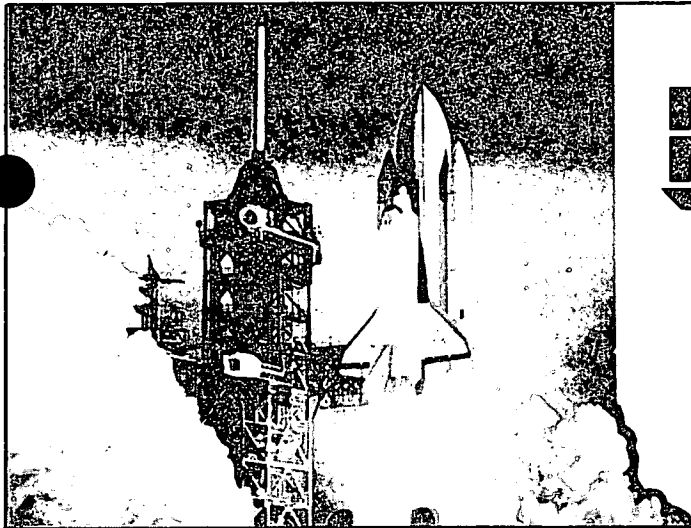
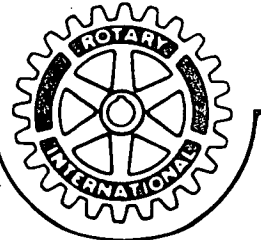


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“Rotary brings hope”

APRIL 6, 1987

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

Responsibility for Apr.: Charles Post

- APR 6 **Nat Eisenberg:** "The Yuppie Depression: Will Houston Go Chapter 11 in '87?"
- APR 13 **Gen. Hal Neely,** Subsidence Legislation
- APR 20 **Harvill Weller,** Attorney. "Tort Reform: The Injured Man's Perspective"
- APR 27 Details to be announced about visit of Norwegian Rotarians

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MARCH 23: Our last meeting at the Holiday Inn began with a salute to Joe Hang, one of the newest citizens of the USA. ---- Stuart Crockett and Susanne Sullivan of HUGS (Help Us Give Support) presented a program on the campaign to build a Ronald McDonald House to serve the families of children undergoing long-term treatment in medical facilities on Galveston Island (UTMB, Shriners' Burn Institute, and the Moody Rehabilitation Center for Cerebral Palsy. With the \$2 million they propose to raise, a building will be built to provide comfortable housing for families who must travel to Galveston to accompany and provide emotional support for their sick children.

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

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

- 4/6 Pete Gist/Joe Henkel
- 4/13 Kirk Koepsel/Jack Denike
- 4/20 Ron Niksich/Jim McFeron
- 4/27 Jerry Smith/Bill Walker

Backup

- Bill Bennett/David Franz
- Pete Gist/Joe Henkel
- Kirk Koepsel/Jack Denike
- Ron Niksich/Jim McFeron

HISTORIC FIRST MEETING AT THE HILTON

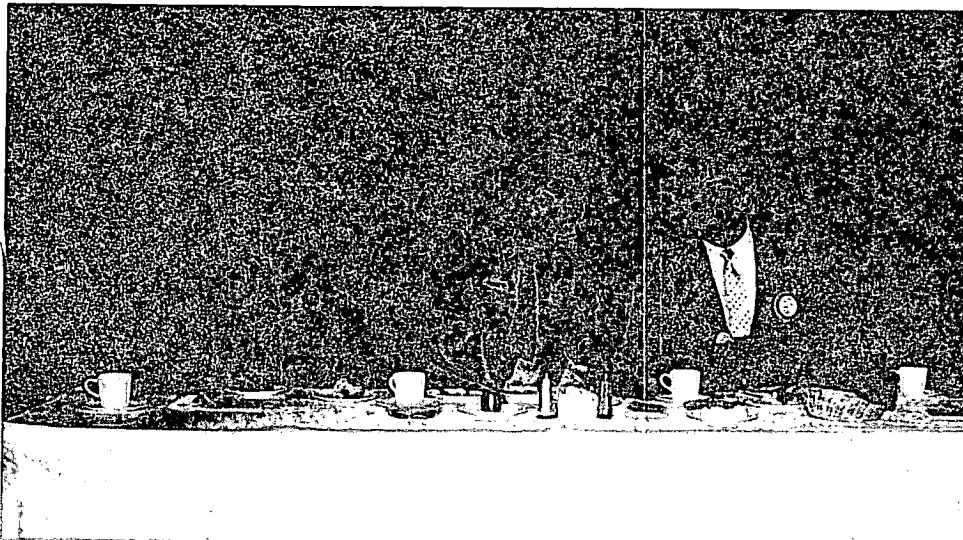
Last week over 150 attended the first meeting at the Hilton on the shores of Clear Lake. The setting was gracious, as we had expected. Moreover, 98 ate lunch compared to the 60-65 or so that have been customarily eating. But there were no "bleachers" and no standees! There was plenty of room for moving about the room. We will probably see the moving of the serving table toward the back of the room and the screen will be on the side of the speaker's platform instead of at the back of the room. The Hilton management is being extremely cooperative. Now you can certainly bring a guest with pride...Even the microphone works. But we are still looking for our bell! If you know where it is, please speak up.

