

NEWS BULLETIN FOR THE SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

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DISTRICT 589

Rotary International President, STANLEY E. McCAFFREY
ROTARY THEME FOR 1981-82... "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary"

DIRECTORS:

Jim Hargrove Owen Morris Alfred R. Neumann Ron Rosenhagen Bob Wren Joe Shirley, John Watson Bill Webb Walt Wicker

Past President - Pete Gist

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PROGRAMS:

MONDAY, APRIL 19TH.....A group of candidates for U. S. House of Representatives, District 9 will be our guests. BILLY BURT will moderate the discussion and every candidate available will be given the opportunity to defend his platform as well as answer questions from the audience. Become involved in the political process and be here on this date.

MONDAY, APRIL 26TH.....Incumbent RANDY PENNINGTON and challenger BOB GRAHAM, candidates for the Texas House of Representatives, District 100, will be our featured speakers and panelists. HUGH AVERY will moderate this discussion so be on hand to hear these two distinguished gentlemen discuss their respective platforms.

MONDAY, MAY 3RD......MR. FRANK H. NEWNAM, JR., of the METRO COMMISSION, will be discussing the master transportation plan for the Houston area. Bring a guest to hear this interesting and informative speaker.

MONDAY, MAY 10TH.....Program pending. The Program Committee has not received final acceptance but you can be assured of another outstanding program.



NEW MEMBER.....EDWIN R. HARRIS, JR., sponsored by RAY HOOKER, was born in Portales, New Mexico. He attended Eastern New Mexico University with a BA degree. ED is a certified public accountant (corporate accountant) with offices at 16902 E1 Camino Real, Houston, 77058. Ph. 488-7141. ED and his lovely wife, LUCY, and their two children, Jon and Jack, live at 15106 Torey Pines, Houston, 77062. Ph. 488-8000. Make ED welcome to Space Center Rotary....

VISITING ROTARIANS FROM FAR-AWAY...On April 5th, CHUCK CHRISTMAN from the Rotary Club of Hartford City, Indiana and DONALD BERAN from the Rotary Club of Granville, Ohio. Then on April 12th, DICK DERAUF from Madison East Rotary Club, Madison, Wisconsin. It was good having these visitors from the Mid-west. We appreciate their not bringing along with them those recent mid-west sub-zero temperatures. Hurry back fellows and enjoy some of our great sun belt weather.

DIRECTORY CHANGE.....BILL WESEMAN has a new business mailing address...P.O. Box 58788, Houston, 77058. His business phone number remains the same. CHARLES WHYNOT'S new business address is 900 Apollo, Houston, 77058. New business phone number is 488-7361.

IF you don't enjoy what you have how could you be happier with more?

RESIGNATIONS....The Board at its meeting on April 6th, accepted with regrets the resignations of BOB BERGBOWER and RUSSEL SCHLATTMAN, for business reasons.

SPECIAL NOTICE.....On April 5th at the regular luncheon meeting of the Space Center Rotary Club, the membership approved a dues increase of \$1.00 per month. Annual dues were \$84.00 per year, but effective July 1, 1982, annual dues will be \$96.00 a year and may be paid on a semi-annual basis in the amount of \$48.00. (January and July)

SCOOTERVILLE....On April 5th, CHENG HOOI was the lucky winner when his name was drawn in the "Scooter's" jackpot for \$10. CHENG didn't 'import' that gift. Then on April 12th, DON CALLAGHAN'S name was drawn but unfortunately DON didn't have on his pin. Not only did he lose the \$5.00 but he has to pay a \$1.00 since he didn't have his pin. Always wear your Rotary pin.

Case closed

I've come to this conclusion, It's one I've long supposed; The boss' door is open— It's his mind that's always closed.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JERRY CLAUSE APRIL 19th
ROBBYE WALDRON " 29th
JERRY HAMMACK MAY 2nd
BOB MONTGOMERY " 2nd



Congratulations gentlemen and we hope you have many many more.

