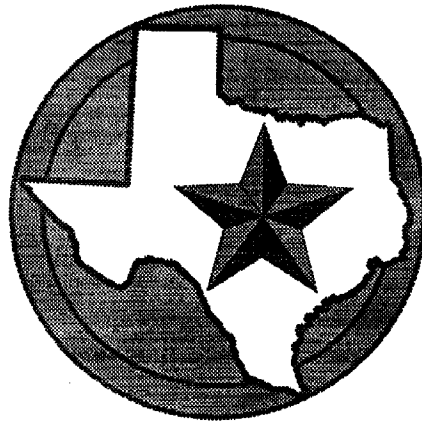
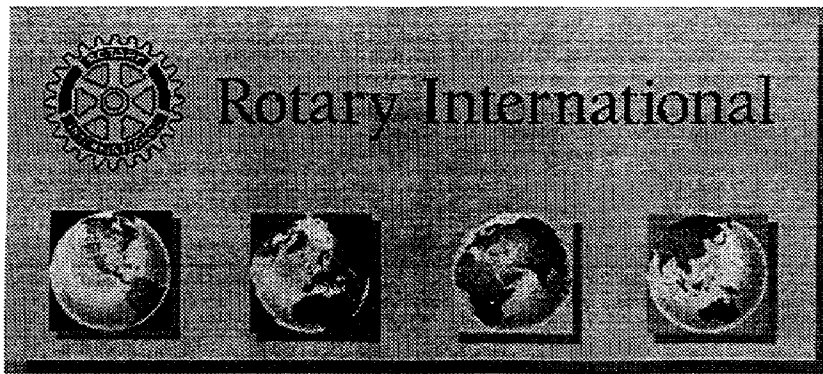


**SPACE CENTER ROTARY
PRESENTS
THE
1997 DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARDS IN
LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND
1997 OFFICER OF THE YEAR**



**APRIL 7, 1997
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PROGRAM

April 7, 1997

GENERAL MEETING OF SPACE CENTER ROTARY

Donnie Johnson
President Elect

Excellence In Law Enforcement Committee

The Excellence in Law Enforcement Committee of the Space Center Rotary was established to recognize law enforcement officers from the various departments serving the Clear Lake area that have distinguished themselves among their own peers. Selections of nominees comes from within each department based on various categories related to upholding the high standards of law enforcement. Categories considered include:

- Involvement in crime prevention efforts/programs
- Special investigation activities
- Awards and/or acts of extraordinary valor
- Community involvement - activities/programs
- Special activities/programs with juveniles
- Drug prevention and control
- Traffic safety programs
- Facilitation of lectures and training programs
- Development of innovative approaches to better performance
- Other accomplishments or contributions to law enforcement and the community

This year's committee, chaired by Bill Farries, had the great privilege of meeting a tremendous group of nominees. Each one of them represents the best of Law Enforcement, going far beyond the basic requirements of their duties in serving our families and businesses. It was not easy narrowing down the group of five finalists to a single Officer of the Year for 1997. They are all winners and deserve the recognition and appreciation of all the citizens they serve. Please give them a warm Rotary welcome as they are introduced to the membership and visitors today, and take the opportunity to thank them for their ongoing contributions. Although only one will be recognized as the Officer of the Year, they are all Distinguished Service Award winners and invaluable to our community.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD

INTRODUCTION

Bill Farries
Chair

1996 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Steven A. Cain
Houston Police
Department

PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Deputy Ronald F. Butler
Harris County Sheriff's Department

John Christner

Officer John J. "Jay" Henderson
Houston Police Department

Herb McElveen

Officer John D. Levrier
Houston Police Department

Claire Taylor

Officer Sean Wright
Seabrook Police Department

Bill Foster

Captain Kevin Graves
Harris County Constable's Office, Pct 8

Marilyn Musial

PRESENTATION OF 1996 OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Donnie Johnson
President Elect

PRESENTATION TO CHIEF OF POLICE

Jim Saxe,
Director

PRESENTATION TO JUDGE STEVE PHELPS

Donnie Johnson
President Elect

MEETING ADJOURNED

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LAW
ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

BILL FARRIES, CHAIR

CLAIRE TAYLOR

JOHN CHRISTNER

BILL FOSTER

JOHNNY GIBSON

HERB MCELVEEN

MARILYN MUSIAL

MIKE PORTERFIELD

JIM SAXE, DIRECTOR

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO ONE OF OUR NEW
MEMBERS FOR SUPPORTING THIS COMMITTEE**

JERRY HURLEY