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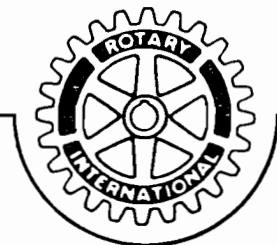
News Bulletin for the
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at 11:45 a.m.
Nassau Bay Hilton

DISTRICT 589

Rotary International President, Chuck Keller
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Club President, Jim McNatt
Editor, Tom Wier

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COMING EVENTS

Jack Catron, Program Chairman

Eddie Tarin, December

DEC 7 Noon

Dr. Robert F. Hodgins. "Economic Potential/
Growth in the Clear Lake Area."

Don't forget the chance to double your
money. RI matches the CASH you donate to
Polio Plus before 12/31.

DEC 9 5:15 PM

"Meet Our New Members" Social. Sun Realty. RSVP to
Eddie Harris by Dec. 7.

DEC 14 Noon

Senator Buster Brown. "What in the World
Happened in Austin?"

Don't forget the 12/31 deadline. Easy money!

DEC 16 6:00 PM

Annual Christmas Party. Frenchie's Villa Capri on the
Lake. Tickets \$25. (BYOB). Buy tickets by the Dec. 14th
meeting.

DEC 21 Noon

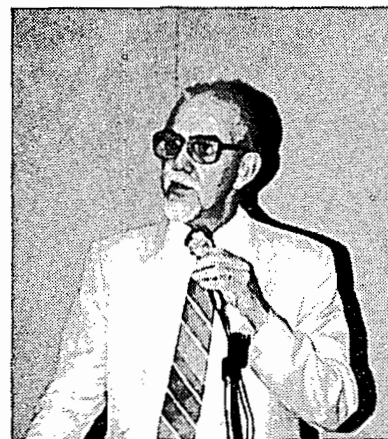
Nancy Lackey, St. John Hospital
Report on her trip and slide presentation on Belize.

DEC 28 Noon

Wine and Cheese Fellowship.

December 7, 1987

**HARTMAN ANNOUNCES 2ND
ANNUAL RNASA AWARD DINNER
FOR 2/19 (See p. 4)**



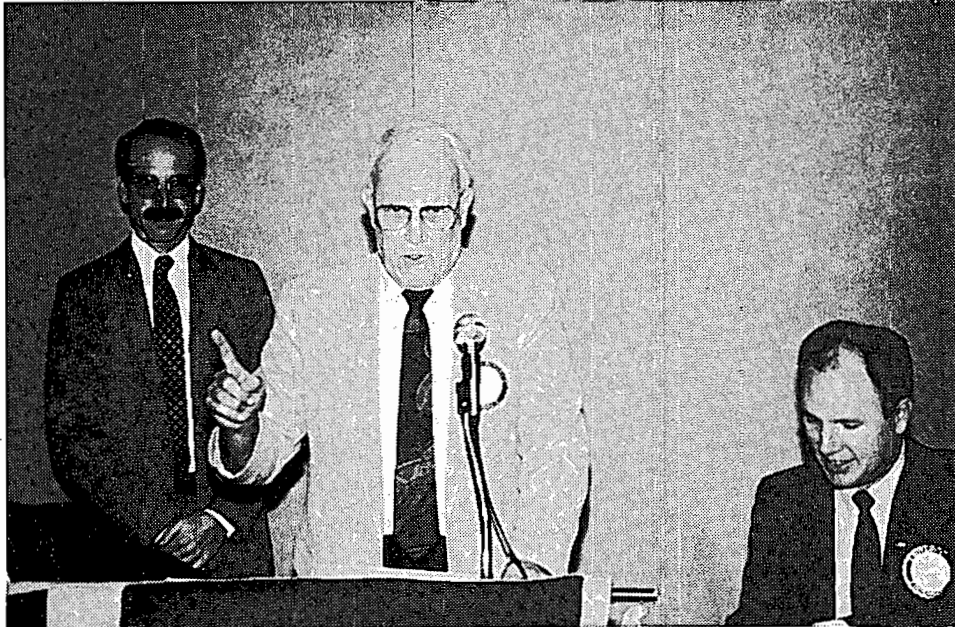
Notice to Committee
Chairmen:

Charles Hardwick, Treasurer,
and each of the Directors need
your help in conforming to the
requirement that all requests
for reimbursements or
expenditures must have the
approval of the appropriate
Director before the Treasurer
can issue a check.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS AND
DIRECTORS FOR 1988/ 1989
ARE IMMINENT.

Nominating Committee Chairman
Jim Hargrove hopes to have an
announcement today.

