston area now that the financial promiscuity of the oil boom days is over. In the next 2-3 years he sees those who aren't lean and mean going out of business and those who are lean and mean seeing some expansion by picking up customers from those who don't make it.

(A continuation of this report on page 2 with photos on page 3)

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

- 4/20 Ron Niksich/Jim McDonald
4/27 Jerry Smith/Bill Walker
5/4 Johnny White/Jim McDonald
5/11 Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler

- Kirk Koepsel/Jack Denike
Ron Niksich/Jim McDonald
Jerry Smith/Bill Walker
Johnny White/Jim McDonald

FACING THE MUSIC TERMINATIONS

This is a Rotary Club, part of a world-wide organization. Over the years certain requirements have been found to be very important to the strength and successful operation of a local club. Of these, ATTENDANCE is a foremost one.

After years of trying to cajole those with poor attendance records, your Board of Directors has reluctantly come to the conclusion that this club must henceforth follow the wise plan that Rotary International had us put in our constitution and bylaws long ago.

Two listed causes for automatic termination of your membership are: 1) Missing 4 consecutive meetings without makeup, and 2) Failure to maintain a minimum of 60% attendance. (Please turn to page 4 for a fuller explanation, including procedure for reinstatement)

PROGRAM NOTES (Continued from p. 1.) --by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF APRIL 6 (Cont'd): Houston hasn't quite hit bottom yet but has lost 210,000 jobs that will never be replaced with jobs of the same caliber.

MEETING OF APRIL 13: Randy Hopkins and Mike McKinney (on Harmonica) led the best singing yet by our club of "Oh My Darling Clementine".

Al Jowid introduced Coach Angie Chivers of the Clear Lake High School girls volley ball team that has won Texas State Championships 2 of the last 4 years and has made the finals all 4 years. Coach Chivers introduced this outstanding group of 7 young ladies plus the coaches of the Freshman and Sophomore teams.

Carlos Villagomez presented a \$1000 check from our club to "Centro Guadelupano" representatives Margie Carrasco and Santos Garcia. The Centro has land in League City and will soon be opening a non-profit community center which will provide counseling, legal advice, job training and social service referrals to low income people in the greater Bay Area.

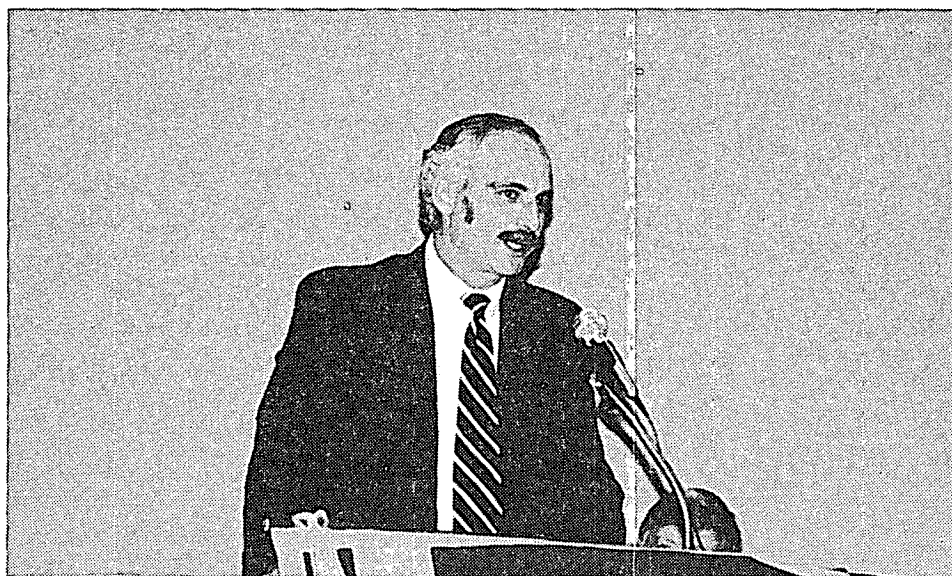
The main program was devoted to subsidence. Hal Neely introduced Ron Neighbors, General Manager of the Houston-Galveston Coastal Subsidence District. In a word, the S. E. Harris /Galveston County area we live in is sinking into Galveston Bay. Legislation and programs currently in force have stopped the subsidence in many areas and slowed down the rate in the Clear Lake-Seabrook area. Seabrook and Nassau Bay are particularly vulnerable to being under water by the year 2020.

