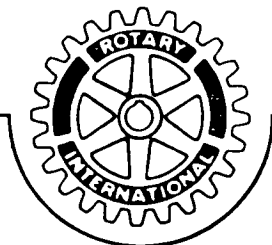


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News Bulletin for the
Space Center Rotary Club

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DISTRICT 589



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COMING EVENTS

Jack Catron, Program Chairman

- APR 4 Noon ROTARY INFORMATION. Eddie Harris
- APR 11 Noon COMMITTEE REPORTS
- APR 15-16 East Texas Rotarians will be bringing about 15 kids for a weekend visit to our area. Alan Wylie will be looking for housing for them. See him for details.
- APR 18 Noon BILL BAILEY, Constable.-- (Load your best ammunition!)
- APR 21-23 DISTRICT 589 CONFERENCE, Acapulco, Mexico
- MAY 22-25 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE, Philadelphia
- JUNE 10-12 CAMP MAHAN WEEKEND. More later.
- SEP 24 OUR ROTARY SHRIMPOREE in Landolt Pavillion. Backup date, if needed, is Oct 8.
- DEC 9 OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY.

GREETERS

Fellowship Committee

Jim McDonald, Chairman
Officer, Director

4/4 John McCarron/Bill Rittenhouse
4/11 Bill Predmore/Bill Taylor
4/18 Charles Whynot/Bob Frost
4/25 Jim McDonald/John Gay

Dave King
Billy Weseman
Floyd Boze
Owen Morris

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

April 4, 1988

BILL LOWES SAYS:

As the newest kid on the block on the attendance committee, I was chosen to expound on the virtues of good attendance. So, how do you make "attendance" sound interesting?

Perhaps our view of attendance should change from one of an obligation to one of a privilege. Where else can you meet and mix with people of the quality we have in our club? Where else can new members go through an indoctrination just short of Camp Lejune? Where else can you attend meetings with the consistently good speakers our club has each week? What other meeting can you attend that gives you a Floyd Boze with his "two minute" questionnaires, a Jim Maas versus Jack Catron "Gotcha" rivalry or the "one liners" that greet anyone foolish enough to address the membership? Nowhere!

What other organization does as much for youth and charities in our area? None! (More on p. 6)

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas R. Dougherty, DDS. Doctor Tom is a self employed dentist with offices at 903 Bay Area Blvd. Houston 77058. John Towner is his brother-in-law and sponsored him as well as introducing him to the club on March 28. Tom and his wife Penny and their three children live at 1750 Claiborne Rd., League City 77573, phone 332-3733. Doctor Tom is a native of Stockton California and attended San Joachin Delta there before coming to our bay area where he has attended Alvin community College, the UHCLC, and the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. Somewhere in that swarm of schooling he received a BS degree and a DDS degree.

Dennis Dillon. Dennis was introduced to the club on March 28 under the sponsorship of Tom Chaffin. His classification is "Water and Sewer Construction". He is Sr. V. P. - Houston Area Manager of Martin K. Eby Construction Co., 2202 Genoa-Red Bluff, Houston 77234, phone 487-5562. Dennis and his wife Shirley live at 15510 Torrey Pines Rd, Houston 77062, phone 480-4428. They have a grown son. Dennis attended Willamette Univ., Salem OR, Univ. of Washington, Seattle, and Oregon State Univ, Corvallis OR. He achieved a BSCE degree from Oregon State and Naval Science from University of Washington. Dennis has previously been a Rotarian in Nebraska and in the Downtown Wichita KS Club.



BIRTHDAYS

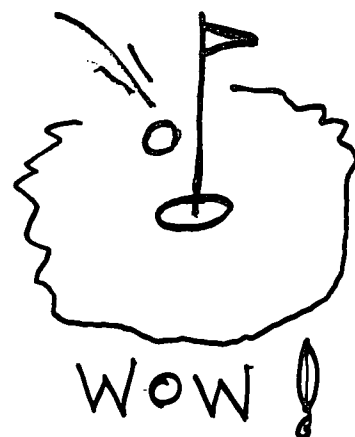
BILL RITTENHOUSE	4/6
JACK DENIKE	4/9
B. J. CANNON	4/10
RON HOPPING	4/12
KEN GURRY	4/15
FRANK MORGAN	4/16

Golf Results:

Results of the Space Center Club Golf Outing held March 24th at South Shore Country Club are--

- 1st Low Net-- Al Ligrani-Joe Hang team (61).
- 2nd Low Net-- Tie between Jeff Branscome-William Denny team (68) and Don Kirk-Bob Agnew team (68)
- 4th Low Net-- Pete Zamora-Joe Villareal team (69)

Long Drive-- Joe Hang and Bill Shumate
Closest to Pin-- Bob Driver and Joe Villareal



JOE VILLAREAL MADE A HOLE-IN-ONE, HIS FIRST !

