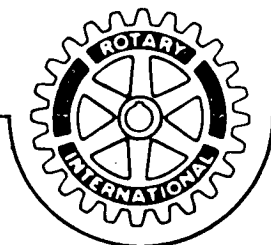


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News Bulletin for the  
Space Center Rotary Club

Meets every Monday at 11:45 a.m.  
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DISTRICT 589



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## COMING EVENTS

**Jack Catron, Program Chairman**

**March 7, 1988**

SPACE CENTER  
WOMEN OF ROTARY  
HONOR ANNE WEBB

MAR 7 Mon Noon **Pat Hallisey**, Director, Gslveston County Parks and Recreation Foundation (He is also a League City Rotar ian).

MAR 14 Mon Noon **Kevin Edwards**, The Transitional Learning Community (TLC). The Bayridge Village Project.  
Training of brain-damaged children physically and emotionally to reintegrate into society.

MAR 21 Mon Noon **Jean Genderson**, Community Service Options Program of theTexas Education Commision.

MAR 23 Wed. 7PM CLUB ASSEMBLY. At the Hilton. Review of the projects and budget by the Board and the committee chairmen.

MAR 28 Mon Noon **Ralph McPheters**, Administrator, Moody Gardens, a new development on the west end of Galveston Island.

APR 21-23 DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE, Acapulco, Mexico

MAY 22-25 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Philadelphia

SEP 24 OUR ROTARY SHRIMPOREE in Landolt Pavillion. Backup date, if needed, is Oct 8.

DEC 9 OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

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**Note:** About 15 couples from the Mexico City Aeropuerto Club are expected to visit us March 27 -April 2. Can you house one couple for that week?

**Note-Note:** East Texas Rotarians will be bringing about 15 kids for a weekend visit to our area April 15-16. Alan Wylie will be looking for housing for them. See him for details.

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Anne Webb, wife of Past-President Bill Webb, was the surprised recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow Award bestowed on her by the Space Center Women of Rotary at the February 29 meeting. Group Chairman Ann Weseman made the announcement and hubby Bill placed the ribbon and medal around Anne's neck.

The Space Center Women of Rotary sponsored "Rotary Night at the Theatre" last year during the Shaw Festival at UH Clear Lake, making enough money to be able to award the Paul Harris Fellowship.

Among all the nice things that Ann Weseman said about our honoree were these: "She has always been active in community and church affairs and for 41 years, since 1947, has been a most supportive Rotary wife- in 8 different clubs. (More on p.6)

## MEETING NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF FEB 22: Carson Stephens introduced Charles Balch, M. D., Chief of Surgery at M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, who spoke on "Research, Cancer and Smoking". We were edified to learn that:

□ M. D. Anderson networks with Oncologists in Community Hospitals like Humana Clear Lake and St. John.

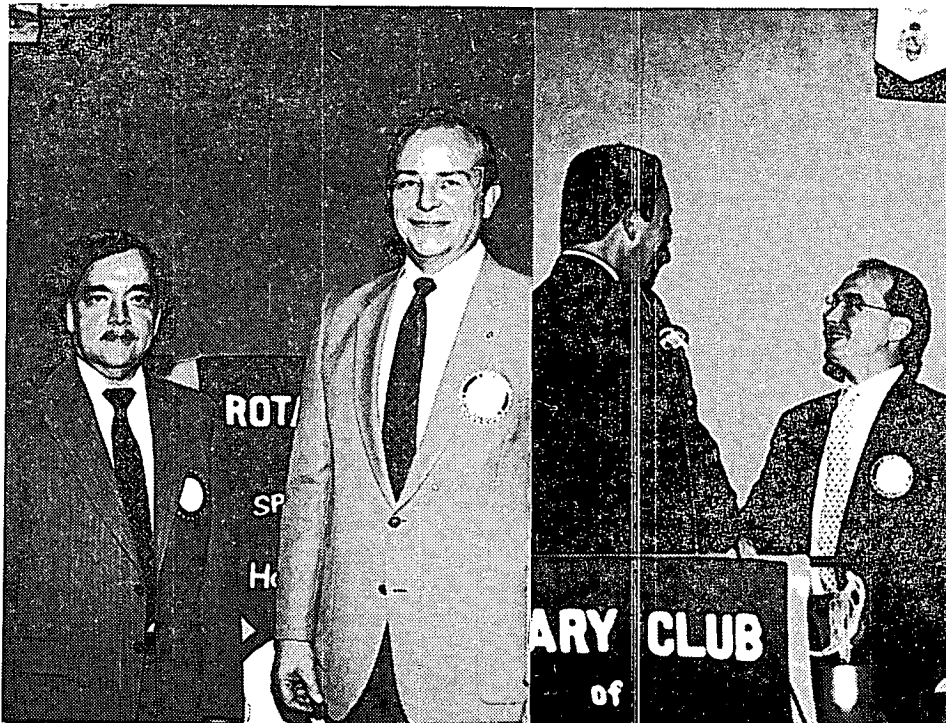
□ M. D. Anderson hospital started 35 years ago in a house; now its annual budget is \$320 million and it employs 6000 and cares for 1500-1800 patients per day.