Texas Senate Bill 909 and House Bill 1704 are being considered at present and would exempt cities with less than 20,000 population from subsidence controls. Hal urged us to all write a letter NOW to:

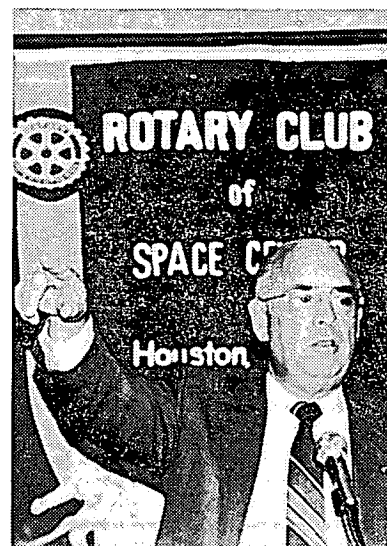
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P. O. Box 12068
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(Harris County)

Senator Chet Brooks
P. O. Box 12068
Austin TX 78711
(Seabrook/Galveston County)

to urge that this bill not be passed. Most towns in our area have fewer than 20,000 and pumping of ground water in a nearby community affects us here.



Golf ••• ○



Golf Chairman Bob Frost has announced a series of play actions coming up:

4/20 District 589 Golf Tournament at Weston Lakes Country Club

5/1 District Convention Golf in New Orleans

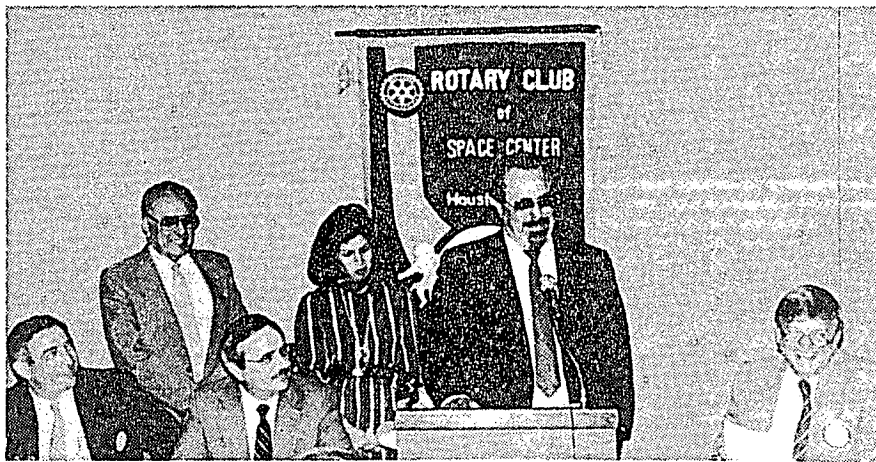
5/7 Space Center Rotary Golf Fellowship Scramble at Clear Lake Country Club (4 Man Scramble)

May 11 LaPorte Rotary Charity Golf at South Shore Harbor. (4 Man Scramble)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MIKE HESSE	4/21
ROBBYE WALDRON	4/29
JOHN TOWNER	4/30
JERRY HAMMACK	5/2
BOB MONTGOMERY	5/2

Director Don Robison recently resigned from the Board. Editor Tom Wier had been elected to fill Don's slot starting in July. The Board elected to have Tom start now.



1. Centro Guadalupano 2. Ron Neighbors 3. Dr. David Taylor 4. Chivers

MARCH'S \$50 CONTRIBUTORS



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MORE ON RESIGNATIONS AND TERMINATIONS

THESE EXERPTS FROM RECENT TERMINATION LETTERS EXPLAIN THE SITUATION:

(Re: 4 consecutive meetings:)

"This is a notice of your termination from our club, effective immediately. Section 5A of our Rotary Club Constitution states that expulsion from membership is automatic when a member misses 4 consecutive meetings, unless he made up as prescribed in the Constitution, Section 5, or for good and sufficient reasons."

