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DISTRICT 589

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ROTARY THEME FOR 1974-75:

"RENEW THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY"

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MONDAY, MAR. 17TH..ST. PATRICK'S DAY!...ERIN GO BRAGH - WEARING OF THE GRIN, and all that sort of thing! Yea, it will be the gathering of the clan. But remember, shillelaghs must be left at home! May tha' graces be on Gracey!



MONDAY, MAR. 24TH..FREDERIC J. PRATT, Director of Armand Bayou Nature Center, Inc., will be our speaker. We should learn much about the plans and activities of our newly acquired gift of nature. Pratt comes from the Fort Worth Nature Center where, during the past seven years, he has been involved in all phases of nature center operation and has been providing instruction in Earth and Life Science, training animals for use in teaching children and teachers. Pratt says the Armand Bayou Center will be where people of all ages can come to experience, to learn, to enjoy and to get back into proper balance with their environment.. He gives praise to the people of our great area in their foresight and efforts in continuing their work toward such a preservation. A system of nature trails is in the plan for the new Bayou Center. Bring a guest by all means.

APRIL PROGRAMS are in the mill. Stand by please!

MAY 2-3-4.....DISTRICT 589 ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston. Our club should well be represented... get ready to **GO** !

JUNE 8-12TH."ON TO MONTREAL" for the R. I. Convention. From the looks of things Maclyn and Don Kirk will have some company on this trip - several members making plans to go along. This is good! We will then be able to compare reports when they return home (?)

IN DEFENSE OF REGULAR ATTENDANCE.....Rotary thrives on fellowship which can result best from regular attendance. No one gets any fellowship from an empty chair next to him. A Rotarian represents his vocation to Rotary, and Rotary to his vocation. This is a basic idea in Rotary. When a club lends a classification, it has a right to expect that it will be represented regularly in club meetings. There is something to learn about Rotary and it's object in every meeting. There is a direct relationship between fellowship and attendance. Clubs should appreciate this fact and endeavor to promote fellowship within the club.

THREE KINDS OF ROTARIANS:

- 1) Those who **MAKE** things happen
- 2) Those who **WATCH** things happen
- 3) Those who **WONDERED** what happened

PLEASED TO REPORT that Mike Arbuckle's son, **PETER** (16) is now out of intensive care and responding to treatment following his recent trampoline accident in which he suffered a broken neck and was totally paralyzed. With this early treatment he is able to motivate his left arm. This is good news! Our membership joins in wishing Peter total recovery in short order, and wishes of comfort to his parents and other members of his family.

MARTIN GRACEY, our clubs good-will traveling emissary, visited **JIM FLEMING** while recently in Costa Rica. Martin reports **JIM** is alive and well, and most active in the Rotary Club of San Jose which recently hosted the Rotary District Conference for all Latin-American Rotary Clubs. Jim says he is thoroughly enjoying the life of a pensionado in Costa Rica. Jim was an active Rotarian here at Space Center for a number of years prior to his retirement. We are always pleased to hear from and about our former members, and every report we get is a good one! Let your editor know about other former members and their activities.

OH???....The difference between a recession and a depression...If your neighbor is laid off work, **THAT'S A RECESSION!**

MAKE A NOTE PLEASE:....Beginning Tuesday, April 1st, at 12 o'clock noon, the **ROTARY CLUB OF HARRISBURG** will begin meeting at the Gulfgate Shopping Center Banquet Hall, lower floor, Woodridge entrance. Picadilly Restaurant will do the catering. The Harrisburg club is just another one of the many area Rotary clubs where you can 'make-up' - and a good one.

THE STORY GOES.....that when our exuberant gifted member, **DEAN WOODRUFF**, finished his seminary studies and was ordained a Presbyterian minister, he was approved by the Presbytery to accept the pastordship of a small mission church in a little cross-road West Texas village by the name of **NOTREES** (some 30 miles west of Odessa). Within the hour following his arrival at **NOTREES**, Dean sent word back to the Presbytery insisting it help find another church for him in some other place. He was asked why he wanted to make such a quick move without first giving it all a good try. Dean replied that it was not a case of his not wanting to remain at Notrees, but it certainly was no place for his dog, Spot, and under no circumstances was he going to give up his dog!