□ New "Biologic Manipulators" can help the body's natural defense system kill cancer cells.

□ Cancer risks can be controlled: 30-35% by diet, 30-32% by not using tobacco, 33-40% by other factors, such as additives, industrial hazards, pollution, and heredity.



Three more members completed their Red Badge program for learning about the club and about Rotary: They were Mrural Bhagat, Ray Graham, and Ernest Micelli, l to r in the two photos below. Congratulations!



## GOLF ●●● ○

Here are the results of the Space Center Club Golf Outing held 2/25/88 at Friendswood Country Club:

First Low Net:

Frank Morgan 69

Bill Predmore 69

Long Drive

Joe Skelly and

Bill Predmore

Closest to the pin -- No one could hit the green so no winner! (At last, an honest report!)

Incidentally, one of the fastest ways to meet new people is to pick up the wrong ball on a golf course.

**Next Outing:** Tentatively set for March 24 at South Shore Country Club. Plan on playing and bring a friend.

## THE ROTARY IDEA

**BANK** -- mentioned in Gov.

Al's last Newsletter will afford all Rotarians a chance to affect the future direction of Rotary. All you are asked to do is to write (in 100 words or less) an idea for a Rotary program, activity or area of service not yet explored, and send it to Gov. Al. --- The ten best ideas will be sent on to Rotary International for consideration. The deadline is March 31, 1988. So speak up NOW.

## BIRTHDAYS

BILL WEAVER	3/8
CHARLES POST	3/8
JOHN FRANCIS	3/12
CARSON STEPHENS	3/12
BILL TUITE	3/13
GERALD ALLEN	3/15
ABDEL FUSTOK	3/16
JERRY SMITH	3/18
LARRY ROWE	3/19
JIM McDONALD	3/20

## MEETING NOTES (Continued)

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF FEB 29: George Fleming introduced Larry Mathis, President and CEO of the Methodist Hospital System, which includes 31 hospitals. Larry showed us how the "experts" have not accurately predicted health care trends and offered some "non-expert" (tounge-in-cheek) prognostications:

□ The emergence of networks of "sattelite" hospitals serviced by "Sophisticated Centers of Excellence" with the former providing primary, emergency, outpatient and long term care, while the latter provide specialized, high-tech, ambulatory and trauma care.

□ By 1991, AIDS care will cost \$16 billion- over 5 times the cost of all cardiovascular surgery.

□ Health care consumes 11% of our GNP and is going to increase that share.

□ For-profit and HMO-type organizations are about 20% of the health care industry and on the decrease.

□ As baby boomers approach and pass 40, they will join the elderly generation (their parents) in voting for better health care services.



## GOVERNOR AL HONORED

District Governor Al Busse recently received the Outstanding Citizens Award from the Houston Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America for taking a leading role in community, charity and civic events outside of duties required for employment or direct client work.

Specific recognition was given for his extensive involvement in Rotary and spearheading efforts in attracting the U. S. Olympic Festival to Houston in 1986.



