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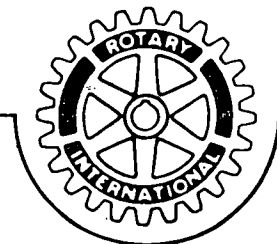
News Bulletin for the  
Space Center Rotary Club

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

DISTRICT 589

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## COMING EVENTS

**Jack Catron, Program Chairman**  
**Eddie Tarin, December**

DEC 21 Noon

**Nancy Lackey, St. John Hospital**  
Report on her trip and slide presentation on Belize.  
++Floyd is seeking December issues of the Rotarian Magazine  
for use by the Rotary Information Committee during the  
coming year.

DEC 28 Noon  
DEC 21 --

**Wine and Cheese Fellowship.**  
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Don't forget the chance to double your  
money. RI matches the CASH you donate to  
Polio Plus before 12/31.  
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JAN 4 Noon

**Don Forrester, Executive Director, Boy's Harbor, Inc.**  
children's home in La Porte.

**+ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS+**

JAN 11 Noon

**Dr. Stephen Rushing, Psychiatrist-Private Practice.**  
"Physical Causes of Depression."

JAN 16 --

**First Fly-in** of Distr. 589's Chapter of International  
Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (to Palacios for lunch and  
Informal planning hosted by Palacios Rotary Club). For info.  
call Will Darroh in Houston at 522-9922

FEB 12 --

**Golden Mardi Gras, Fiftieth Anniversary Fund Raising**  
Event of the Women of Rotary Club of Houston, Westin Oaks  
Hotel. Benefits Rotary House International, Women of Rotary  
Scholarship Endowment, and continued dental care and  
community service.

FEB 19 --

**ROTARY NATIONAL AWARD FOR SPACE ACHIEVEMENT**  
This dinner event is a major project of Space Center Rotary

**December 21, 1987**

## ELECTION SLATE

The election coming up Jan. 4  
for officers and directors to take  
office July 1, 1988 for the  
88-89 Rotary year will involve  
3 officers moving up the ladder  
and 2 new officers (since  
Charles Hardwick chose to step  
aside).

Billy Weseman will become  
the new President. Other  
officers nominated are:

Pres-Elect-----John Watson  
Secretary----- Billy Smith  
Treasurer----- Jack Lister  
Sgt-at-Arms---- Terry Hesson

Three directors are to be  
chosen for three year terms  
from the following list of ten:

David King  
Vic Maria  
Jack Catron  
Alan Wylie  
Bob Driver  
Carlos Villagomez  
Eddie Harris  
David Taylor  
Joe Hang  
Bill Rittenhouse

Nominations may be made  
from the floor on the day of the  
election--provided the nominee  
has agreed to serve if elected.

# MEETING NOTES

by Steve Bolton

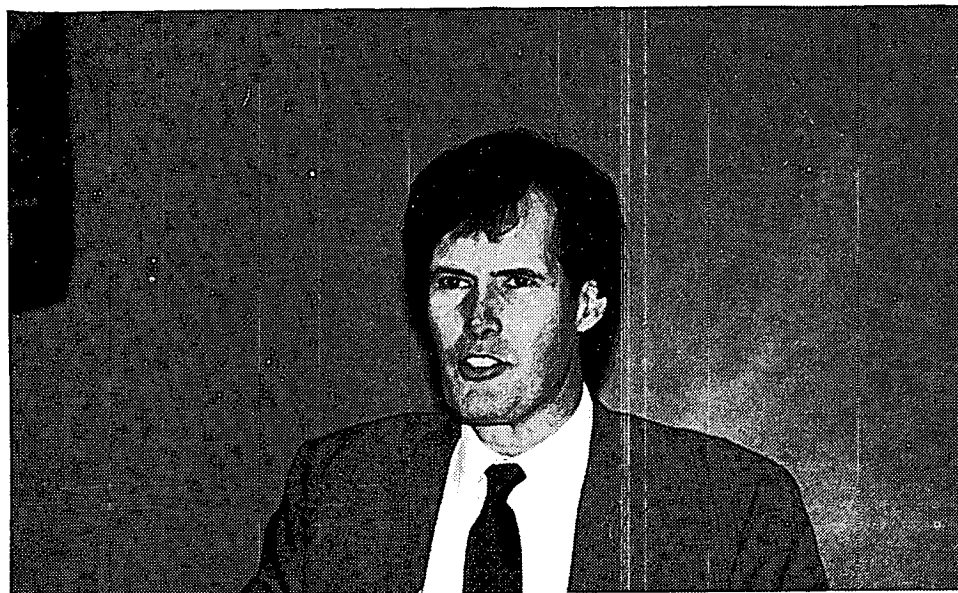
MEETING OF DEC 7: Speaker for the day was Dr. Robert F. Hodgins, Associate Professor of Economics, School of Business and Public Administration, UHCL. He provided figures to support his belief that the economic impact on Clear Lake and Houston from the Space Station Work Package II and the new JSC Visitor Center will make our area "take off like a rocket". He foresaw all the usable first class office space now on hand will be occupied and more built. The major impact from Work Package II is considered to be in the 1990-1991 time frame. Adding in the Visitor Center considerably increases the business effect and shifts the maximum from these two factors alone to the 1991-1992 period. He thought buying existing office buildings would be a good investment. But both the prospect and the timing have to be hedged a bit because of the federal budget hacking process that is going on.