BYE, REX!.....On February 24th our past president, **REX BAILEY**, gave a short but tearjerking going away speech. When he finished he received a standing ovation from the entire membership. To the best of recollections there has never before been a standing ovation for any member resigning and leaving the Space Center Club. There is still some question as to its meaning....??? Confidentially, **REX**, there are still tears being jerked because of your leaving. Our best and sincere wishes - and do hurry back, bringing Nancy with you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LARRY ROWE
MIKE DRISCOLL
HAL NEELY
OWEN MORRIS

MAR 19
MAR 24
MAR 30
APR 3



QUICKIES:...Silence is the beginning of wisdom, but some didn't make it through kindergarten...Some folks are so lazy if their ship came in they'd expect some one else to unload it for 'em!...If you would quit nursing that grudge it might die!...If you were a Century plant, guess you'd take your time about blooming, too. Once you bloom..that's it! Once it was a welcomed honor to be appointed American Ambassador to someplace. Now it's more like a kiss of death! (Mary Lillian Blackstock of Graham, Texas)

Rotary must glow to grow....When a Rotarian streaks out of a meeting he is not nude, -Just rude!

A LITTLE VIEW OF THIS BIG EARTH OF OURS!...Let us look at the world as if it were a village -- a village with a population of only 1,000 people. In this village there would be 140 North and South Americans (60 representing the U.S.); 210 Europeans; 86 Africans; 565 Asians. There would be 300 white people and 700 non-white people. Of the thousand, 300 would be Christians. Half of the total income of this village would be in the U.S. Almost all the affluent part of the village would be composed of Christians from Europe and North America. Over 700 of the 1,000 villagers would be unable to read. Over 500 would be suffering from malnutrition. Over 800 would live in what we call sub-standard housing. No more than ten (10) would have a university education. (a reprint from the London Rotarian)

"THE ROTARIAN" ---PRIDE OF ROTARY:... THE ROTARIAN and its Spanish language edition, **REVISTA ROTARIA** --is perhaps the most international of all magazines, reaching over 465,000 subscribers in 158 countries on six continents. It treats such international issues as peace, world hunger, the environment; such multinational themes as exchange students, group study exchange; such intercountry projects as Project Irish through which more than 100 families in the U.S. Midwest recently gave youngsters a summer vacation from terrorist activities in Northern Ireland.

If you cross a skunk with a computer, all you'll get is a stinking know it all!

PARTY TIME.....You really missed it if you failed to make the trip to the Dean Goss Dinner Theatre last Saturday evening. The bus was loaded with 23 club members plus their wives (that totals 46, right?) Though **PETE GIST** was unable to make the event, he did yeoman Rotary Club service by securing and icing down the refreshments for the 'gang' before the bus pulled out from King's Inn at 5:30 PM. The show was great and theatre owner, Dean Goss, kept the crowd of some 300 or more rolling in the aisle for 30 minutes before the show got underway. The food was excellent. But above all was the fun and fellowship had by our group during the whole evening. Our hats off to **ED SAMFIELD** for a job well done in chairing this big event. He didn't miss a trick unless it was the last note of the windup song, "Good Night Ladies" just before departing from the bus at 11:30 PM. And another tip of the hat to **JOHN HOFF** who led the songfest enroute home with the able assistance of the Irish tenor, **MARTIN GRACEY**, and numerous other unidentified note-busters scattered throughout the bus. Again, **IF** you missed it, don't miss the next one **ED** sets up for us.

CONGRATULATIONS to the **AGGIES** !...for winning the **SWC** basketball title. But did you hear about one of the bench players thinking a Polaroid is a condition that comes from sitting on ice?

QUESTION....Records show that three out of five federal employees are women. Could this explain the spending?

THE END..... (perhaps for your editor?)