## February's \$50 CONTRIBUTORS



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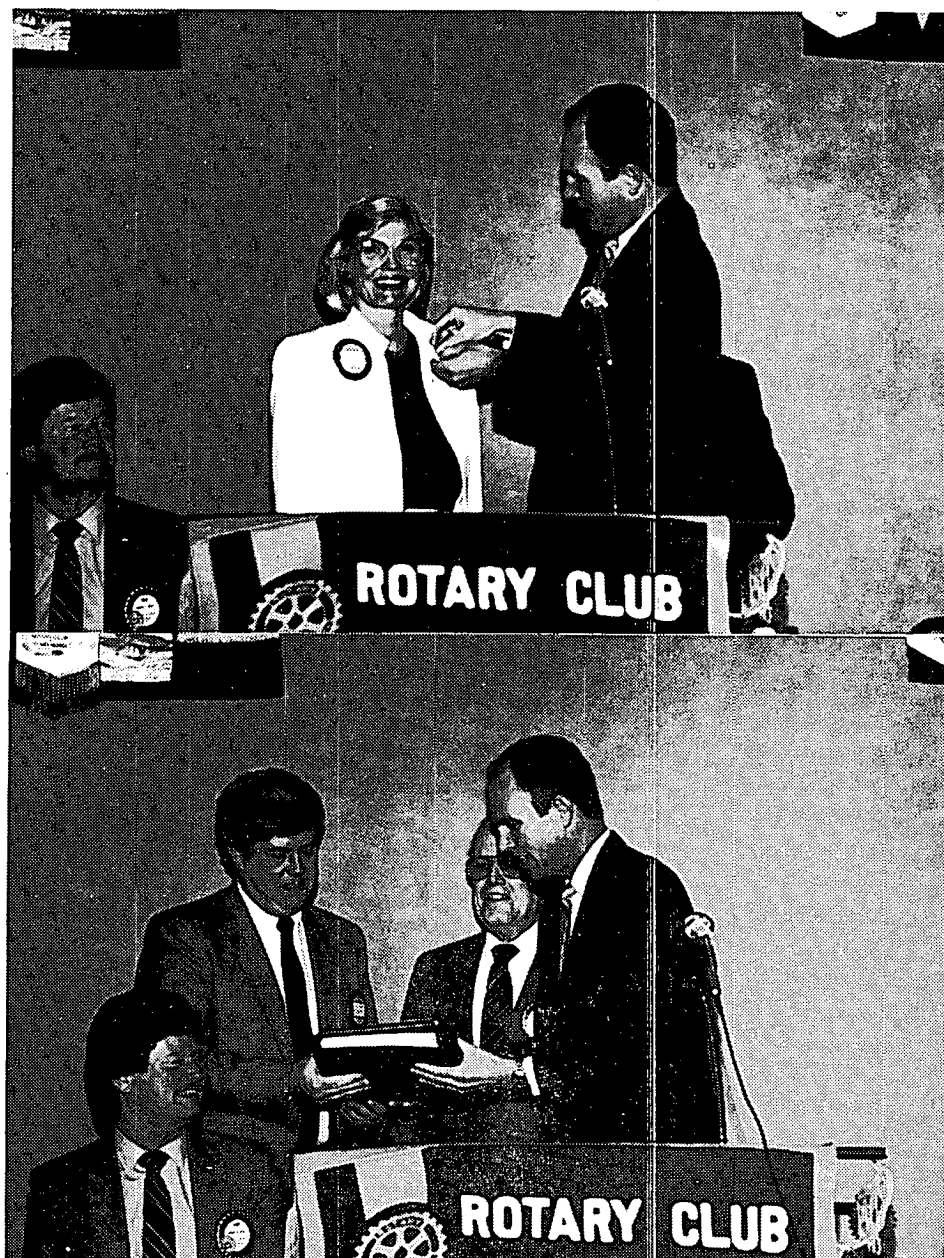
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## NEW MEMBERS

**Shirley Battey.** Shirley was inducted into the club on February 22 under the sponsorship of Joe Hang. Her classification is Real Estate-Additional Active. Most of you already know that she is the president of Bayline Properties, 1210 NASA Rd. 1, Houston 77058, phone 333-3613. This native of Warren Arkansas attended San Jacinto College and now lives at 2744 Lighthouse Dr. Houston 77058, phone 333-2921. She has two grown sons. Shirley, you are the second woman member of our club, but you can expect to be joined by others! Welcome.

**L. H. "Rocky" Forshey.** Father-in-law Rev. Bill Rittenhouse sponsored and introduced Rocky to the club on February 22. Rocky is store manager at ComputerCraft, 12817 Gulf Freeway, Houston 77034, phone 481-5600. So you aren't surprised that his classification is Computer Equipment Sales. He attended the University of Texas at Austin, the University of Houston and earned an Associate of Arts degree at South Texas Junior College. A native of Houston, Rocky went to Clear Creek High School and now lives with his wife Sherrie (nee Rittenhouse) and two teenage children at 18209 Vinland Dr. in Nassau Bay, phone 333-1545. You'll find there's plenty of work to do in this club. Welcome.