"The Board hates to lose you as a member, but is required to take this action. An appeal of this action can be made by writing a letter to the Board and enclosing a \$25.00 reinstatement fee. You are also welcome to appear at one of our regular board meetings and present reasons for your absence. The Board has the right to waive the reinstatement fee if it feels the reasons are sufficient."

"Our Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month at the Hilton on NASA Rd One at 7 AM. We encourage you to come and talk to us because we value your active membership, help in our community and world philanthropy, and want to continue our association."

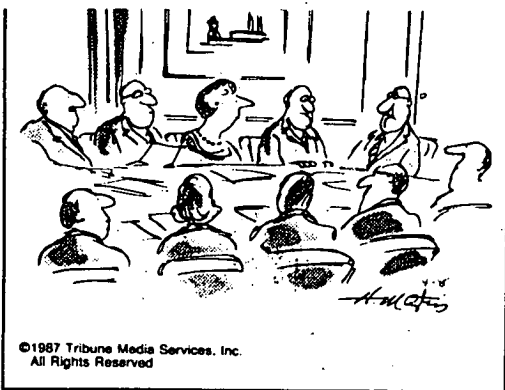
(Re: 60 % Attendance)

"I have the unpleasant duty of sending you this notice of termination from our club, immediately, due to your attendance record. Our Constitution, in Article VIII Section V (b), states that the membership of any active, senior active, or past service member whose attendance is less than 60% during the first or second six months of the club's fiscal year shall automatically terminate unless he is excused by the Board for good and sufficient reasons"

"You may file an appeal and/or request reinstatement from the Board of Directors upon paying a \$25.00 reinstatement fee AND:

1. Sending a letter and the fee. However, if not approved or if the fee is waived, the check would be returned to you.
2. Appearing before the Board at a regular board meeting, which is held at the Hilton on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 AM. Please contact the club president about getting on the agenda for a particular meeting.

"We have enjoyed fellowship with you and hope that you will apply for reinstatement. We need your help and support."



"If there is no more discussion, then let's put it to a vote. All those in favor of sending for their free catalog say 'aye.'"

**Do Yourself a Favor.
Attend a Rotary Board
Meeting.**

MARCH'S \$50 CONTRIBUTORS

**New Contributors
still step forward to
participate, as you
will note from this
month's list.**

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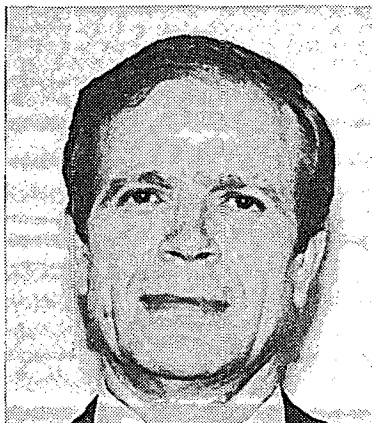
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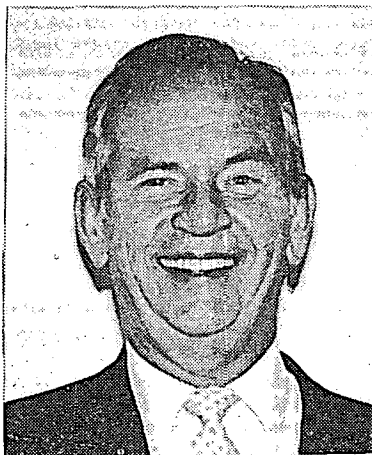
DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

John Watson. John has been a Rotarian for the last 8 years, participating actively in the Shrimporree and other activities. He has been a director of the club for more than 5 years and is our current treasurer. He is retired from the Air Force, where he "flew airplanes" and had engineering responsibilities. John is chairman of the International Business Ventures Committee for the Economic Development Foundation for the Bay Area, which is encouraging foreign and domestic businesses to move into the Bay Area. He and wife Carolyn have 3 daughters. In his "spare time" he is building an airplane with Owen Morris.