NEXT OUTING: Tentatively set for April 21 at Baywood Country Club. Plan on playing and bring a friend. Maybe you too can make an ACE.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeff Branscome. Jeff was sponsored and introduced to the club on March 21 by Eddie Tarin. His classification will be Insurance- Employee Benefits. You see, Jeff owns Branscome Insurance Agency at 17000 El Camino Real, Suite 204, Houston 77058, phone 486-4600. He attended Vincennes University and received an Associate Degree in Aviation Flight Technology. What's more, he used to belong to the League City Rotary Club. He and his wife Lory live at 2818 English Drive in Webster 77598, phone 482-6195 with 2 year old Whitney and a "soon-to-be".

Hirschel A. Sexton, Jr. Eddie Harris introduced Hirschel (nicknamed Al) to the club on March 21. His sponsor was Clay Fulcher. Al lives with his wife Barbara at 411 W. Chelsea Place, Seabrook 77586, phone 532-3117. They have three grown children. Al's Classification is Aerospace- System Development. He is Advanced Systems Engineering Specialist with Lockheed Emsco at 2400 NASA Rd 1 Houston 77258, phone 333-6961. This native of Dallas went to Texas A&M and the University of Alabama obtaining a BS in Engineering Physics and a BS in Accounting.



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Donnie P. Johnson. Donnie is a Commercial Insurance Agent with Barmore Insurance, 1027 S. Main, Pasadena 77502, phone 477-0311. She lives in Nassau Bay at 18314 Point Lookout, home phone 335-1876. She has three children, one a teenager still living at home. Donnie is a native of Tiffin Ohio, but she attended the University of Houston. She was sponsored and introduced to the club on March 28 by Eddie Tarin. Donnie is the third female member of our club.

Edwin D. Geissler. Ed is the brother of Bill Geissler, but Eddie Tarin beat brother Bill to the punch and sponsored Ed and introduced him to the club on March 28. Ed's Classification is Home Security (he owns Houston Security Resources at 12430 Highway 3 #B-6 in Webster 77598, phone 480-4647). He and his wife Margie have 5 children ranging in age from 29 down to 13. They live at 955 Wavecrest Houston 77062, phone 488-5375. Ed is a native of Kansas and attended Wichita University there.



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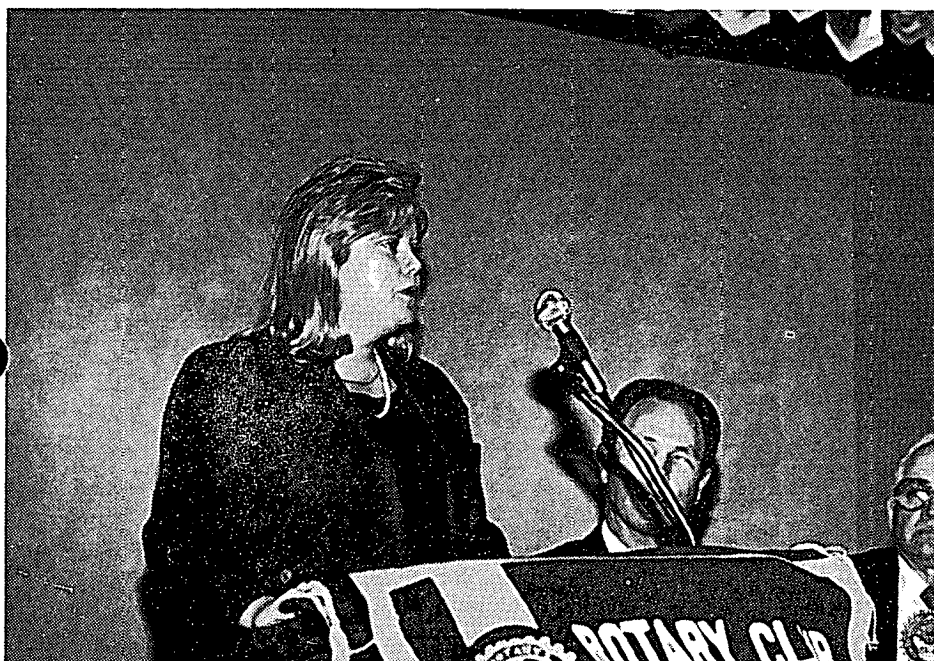
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MEETING NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MAR 21: Rev. B. J. Cannon introduced District 338 Court Judge Mary Bakin and Jean Genderson, Executive of the Community Service Option Program, a private non-profit organization that serves as Harris County's clearinghouse for the placement of court-ordered volunteers with non-profit organizations. This allows offenders to make restitution to the community, thus paying back their debt in a positive way. This tradition comes from England and has provided Houston area non-profits with \$2 million in free services over the past year. Of 9000 that have come through the program, only 5 have been repeaters.

