



SPACE CENTER ROTARY -

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

by Tom Wier

YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE A REMARKABLE DIFFERENCE-- AND IT COULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO YOU!

The story begins simply. Member A had an idea. Member A refined that idea to make it exceptional. Member A told Member B of its potential, but of a concern for where the money could come from. Member B said: "Your program is better than the routine goal of my committee. Let's get the Board to shift the funds. What's more, I'll go all out to support it. It's important to the community." And the Board wholeheartedly agreed, thereby starting a project of this club that will bring distinction to our club and pride in excellence to our community: An annual Space Center Rotary Award for Excellence in Education honoring each year an outstanding teacher in the Clear Creek Independent School District.

It is an established, gold-plated fact that projects of this magnitude don't come about easily. If we had wanted to merely give an award, it would have been easy to do. But the objective was to make it coveted, so that it was a motivator to excellence. Member A had properly conceived the ways that we could do that. Member B plunged into the necessary contacts with the school administration and organized help for the several parts of the action needed. This plan is only a little over a month or so old and the goal is to solicit candidates, choose from among them and make the award this spring--repeat, this spring! What's more, it has been so well organized that it is going to happen!

But there are things that you can do to help. In addition to a \$1000 cash award, a personal plaque, a perpetual plaque for the school district office and another for the school of the teacher, being named a Paul Harris Fellow and an honorary Rotarian for a year, there will be ongoing recognition in the form of gifts and discounts from area merchants. That last part is where all of us can use our thinking caps to come up with innovative ideas that merchants or individuals would love to be a part of.

The initial honoree selection committee members are: Jerry Smith, Selma Neumann, Huey Barnett, Charlotte Garner, Bill Austin, and Lynette Mason with David Cordell as Teacher Orientator and David Taylor as Moderator.

---P.S.: But don't forget to congratulate "Member A" (David Taylor) and "Member B" (Jerry Smith). Then put on your cap.

--IT'S "THINKING CAP" TIME!