QUOTES....Har iness is like jam - you can't spread even a little without getting some on yourself...Making a fool of yourself is not so bad if you realize who did it....A great many prominent family trees were started by grafting....It is easy to keep from being a bore. Just praise the person to whom you are talking....Almost any system of government will work if the people will....Tell your wife everything - especially before someone else does.

PAST PROGRAMS...On April 5th, HUGH AVERY introduced DON PERKINS, Director of the Armand Bayou Nature Center. Mr. Perkins reviewed the growth and development of the Nature Center and then outlined the various goals and how they hoped to achieve these goals. He supplemented his talk with slides picturing some of the more recent developments and projects. It was very interesting to hear how this dedicated group is trying to restore part of the Clear Lake area to the way it was and to preserve part of the heritage of this area. Then on April 12th, GENE LINDQUIST introduced JOHN A. WRIGHT, President of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas. Mr. Wright compared the two choices in banking either that of an independent banker or as a member of a bank holding company. He explained some of the reasons behind each type but dealt more with the services that an independent bank would offer in the community. If you missed the talk, hope you read the article in the CITIZEN.

THE SHRIMPOREE....The BOARD at its April 6th meeting officially named the BAY AREA MEAL ON WHEELS as the primary beneficiary of this year's SHRIMPOREE. Let's begin work now to make this the best SHRIMPOREE in the history of the Space Center Rotary Club. Only by working together as ROTARIANS can we achieve this common goal.

VISIT OTHER ROTARY CLUBS....One of the benefits of being a Rotarian is the privilege of visiting other Rotary Clubs and meeting their members. These visits often develop into lasting friendships and, of course, "make-ups" help your attendance record as well as the club's. Why not set a goal of visiting at least two Rotary clubs, located outside our immediate area, during the new Rotary year? Wear your Rotary lapel button. It is an introduction to other Rotarians as you travel throughout the Rotary world.

St. Louis "Pepper Box"

TEXAS, OUR TEXAS....When God created the United States He had some left from each of the other states so he lumped it all together and called it Texas. That's why Texas is so great. It has some of the best of all the other states.

"Scandal Sheet"

The story is told of an old man who was planting peach trees and was questioned by a passing friend. "Why do you, at your advanced age," he asked, "plant these trees? Surely you know you cannot hope to live to eat their fruit." "I know," replied the old man. "I know I'll never live to pick a peach from any of these trees, but all my life I've been eating peaches from trees that someone else has planted. I wanted to plant some trees now to pay for the fruit I've eaten."

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INCREASED MEMBERSHIP: A CHALLENGE TO ALL ROTARY!...."Progress demands growth," said a past Rotary club president. And he is right. While "growth" brings to mind many aspects of Rotary expansion, one aspect—internal extension—is the insurance for Rotary's future.

Consider the following: In 1980-81 club membership gain in existing clubs worldwide was 0.273 percent (approximately one in four clubs). In GB&I, CENAEM, ANZAO, and SACAMA membership was down slightly (-0.223, -0.146, -0.071, and -0.498 percent, respectively), but in Asia and USCB there were gains of 0.32 and 0.98 percent.

To improve upon this picture, each active, senior active, and past service member must also play his part in building the membership of his club.

Club presidents are urged to provide leadership in filling vacant classifications by asking each member to seek out and propose at least one qualified man.

Ideally, each Rotary club should end the year with more members than it had at the beginning. Convert this hope into a reality. Think of what just one new member per club would do for Rotary expansion during the months of May and June! There would be around 20,000 more men around the world to share—and spread—the benefits of Rotary!

"You were brought in for drinking," the sergeant replied.

"Well now, that's different," the drunk responded. "When do we get started?"

After completing a series of lectures on the subject of mental health, the teacher held an oral test with her students. An early question was, "How would you classify a patient who walks around shouting at the top of his voice one moment and then sits in a chair uncontrollably weeping the next?" She nodded to a youngster with his hand raised, expecting the answer. The youngster shouted, "A basketball coach!"

Selah, Marshall, Minn. RC Bulletin

The ability to make someone happy is one that we all possess, though few of us use.

The old saying that when you give someone a rose, a bit of the fragrance stays with us, is as true today as when it was first said.