

Nat'l. Ass'n of Retired Federal Employees
107 Pine Shadows Dr.
Seabrook, Texas 77586

August 19, 1993

Victor G. Maria, President Elect
Space Center Rotary Club
1003 Woodbank Drive
Seabrook, Texas 77586

Dear Mr. Maria

As a representative of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Ch. 1321 I have served on Commissioner Jim Fontenos' "Senior Advisory Council" for the past 10 years. Before my retirement I was Chief of the Technical Services Division at the Johnson Space Center where I had occasion to meet and work with many of your Rotary members.

When the plan to raise funds for a Clear Lake area Senior Citizen/Bay Area Community Center facility was started in 1990 our various Senior organizations began fund raising activities including a Bowl-A-Thon, Buy-A-Brick campaign, Etc.

We became aware in 1991 that the Space Center Rotary was also interested in a meeting place for their activities. As a result the Rotary Club pledged \$100,000 over a five year period as their contribution toward the funding necessary for the building.

As part of the Rotary's fund raising effort they decided to conduct a car raffle counting on a great deal of help from the various organized Senior groups. We attended a meeting in Judge Phelps courtroom where the plan presented by Jerry Smith of your organization depended heavily on recruiting a large cadre of Senior citizens willing to donate their time to man the numerous ticket sale outlets throughout Clear Lake.

We accepted the challenge and spent hundreds of hours selling raffle tickets at area banks and other locations. We also purchased a substantial number of tickets with personal funds to help boost the program. Over a several months period we had a very successful raffle and netted a nice profit.

AS a culmination of the fund raiser success your President announced a profit of \$11000.00 at our Annual Valentine party obviously and publicly stating the funds would go to an all-purpose Community Center for the Clear Lake area.

We feel it is unconscionable for the Space Center Rotary Club

to withhold the \$11000.00 profit from the car raffle which was raised for the purpose stated on the attached flyer we used during ticket sales.

As a representative of the many Clear Lake Retired federal employees I respectfully request you release the promised funds so that we can achieve our mutual goal of having a place where both Seniors and Rotarians and others can meet and enjoy adequate facilities for their use.

Sincerely,

Jack Kinzler
Jack Kinzler
NARFE, CH. 1321.

Attach.

Raffle flyer indicating purpose and beneficiary of Raffle.

EAST HARRIS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS

and

SPACE CENTER ROTARY

.....have combined their efforts to undertake a Community Building to be constructed near Cap Landolt Pavilion in Clear Lake Park. This facility, to be named **THE BAY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER**, will be made available at no charge to local senior citizen retiree groups and at a nominal fee for other organizations and individuals. Wedding receptions, banquets, reunions and parties are just a few of the type activities for which this 14,000 sq foot building will be ideal.

SPACE CENTER ROTARY will be raffling off a 1992 Lincoln Town Car to help raise funds for the building. The cost of a single chance is \$10.00 (or \$100.00 for 11 tickets) for a chance on this beautiful automobile. All proceeds go to the building fund.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call Loretta Davis at 333-8838. (Make your check payable to "Space Center Rotary.")

A special Valentine's Day Dance is being planned to celebrate the drawing on February 14, 1992. Thank you for your interest and support.



Space Center Rotary Club

1992 LINCOLN TOWN CAR RAFFLE

Benefitting the

BAY AREA COMMUNITY CENTER



Drawing held Friday, February 14, 1992

Donation: \$10.00