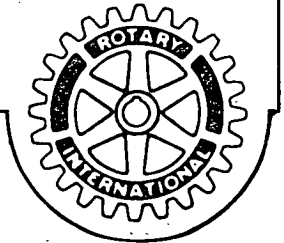


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"Rotary brings hope"

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

MARCH 23, 1987

Responsibility for Mar.: Jack Catron

MAR. 23 Galveston Jr. League, Proposed Ronald
McDonald House of Galveston

MAR 30 Texas Parks and Wildlife
THE FIRST MEETING AT OUR NEW
NASSAU BAY HILTON INN LOCATION

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MARCH 9: We spent more than a full meeting hearing reports of 22 of our 28 committees, not to mention our 3 foundations. It did not come as a surprise to hear that Bob Frost's committee plans a golf tournament every month. We were forcefully reminded to get out and sell our Polio Plus books and turn in the money pronto! The Reverse Draw will be held May 22. This year you win \$500 if your name is not called by the end of the drawing (assuming you have bought a \$100 ticket--\$25 for meal and \$75 for chance at the big cash prize.) We have new chairmen heading up several committees: Carlos Villagomez is the new music chairman; Steve Waldner is chairman of the youth committee; Alan Wylie chairs the International Youth Committee; and believe it or not, Al Holguin has succeeded Floyd Boze as Rotary Information Chairman. Terry Stock is our newest board member. So far this year we have gained 31 new members but have lost 42 members, many for failure to meet the attendance standard. Another little known fact is that we have a club scrapbook and a historian, Larry Watson, who is looking for photos. And Director John Francis called for a big cheer for the Editor and the Blastoff Staff (threatening to fire us if this fact was not reported.)

(Photos on page 2, with a continuation of this report)

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

3/23 Charles Whynot/Bob Mitchell
3/30 Bill Bennett/David Franz
4/6 Pete Gist/Joe Henkel
4/13 Kirk Koepsel/Jack Denike

Backup

Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler
Charles Whynot/Bob Mitchell
Bill Bennett/David Franz
Pete Gist/Joe Henkel

DON'T FORGET !

**NEXT WEEK
AND THEREAFTER
WE MEET AT
NASSAU BAY
HILTON**

**STILL MONDAY,
STILL 12 NOON**

**SERVING LINE BEGINS
AT 11:45**

**A meal is not
mandatory
but if you don't eat,
you will miss out
on a good thing !**

PROGRAM NOTES (Continued from p. 1.) --by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MARCH 16: This was the day for re-celebrating the awarding of the Space Achievement Award to Dr. Max Faget for his many contributions to our progress in space. Owen Morris introduced Dr. Faget and Hal Neely read a citation and re-presented him the trophy. There was a standing ovation.

Several other notable aspects of the meeting: New member Randy Hopkins did an exceptional job of leading the singing; a voice vote was taken on the matter of moving the meeting place to the Nassau Bay Hilton-- with a unanimous vote resulting!; Lamar Bowles announced the deadline for turning in the raffle tickets is **MARCH 31**; and Terry Stock announced that hotel reservations for the District Conference in New Orleans need to be in the hands of Jack Lindsay by March 29 **OR** give your reservation form to Terry **TODAY, MARCH 23.**



Youth Exchange

David Taylor, Chairman of District 589 Youth Exchange, announced that District 589 has begun an ambitious program of short-stay youth exchanges with Europe for the summer of 1987. If you have children age 17 to 19 who would like to visit abroad for three weeks in July, then contact David Taylor for details. In addition, we are looking for about 10 families who will host one or two foreign students for one week this summer. If available, contact Alan Wylie.

WANTED: Companies who can host a student from Paris as a business intern for 4 to 6 months in the areas of accounting, finance, advertising and marketing. These are second-year students at the Institut Supérieur du Commerce of Paris. Contact David Taylor, International Youth.

Golf ...

The adjoining photo shows the happy winners announced on 3/9. They were: Don Kirk, First in the handicap play; Dick Hart and Frank Morgan, tied for Second; with Jack Catron and Bill Predmore tied for Fourth. Mike McKinney was First and David Cantu Second in the Callaway Flight. Longest Drivers were Jack Catron (#3) and Frank Morgan (#10). Closest to the pin were: Randy Cornish (#8) and Dick Hart (#13). ***JOIN THE GROUP AND JOIN THE FUN!



HISTORIC MOVE !

The long and frustrating hassle with the problem of a satisfactory meeting place to meet our current size and eating habits finally was resolved when Charles Hardwick was able to present to this stand-up board meeting on March 9 the plan to meet at the Nassau Bay Hilton. The approval was instantaneous! Just look at those smiling faces. The membership followed with a unanimous vote on March 16. Any excuses or complaints about the meeting place are now down the tube. Be sure to attend the meeting at the Hilton next week !



THE WAY OF ROTARY

Rotary's program of promoting better understanding between different racial groups and between devotees to different religious faiths...has met with greater success thus far than the negotiations of diplomats.

It has been the way of Rotary to focus thought upon matters in which members are in agreement, rather than upon matters in which they are in disagreement.