Don Kirk. Don joined Space Center Rotary in 1964. He has been secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and was president in 1975-76. He is chairman of the Program Committee, chairman of the Rotary Foundation Committee, and has been Auction Chairman at the Shrimporree since its inception. He is president of Security Bank. He and his wife Maclyn have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. It is obvious that Don enjoys golfing, and in his spare time he has been the president of the CL Chamber of Commerce, president of Freeman Library, and (hold your breath) King of the Lunar Rendezvous.



Bob Lindgren. Bob has been a Rotarian for 9 years total, and with Space Center Rotary since 1984. He is on the youth committee and is actively involved with student exchange programs. Bob is the Senior Trust Officer for Bay Area Bank and Trust Co. He and his wife Irene have 4 children, ages 16 through 22, and one grandchild. Bob enjoys working around the house and in the yard (for some reason). He feels that Rotary affords special avenues to help other people, and "seeing their appreciation brings a true joy".



**WHERE
IS THE
BELL?
WILL ANY
PARTY WITH
KNOWLEDGE
THEREOF
PLEASE
SPEAK UP !**

1987 ROTARY DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE
"WAY DOWN YONDER IN NEW ORLEANS"
April 30, May 1 & 2, 1987
New Orleans Hilton



Space Center

WOMEN OF ROTARY

We were delighted to have five wives of Space Center Rotary's newest members be recent guests at our luncheons: Marilyn Burrow (Larry), Sue Taylor (Bill), Nancy McKinney (Michael), Debbie Lambert (Lanny), Carolyn Hopkin (Randy).

Our next luncheon date will be May 14th, when the Constitution and By-laws will be presented for approval. Call Ann Webb 474-2391 for reservations.

A WOMAN'S REFLECTIONS OF PRIDE-- Carolyn Watson

Driving home from the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement Banquet, I felt such a swelling of pride for the marvelous accomplishment that the Space Center Rotary Club had just achieved; pride that I knew this grand group of men with vision and courage to reach for such high goals.

It occurred to me that there is a difference between putting on a banquet for the community and the risk it took of doing something on a national scale. It was a FIRST -- That meant that Charles Hartman and his RNASA Committee had to chart a new course for others to follow in the years to come. Yes! Charles Hartman courageously took the lead on this monumental task and, with a sense of commitment and dedication, he followed it through with LONG hours to its wonderfully successful completion. Charles is to be commended for a very difficult job well done.

With all the swell of emotion I felt as we drove home, naturally it followed that a party was in order to honor the hardworking RNASA Committee. Marge Jacobson graciously agreed to have the party at her beautiful home in South Shores on Saturday April 18. With lasagne, salad and garlic bread on the menu and the gathering of such interesting people, the stage was set for an evening of fun and celebration!

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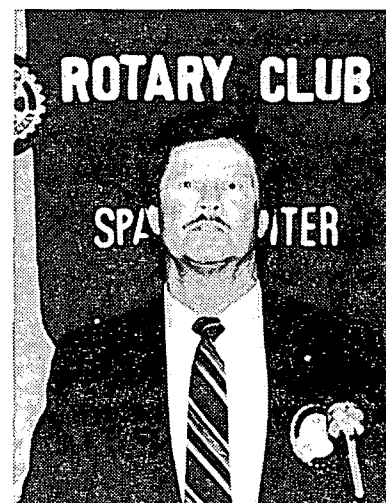
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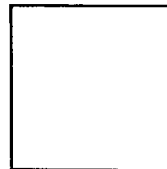
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POLIO-PLUS



Bob Wren has been regularly reporting on the Polio Plus program, a Rotary International effort to eliminate Polio and 5 other dreaded diseases world wide. We are selling \$10 tickets for a Lincoln Town Car to be raffled off at the District Convention. District 589 is also conducting a mass inoculation in Houston this summer to assure that everyone in our part of the world is taken care of even before the outreach begins in Africa, Asia and Latin America.



FIRST CLASS