NEW MEMBERS



NEW MEMBERS

Pete O. Zamora, nicknamed "Poz", was inducted into the club on November 23 under the sponsorship of Billy Weseman. Poz is with Smith Raines Co., 16623 Sealark, Houston 77062, phone 486-1400 and is classified "Commercial Broker and Educator". Born in San Antonio, he and his wife Dolores now live at 13001 Nyack, #11522, Houston 77089, phone 481-2103. Pete or Poz, ask him which, attended the University of Colorado at Boulder. (Photos at left)

Louis Schwartz came into the club on Nov. 30 under the sponsorship of Rev. Bill Rittenhouse to fill the classification "Cemetery Management". He is, you see, the General Manager of Forest Park East on I-45, but his mail address is P. O. Box 670, League City TX 77573, phone 332-3111. He lives with his wife Jeri and young son at 2719 Mayflower in Webster. Although a native of New York, Louis attended Colorado State University and the University of Kentucky gathering a BS in Horticulture and an MS in Agriculture. Of course, some remarks had to be made about "You see where that led him" and "You'll do business with him sooner or later". Please try to get used to us, Louis. We are not all bad.

Jim Kennedy, the Director of Catering at our Hilton meeting place-- not the other Jim Kennedy we have, joined our club November 30 under the sponsorship of Jim Hargrove. In him we have a real live batchelor! Jim, be forewarned that some of our wives do read the Blastoff and they do have friends and you know how that goes. He lives at 16201 El Camino Real #21, Houston 77062, phone 480-5372.

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23: Dr. Myra Gochmour-Hooker, the first lady Rotarian in our club, gave a very interesting slide show and report on the Rotary Group Study Exchange program she participated in under the sponsorship of our club before she became a Rotarian.

She spent 6 weeks traveling around India by car, train, and jeep and visiting dozens of Rotary clubs and dental facilities (since she is a dentist). Her group was hosted in great style and with extremely warm friendliness--they were often welcomed ceremoniously with flowers and leis.

- Many Indian Rotary Clubs sponsor schools for the handicapped.
- Having many children is still the most common means of providing for one's security in later years.
- India is positive about the US but must keep on the good side of Russia.
- We are considered economic "spoiled brats" in the eyes of many Indians.
- One factory converts cow manure into methane gas for fuel.
- In the spirit of Rotary's GSE, Myra's group "went with good will, spread it abroad, and returned with understanding".

NOTE: Myra, along with Dick Novotny, was inducted as a club member November 16, a date when your Editor (and photographer) was stalled in Tulsa so that no pictures got taken. The one of Myra below giving her talk and the description of her background above can serve as her introduction. But DICK, I still need to get a picture of you and will present "the facts" on you then.



BE A SPORT! MAKEUP SOMEWHERE NEW

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MERV HUGHES AND FAMILY
EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION
FOR THE THOUGHTFULNESS
OF SPACE CENTER ROTARY
DURING THE ILLNESS AND
DEATH OF GINNY HUGHES

SPACE CENTER

WOMEN OF ROTARY

Our November meeting was well attended and members thoroughly enjoyed the program presented by St. John Hospital on stress management.

The next luncheon will be Thursday Dec. 10. We hope all who attend will bring a Xmas gift for Mario, the club's sponsored surgery patient from Mexico City. Mario, a burn victim, is 11 years old and will have another surgery on 12/10. Dr. Fustok described the general procedure of this plastic surgery at the club's meeting last Monday. Anne Webb will answer any questions about what to give when she calls you for reservations.--Also welcome to new member, Anita Gupta.

BIRTHDAYS

BILL BENNETT	12/7
SAM BOYD	12/7
TERRY HESSON	12/8
TIM SINGLETON	12/8
CHARLES WHYNOT	12/11
DAVID FRANZ	12/12
RAY PAWLIKOWSKI	12/13
CHARLES MAYFIELD	12/14
JOHN MCCARRON	12/15
ROY ILES	12/17
TOM CHAFFIN	12/26
JAMES HARLAN	12/29

PROGRAM NOTES (Cont'd from page 3)

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF NOVEMBER 30: When Ray Graham leads you in song, you know you've been led. Even if you were across town, you should have heard us all getting into "Jingle Bells" and "Smile, Sing a Song". Then Hal Neely updated us on Polio Plus. REMEMBER THIS IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO DOUBLE YOUR MONEY SINCE BOTH WHAT YOU GIVE (less 10% raffle cost) AND WHAT ROTARY INT'L MATCHES YOU WITH WILL BOTH COUNT TOWARD A PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIP OR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP-- IF THE CASH IS RECEIVED BEFORE DECEMBER 31. You get free raffle tickets besides, one for each \$10 donated.

Charles Hartman told us about plans for the 2nd Annual Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) to be held Feb. 19th at the Hyatt Regency. Tickets are \$200 each. This event raises funds for space-related education and draws positive public attention to the importance of continuing achievements in space. LET JOHN FRANCIS KNOW IF YOU WANT TO PURCHASE SPACE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAM.