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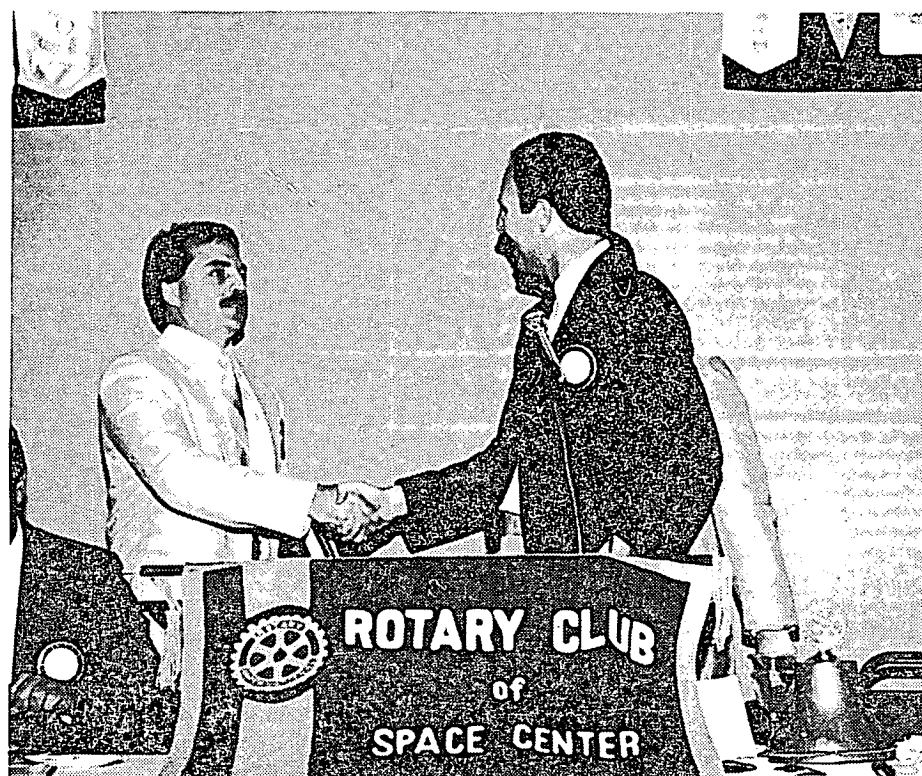
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## NEW MEMBERS

**Allen D. Wilkenfeld.** February 29's large Ladies' Day crowd witnessed the induction of new member Allen Wilkenfeld, who was sponsored by John Towner. Allen's classification is Insurance- Independent Agency. He is a partner with Rust, Ewing, Watt & Haney, Inc., 1100 Hercules, Suite 140, Houston 77058 and 2000 Loop 197 N, Texas City 77590. He wants his Rotary mail to go to P. O. Box 2729, Texas City 77592, and he lists his business phone as (409) 948-1661. A native of Texas, Allen attended Kilgore College, Tulane University and Sam Houston State University, receiving degrees of B. A. and M. E. D. He has two small children. Allen paid a visit to the Board of Directors meeting the first day after his induction. (Eddie ["D. I."] Harris trains 'em right !)--Welcome.



*T. Lafferty*



## 100% Attendance Record:

Al Brady and Vince Lipovsky have been diligently researching the attendance records and "with fingers crossed" offer this list. Our club's records and the records of any previous clubs involved reveal that the following members attended or made-up 100% of the scheduled meetings for the total number of years noted. The \* represents years of perfect attendance at Space Center Rotary.

Additional attendance certificates with pins will follow from time to time as records accumulate. TO AVOID ERRORS OR TO CORRECT SAME, MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT MAKE-UP DATES (CARDS) ARE MADE KNOWN TO THE CLUB'S SECRETARY. TO CORRECT PAST OR CURRENT OMISSIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE. Thanks, Vince and Al.

Lamar Bowles		2
Floyd Boze	(*14)	39
Al Brady		1
Jack Denike	(*17)	26
John Francis		1
David Franz		1
Robert Frost		2
Clay Fulcher		3
Jerry Hammack		15
Charles Hartman		11
Merv Hughes		4
Ralph Karraker	(*3)	29
Jim Kennedy		4
Dave King		7
Robert Kraft		6
Al Ligrani		8
Bob Lindgren		2
Vince Lipovsky		1
Vic Maria		2
James McNatt		2
Frank Morgan		23
Hal Neely		16
A. B. Olsen		5
Ray Pawlikowski		2
Ralph Shimmel		9
Billy Smith		5
Bev Steadman		13
John Watson		7
Bill Webb	(*17)	33
Jay Welch		6
Billy Weseman		4
Charles Whynot		1
Tom Wier		5
Woody Williams		13
Bob Wren		7
Wayne Young		1





## Space Center WOMEN OF ROTARY

(Continued from p.1)

She was one of the founders of the Space Center Women of Rotary-- she was active when only 5 or 6 met for breakfast at 7:00 in the morning. She is always ready to help, always has a smile, and without her, there would be no Space Center Women of Rotary."

The next meeting of the Women of Rotary group will be a luncheon on March 10 at the Hilton. Dr. Myra Gochmour-Hooker will speak on her trip to India as a participant in the Rotary Group Study Exchange program.

### \*\*\*\*\* GREETERS

#### Fellowship Committee

Jim McDonald, Chairman  
Officer, Director

3/7 Bill Weaver/Carl Bechtel  
3/14 Bill Bennett/Jean Pierre Bieger  
3/21 Bob Chuoke/Jim McDonald  
3/28 David Cullum/Vince Lipovsky

Billy Smith  
Jim Hargrove  
Joe Shirley  
Clay Fulcher

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

## SPACE CENTER ROTARY



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Past President	Jim Hargrove
Ex-Officio, PDG	Floyd Boze

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Joe Shirley	Jack Lister
Clay Fulcher	Lamar Bowles
Dave King	John Francis
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