

INTRODUCTION:

LAURA HALE invited me to speak re: " WHAT HAPPEN IN MY YEAR AS PRESIDENT" & " WHAT ROTARY MEANS TO ME AND WHAT HAS KEEP ME A MEMBER"

I guess I have always been a JOINER- I have been a member of many organizations and served on several Boards- From all of these I have gain something- When Pat and I moved here in 1975- The natural thing for me to do was seek out the most active group in the community- THIS WAS SPACE CENTER ROTARY- I quickly learned that ROTARY was NOT a club for NETWORKING- If I LEARNED one principal- that was- "SERVICE ABOVE SELF"- Or you might say -YOU GET OF SOMETHING WHAT YOU PUT IN-

ROTARY is like a CAFETERIA - **It's all there**- take what you like what suits you best. You will GROW from the experience. What I like best was the INTERNATIONAL Programs.

1986- 1987 :

When I was a Banker- We used to say to a fast Summer make a 90 Day Note. **To spend a fast Year Become the President of this Club.**

First- Several weeks before I was to Go to The International Convention :

An earthquake hit MEXICO CITY- We were approached by a group of Rotarian's from the **Aeropuerto Club of Mexico City** - To form a **BOND of Friendship between the TWO Clubs**- We not only did this, we also were **able to Start some wonderful Programs that have continued to this day.**

(Desno de la Vega - President)

Forty (40) Members & Wives from our club - Traveled there to Mexico City spending **several days** of Fellowship in Ixtapa

We felt like Ambassadors- What we Took and Presented:

- 1- At a Breakfast where we meet with DISTRICT 417 -Mexico City AL JOWID- With Charles Hartman's (Chairman) our formal presentation of the St John's Hospital- Dr. Fustok program of Plastic Surgery for children from Mexico. I have no idea how many kids have had their lives transformed.

Our formal presentation of TWO (2) BOX Cars of Medical Equipment put together by our Club's leadership in conjunction with the District and Memorial Hospital System

2.- Later in the Day we presented to the Director- **Mr. de la Mora of the Museum of TECHNOLOGY-** a PROMISE of **A Display from NASA** - where the only Space Display in the Museum was from **Russia**

3.- This was the Year we moved from the HOLIDAY INN TO THE HILTON. I understand and appreciated what this board has recently gone through.

4. We made plans for a fellowship Ski Trip to Austria- Where almost 60 Members and Guests traveled the next Winter

5. Immediately after serving as President Walt Lackey- Had Floyd Boze & I serving on the Staff of the First PETS Seminar that was held here in Houston.