

Bay Area Sunshine Club
1606 Redway Lane
Houston, Texas 77062

Larry Rowe

*meeting Aug 27th 10:AM
where: ?*

16 July 1993

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

Dear Mr. Maria:

It has come to our attention that the Space Center Rotary Club has found it necessary to withdraw its commitment to the building fund of the Bay Area Community Center. This news saddened and disappointed the Bay Area Sunshine Club as well as the other senior groups.

When the idea of a community center was born in early 1990 we, the East Harris County Senior Citizens, immediately went to work raising money for the much needed facility. We had a *Bowl-a-Thon*, a *Buy-a-Brick Campaign*, and gave personal donations. From the onset, our commitment has been long term and we were enthusiastic regarding the Rotary Club joining in our on-going effort.

In the Fall of 1991, the Rotary Club came up with a brain-storm. They pledged \$100,000 over a five year period to the Community Center Building Fund. We would work together as a team and our first joint venture would be a car raffle. Great idea!! Some of the Rotarians took the lead; they negotiated for a car, had tickets printed and arranged for locations where tickets could be sold. The Seniors maned the stations in the daylight hours and the Rotarians took the night shift. It was understood that the proceeds from the ticket sales would go toward the new Community Center Building Fund. The public responded and we sold enough tickets to pay for the car and made a profit of \$11,000. This announcement, by your President, was the highlight of the 1992 E.H.C.S.C. Valentine Dance at the Hilton Hotel. Therefore, it is with regret that we accept your decision to withdraw your support from the building fund, but feel certain that you will honor the promise of your predecessors.

The \$11,000 raised on the car raffle was pledged to the Bay Area Community Center and we would like to know when you will release it to East Harris County so that we may count it in total funds raised. The Bay Area Sunshine Club will continue to work for this cause and one day soon an idea born in 1990 will become a reality.

Thank you for your courtesy and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Nita Hill
Bay Area Sunshine Club
Nita Hill, Corresponding Secretary

Kitty Haner
Bay Area Sunshine Club
Kitty Haner, President

xc: Commissioner Jim Fonteno

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