Dr. Abdel Fustok reported on our "Plastic Surgery" program in co-sponsorship with St. John Hospital. Beneficiaries are 3rd world youth without financial means to correct deformities caused by birth defects or accidents, often burns, and whose country has no provision to perform the needed operation. We presently are helping with an 11-year old boy from Mexico who has been here for over 2 months.

After 2 new members were inducted (see page 2), Jay Welch introduced Floyd Boze, who substituted for Education Commissioner Kirby, who was fogged in at Austin. Floyd proceeded to cleverly re-introduce himself (at some length, of course, but in a spirit of humor--as this is, Floyd). Out of the "vapor" emerged these messages:

- Rotary is special not because of what it was but because of what it will be-- which is determined by the rejection of the "we can't do it" mentality and by going on to tackle big events such as the RNASA Dinner and its \$30,000 trophy.
- Spain, site of the 1992 Rotary International Convention, is the home of (only) 1400 Rotarians in 56 clubs. They would have more members if Rotary had not been barred for 39 years by Franco.



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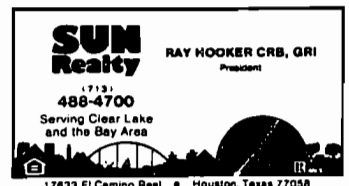
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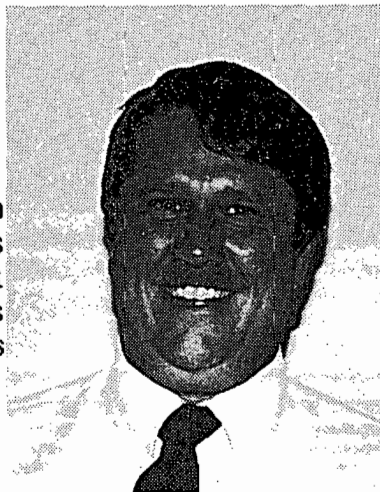


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TELLING TALES MEMBER PROFILES

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

John Towner. John has been with us for about a year and is on the Membership Committee. He has been with City Federal Mortgage Co. for 5 years but has lived in and out of the Clear Lake area since his school days. He has two girls, ages 7 and 10, states that he is a "bad golfer", and likes to fish.



Greg Moore, M.D. Dr. Moore has recently joined the club; but he had an event of "some" importance this year when he got married on May 30. He and his wife Martha met during his training at Methodist Hospital in Houston. Greg likes to sail in his spare time.



John Tenini. John has been a Space Center Rotarian for 2 years. He was chairman of the Beverage Committee for the Shrimporee, is on the Special Events Committee and Rotary Information Committee. John works for an environmental engineering firm. He and his wife have 3 children, ages 5 through 19, he likes to water ski and snow ski, and is active in the Chamber of Commerce.



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WE THANKED THE SHRIMPOREE AUCTION DONORS



Webster City Park was the site of our THANK YOU party on Sunday night, November 22 for the merchants and individuals who donated items that were auctioned at our last Shrimporee. Acting as hosts for the party were Dr. Myra Gochmour-Hooker, Carlos Villagomez, Bob Driver, and Ray Hooker pictured below. Bob Driver is the Chairman for the 1988 Shrimporee.

GREETERS

Fellowship Committee

Jim McDonald, Chairman
Officer, Director/New Memb.

12/7 Bill Weaver/Carl Bechtel
12/14 Bill Bennett/Jean Pierre Bleger
12/21 Jeff Bush/Bob Chuoke
12/28 David Cullum/Vince Lipovsky

Clay Fulcher/Bruce McCorkle
Billy Smith/Lee Paschetag
Dave King/Don Carico
Jack Lister/Myra Hooker

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Then use it to let your friends know what Space Center Rotary does.

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Ex-Officio, PDG	Floyd Boze

Directors

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ROTARY BOYS CLUB

For \$25 they will deliver to you at our club meeting on Monday Dec. 21 an individually boxed TURKEY (8-10 pound smoked from Country Pride) OR HAM (4-7 pound boneless, cooked, 94 % fat free). HELP THEM OUT.-- HELP YOURSELF OUT. Order 4 or more and they will deliver to your home or business.

WE NEED DOOR PRIZES FOR THE DISTRICT MEETING IN ACAPULCO

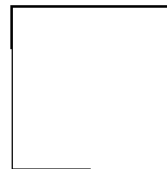
-- What do you have?

NEW MEETING PLACE

Texas City Rotary, Nessler Center, Captain's Room, 2010 5th Ave North, Texas City.

Golf ••• ○

Golf Chairman Bill Predmore was too modest to present himself with the trophy for the club tournament-- but he was the winner! Runner Up Floyd Boze made the announcement. Others who were prominent in the meet results: Don Kirk and Frank Morgan.



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