-Paul Harris, in
"My Road to Rotary"

A Personal Letter :

A long-time member of our club has written to your Board of his concern about "the growing tendency of the club's administration to take on projects which are beyond my ability to support financially. It seems as if we are constantly being urged to buy tickets to expensive banquets, purchase advertising in programs, and generally spend more money than my small business can afford. In addition, I sense that when I refuse to spend the money for a particular event or purpose, I am looked at in a way that comes out making me look like a cheapskate."

Coming from a club member of over 20 years association with the members of this club, that comment merits serious consideration. Let us hope that the following thoughts also merit serious consideration.

This club has a vigorous membership that is being offered a broad spectrum of projects for which participation by a member can provide a strong sense of satisfaction. It is unlikely that many of us can participate in every one. It is like going through a cafeteria line. Who do you know that could take all of the dishes offered. So it should be an accepted axiom that all will not participate in every last activity.

It comes down to this: Those serving the dishes in this cafeteria line should be gracious in accepting a "no" or a "not this time". The club fellowship is more important. --I think I read this in the comments of Board members as they reflected on it. -----Tom Wier, Editor

MEXICO TRIP PHOTOS

--- Courtesy of Joe Skelly



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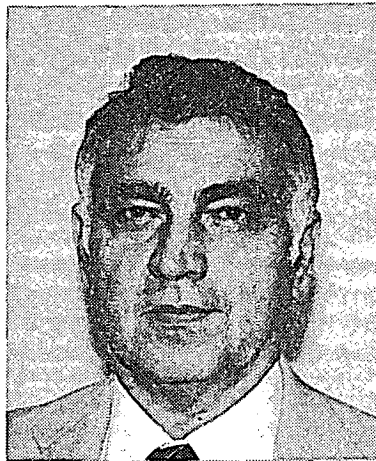
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THE NEW AND THE NOT-SO-NEW DO YOU KNOW THESE MEMBERS?

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Bob Chuoke. Bob has been in Rotary since 1967. He has been on the board in the past. He was a member, and secretary, of the Board of Clear Creek Independent School District for 10 years. He was president of the Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce in 1965. Bob is a Realtor specializing in commercial real estate and is very encouraged about the long range potential of the Clear Lake area. He spends some of his spare time at his ranch in the hill country riding and caring for his horses. He has been married 33 years and has 3 grandchildren. Bob hails from Galveston and is a "BOI" (born on the island).



Jim Kennedy. Jim has been with Rotary since 1982. He worked with membership development, and was chairman of the Shrimpooree in 1985, a monumental task for an event that was very successful. He has been a director of the club for the past year. Jim has worked with property management and investment for the last 22 years. He has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Ask him how he enjoys playing golf at South Shore Harbor!



Steve Waldner. Steve has been with Rotary since 1981 and is currently the chairman of the youth committee and the senior citizen committee, both of which are very active in allocating funds throughout the community. He is the Director of the United Way in the Bay Area and Fort Bend and Waller Counties. Some of the major organizations which he oversees are the Bay Area Council on Drugs and Alcohol, Red Cross, Youth and Child Guidance Service, and the Consumer Credit Counseling Service. He has two boys, ages 5 years and two months. Steve organizes local triathlon events and practices bicycling up to 50 miles on a Saturday morning. (We told you he was given to olympic feats!) [Steve's reply: I hope Tom Wier's great-great grandchildren are well and happy.][Tom: "With the slow start my children made in giving me grandchildren, I'll never see those great-great grandchildren -- unless I get with it and take up bicycling with you!"] Not a bad idea.



FEBRUARY'S \$50 CONTRIBUTORS

New Contributors
still step forward to
participate, as you
will note from this
month's list.

*A space
is available on
alternate months*

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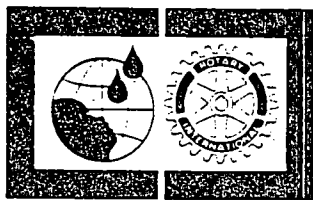
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A greater goal to seek?
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Can help to heal these young and weak,
Can use the blessing and the bounty,
That God has placed within our hands,
And freely give those gifts,
That loving care demands.

So let this be our noble quest,
This be the holy grail we seek,
That Polio's pangs shall ne'er again,
Despoil our young and poor and weak,
That Rotary's troops will conquer,
Pay any price success demands,
And banish like a myth—forever,
This dreaded specter,
From our hearts and days and lands!

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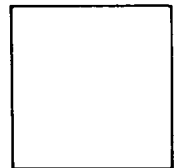
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WOMEN OF ROTARY

The ladies are served a beautiful salad luncheon at their "Second Thursday" meetings at Lakewood Yacht Club. Although there has been no official program, there is usually much "informal discussion" dealing with such subjects as the trip to Mexico City, the space artifacts that NASA is sending as a loan to the Rotary Club there for the new Space Museum, the sponsorship of Arabia Temple Shrine circus tickets, group "dues", the formation of a nominating committee, the Museum Guild trip to Fort Bend County, the LPGA tournament at South Shore Harbor, and other events that the ladies may want to participate in. They would welcome new friends into the fold.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CLAY FULCHER	3/28
HAL NEELY	3/30



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