

*No application for membership in R. I. will be considered unless accompanied by this form duly filled in and signed by the District Governor.*

## Recommendation of District Governor

## ***Transmitting Application of Provisional Club for Membership in Rotary International***

***To the General Secretary of Rotary International:***

Herewith I transmit the following documents, duly completed and signed, comprising the application of the newly formed Provisional Rotary Club of . . . SPACE CENTER, (HOUSTON), TEXAS, U.S.A. . . . . for membership in Rotary International:

- 1) Application form including information re constitution and by-laws
- 2) List of charter members
- 3) Special Representative's Report
- 4) Check for \$100 (USA Currency, or its equivalent) in favor of Rotary International (Outside USCB, receipt of payment of equivalent amount to Rotary International fiscal agent or bank account should be attached in lieu of check)

Special Representative Ellis R. Bareiss Sponsor Club LaPorte, Texas

Comments: I am intimately aware of all of the circumstances surrounding the formation of this Rotary club, as I was aware of each detail while serving as Gov. Virgil Lee's Special Representative for the formation of this club up until the time that the formation was assured and the fact that we were moving -- I had to ask Gov. Lee to appoint Ellis Bareiss to take my place in order that I might attend the International Convention, and my absence might cause a hitch in the critical period of this club.

I have personally check all of the classifications, the places of business, and can attest to the absolute integrity of each. You will note a wide variation of addresses of places of business; this is partly due to the fact that no post office facilities are yet available in the immediate area and many of the businesses are receiving their mail through Houston or other offices and mail is being distributed by their own messengers. Some addresses do not even have house numbers, as the buildings are being occupied before even they have numbers.

Some of the classifications in the enclosed charter list cannot be found in the Outline of Classifications, but we have checked and rechecked that each such classification is absolutely honest and the integrity of each such is beyond question.

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On the basis of personal observation or specific information personally ascertained and furnished to me by my special representative, I CERTIFY that the officers and members of this provisional Rotary club have been fully informed concerning the fundamental characteristics of Rotary (as described in the application for membership form) and the provisions of the constitution and by-laws adopted by the club:

and

that each charter member is eligible for membership in this club in accordance with the qualifications for membership as set forth in Article V of the standard club constitution and specifically, as provided therein, that

- the place of business of each active member is located within the territorial limits of this club; the board of directors of R.I. has defined "place of business" as follows: "In relation to active membership in a Rotary club, 'place of business' is understood to mean the establishment from which the active member normally administers his business or professional responsibilities and activities."
- the classification of each active member is that which covers the principal and recognized activity of the firm, company or institution with which he is connected, or, if independently engaged, that which covers his principal and recognized business or professional activity.

I recommend the admission of this club as a member of Rotary International.

Respectfully submitted,

**Signed**

ED BEACHER

Governor, District No. 589


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As to the lack of a post office address, it should be brought to your attention that in 1963, the City Council of the City of Houston, Texas, through proper ordinances adopted, annexed all of the remaining southern part of Harris County, and in which area includes the territory of this club; two of the three required readings of this ordinance have been complied with as a means of protecting the territory as a part of the City of Houston and in which no independent or other local municipality may be incorporated. The third reading, the final one, has been deferred by mutual agreement between the annexed areas and the City of Houston until such time as the City will be in position to furnish complete city services -- but the net result is that the areas annexed are within the city limits of the City of Houston. When branch post offices are completed, they will be branches of the Houston post offices. I submit this information so that all may understand that this club of Space Center, Houston, is a suburban club, and will never be a separate Rotary club in a separate and distinct independent municipality, unless the City of Houston should ever deannex the area.

I, Special Representative Ellis R. Bareiss, immediate past governor Virgil P. Lee, and the sponsor club are firm in the belief that this can be one of the most outstanding clubs ever organized in this area. The membership is of the highest quality, and the potential is great; however, to insure an outstanding club on the basis of such potential, it will need considerable nurturing and guidance in the months ahead. Mr Bareiss and all of the past governors have dedicated themselves to providing this guidance to ensure a strong club that the potential suggests.

The charter members are the top quality of men in the classifications they represent. Not one of them was selected as a mere name or body to have the numbers required for the charter list. Each of the charter members are men who had a genuine interest in becoming a Rotarian in order to serve this amazingly expanding area. It will be noted that among the charter list is that of Gordon Cooper, Astronaut; Gordon was not included merely for the prestige that he might bring to this club, but because he was genuinely interested in becoming a charter member of this Rotary club in order to serve his community. And so it is with the other members on this charter list -- their potential for service is great. Together, as Rotarians, properly indoctrinated and guided in their early months, they can be a great Rotary Club.

And, so with the belief that the Rotary Club of Space Center, Houston, can be a strong and verile force providing leadership for this expanding community rather than a statistical new addition, I, as Governor of District 589, Rotary International, am happy to recommend the admission of this club as a member of Rotary International.

  
ED BRACHER, GOVERNOR, DIST. 589, R.I.