MEETING OF MAR. 28: Jerry Jones introduced Ralph McPheters, who shared slides and exciting plans with us about the \$118 million development project to create a world class garden tourist attraction on Galveston Island. This should be a boon to tourism both for Clear Lake and Galveston. On the same site there will be a program for brain-damaged children and adults which uses horses and other animals in a creative and effective therapy program.



PLEASE READ THIS ! THE TIME HAS COME.

I have been the Editor of the Blastoff for a number of years and have gotten many a kick out of trying to bring to you an interesting bulletin. But no one should monopolize a function of the club "forever". New vigor can come from a change. It is my hope that it will do just that. So I have decided to ask for a new Blastoff Editor to be selected. Maybe you are the one.

But there are some technical problems. The club does not own equipment that an editor would need. What we need is someone with the TALENT, TIME, INTEREST, AND EQUIPMENT to prepare the Blastoff for printing. We want to talk to everyone that thinks this is the form of service above self that they want to give. T'ain't easy but it is very rewarding, and certainly challenging. ACT NOW!

Postscript: The activity last week resulting from some wrong makeup location information sure tells me that we really do have readers! Looks like making an error is the best way to conduct a readership survey!

BILL LOWES SAYS:

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So what can cause us to lose this privilege?

Other than nonpayment of dues, any member absent from four consecutive regular weekly meetings, unless his/her absence is made up, or he/she is excused by the Board for a good and sufficient reason, will have his/her membership automatically terminate.

You may make up an absence from our meeting by attending a regular meeting of any other Rotary Club between "the usual time of the regular meeting of this club immediately preceding the day of absence and usual time of the regular meeting of this club immediately following the day of absence."

HUH? In non-legalese this essentially means from Tuesday of the week before you miss a meeting through Sunday following the meeting you miss. That's roughly a two week span. If you wanted to be picky, I suppose you could attend a morning meeting on the Monday

immediately before our regular meeting. Where do you go to make up a meeting? There are numerous Rotary Clubs in the surrounding communities which would allow you to make up on almost every week day. (In addition Secretary John Watson has a world wide meeting directory at every meeting.)

There is also a requirement of attendance of at least thirty percent of your home club meetings during each six month reporting period (no matter how much you make up) unless excused for good reason by the Board.

Various other provisions in our constitution allow credit for attendance at other Rotary functions (such as the upcoming District Conference in Acapulco), but the minimum criterion for attendance is sixty percent of the regular meetings unless excused for good cause by the Board.

Remember, membership and attendance are both privileges and somewhat akin to tax deductions. Yes sir, according to Dave King, "use it or lose it!"

SPACE CENTER WOMEN OF ROTARY

March 10th Rotarian Dr. Myra Gochnour-Hooker, dressed in a lovely Indian Sari, presented slides and a vivid description of life in India as she viewed it as a participant in the Rotary Group Study Exchange. She left us with more knowledge of that country and of Rotary International and the humanitarian causes it supports.

Nominees for 1988-1989 officers are: President-Carolyn Watson; Vice-President-Anne Webb; Secretary-Martha Cordell; Treasurer-Florence Kraft. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the April 14 election and meeting.

Program Chairman Norma Maria has invited Helen Stith from the Houston Museum of Fine Arts to be our speaker. She will show slides and discuss the Andrew Wyeth "Helga" collection now on exhibit at the museum.

Dues are now payable to Pres. Ann Weseman- \$10 for present members and \$15 for new. -- Jo An Golden, Jean Morgan, and Ann Bowles are planning our Spring Social, which has been changed to May 1. -- Newest members: Dr. Roseann Stremel (Gary) and Sherrie Forshey (Rocky). JOIN US!---- Florence Kraft.

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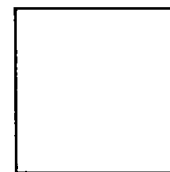


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