MEETING OF DEC 14: Terry Hesson presented checks (opposite page) to our number 1 and number 2 Shrimporee beneficiaries. A \$5000 Check was presented to Judy Monahans, Board Chairman of Interfaith Caring Ministries, a joint effort between 15 Bay Area Churches that distributes food, Christmas gifts and even money (for rent, utilities or gasoline) to families with no other financial resources.

A \$2500 check was presented to Mary White, Vice President of the Family Outreach Center, an organization that promotes happy family life through parenting and child care classes, help to families experiencing undue stress, and training to help children to protect themselves against sexual abuse.

Our speaker was State Senator Buster Brown, one of only 6 Republicans in the Texas State Senate. He enlightened us on several issues including:

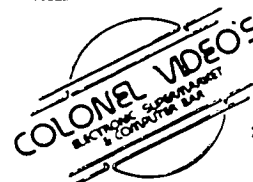
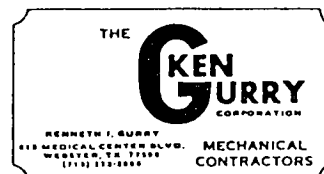
- ☐ Tax increases: Until the dedicated funding formulas are modified, only 20% of the budget can be influenced by the legislature-- a factor that makes future tax increases inevitable.
- ☐ The Space Science Industry Commission is part of the new Texas Department of Commerce and will advocate for the growth of space related industries.
- ☐ Workfare has been passed by the legislature but shelved by the Dept. of Health and Human Services.
- ☐ Equalization of education if taken to its logical limits would require an additional \$50 billion a year to give equal resources to all school children.



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PHOTO CAPTIONS: Top, Terry Hesson, Judy Monahans, and our \$5000 check to Interfaith Caring Ministries. +++++Middle, Terry Hesson, Mary White and our \$2500 check to Family Outreach Center. +++++State Senator Buster Brown, our Dec 14 speaker.

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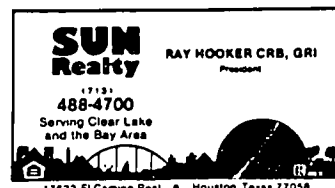
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## ROTARY WORLD HEALTH FOUNDATION

Mario Gomez, the young boy from Mexico who is undergoing corrective plastic surgery in our joint program with St. John Hospital, paid us a visit at our Dec 14 meeting. He is shown here with his mother and with Dr. Abdel Fustok, who is performing the surgery, and Carlos Villagomez, who has been helping the family.

## SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

These members, only part of the whole Scholarship Committee, had a standup meeting to get the ball rolling on this most enjoyable work, the interviewing and selection of the recipients of our awards.

## GREETERS

### Fellowship Committee

12/21 Jeff Bush/Bob Chuoke  
12/28 David Cullum/Vince Lipovsky  
1/4 John McCarron/Bill Predmore  
1/11 Bill Rittenhouse/Bill Taylor

**Plus all Red Badge new members++++++Make new friends**

Jim McDonald, Chairman

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## BIRTHDAYS

**TOM CHAFFIN** 12/26  
**JAMES HARLAN** 12/29  
**LONNIE CLEMENT** 1/10

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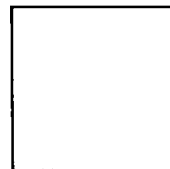
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