---- THINGS ARE LOOKING UP !

In the words of **Distr. Gov. Walt Lackey:** "This is the kind of place the Space Center Rotary Club should be meeting in".

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

MEETING OF MARCH 30: Jack Catron introduced Gary Collins and Jerry Gordon, game wardens with the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission. Gary and Jerry put on a slide show depicting the development of the game warden program from only 6 wardens covering all of Texas in the 1880's to over 500 today. A WORD TO THE WISE: A FENCE IS DUE NOTICE THAT YOU CAN BE PROSECUTED FOR TRESPASSING FOR THE PURPOSE OF HUNTING AND FISHING !



NOTICES:

FYI: The member meal price is \$7.25 for the entree and/or salad (\$1.00 of the total \$8.25 price is billed with your dues). The serving line will open at 11:30 AM.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Call in your reservation to Terry Stock or you may find yourself without a room in the conference hotel.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: If your picture or the information in the Directory is either not correct or is not there, notify Joe Hang or Billy Weseman. A directory update will be published in 2 weeks.

POLIO PLUS: We have collected \$5510 from 52 Rotarians. Now is the time to get on the ball--Turn in your money and/or tickets to Dave King.

Space Center

WOMEN OF ROTARY

The women of Space Center Rotary are coming into their own. It was felt that by organizing more opportunities would open up to reach out in fellowship, to provide social events that provide the setting for us to know each other better, and to provide support that complements the men in their various Rotary activities.

At our March 12 meeting, a slate of officers for 1987/88 was presented with elections to be held April 9. The slate of officers: President, Anne Weseman; Vice President, Carolyn Watson; Treasurer, Dorothy Frost; and Secretary, Florence Kraft.

Luncheon meetings: Second Thursday of each month at Lakewood Yacht Club in Seabrook. Social hour is 11:30 AM, with lunch served at 12:00. Lunch is \$10. Please RSVP direct to Lakewood, 474-2511, by the Wednesday before the meeting. Annual dues will be \$10. Under Pat Hargrove's direction, we came together as Space Center Women of Rotary and we invite the women of Rotary members to join us as we chart new directions.

---Carolyn Watson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BILL RITTENHOUSE	4/6
JACK DENIKE	4/9
B. JAY CANNON	4/10
RON HOPPING	4/12
KEN GURRY	4/15
FRANK MORGAN	4/16
CHARLES ALBER	4/19
JERRY CLAUSE	4/19

WELCOMING BANNER FROM MEXICO CITY

The Aeropuerto Club of Mexico City sent us the banner below with signatures of all of the members of the club as a reminder of our visit to their club in February.



Youth Exchange--Expanded

David Taylor, Chairman of District 589 Youth Exchange, announced that District 589's ambitious program of short-stay youth exchanges with Europe for the summer of 1987 now includes Frankfurt, Germany and Barcelona, Spain as separate groups. What an opportunity for children age 17 to 19 to visit abroad for three weeks in July under the sponsorship of a European Rotarian family. Time is short! April 30 is the district deadline for applications and David Taylor needs your application a week before that. The cost to the student is roundtrip airfare plus miscellaneous spending money. The European Rotarian supplies the rest. Get guidance on application preparation from Dr. David Taylor--NOW!

Flash! Add Milan, Italy!

Flash

Golf ●●●○

The "Super Duffers" continued their convivial way with a tournament at Baywood on March 26. In the Handicap play, it was: Pete Gist, first; Terry Hesson, second; and guest Clay Knago, third; with ties for fourth going to Bob Frost, John Lee, and Al Ligrani. Randy Hopkins and Joe Skelly came in one-two in the Callaway Flight. Longest Drive awards went to Mike McKinney and Dennis Sauer. Closest to the pin on the selected holes were Roger Headrick and Dennis Sauer. That "closest to the pin" award bothers me. Is it a "gimme" if you finally manage to get on the green?

MARCH'S \$50 CONTRIBUTORS

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

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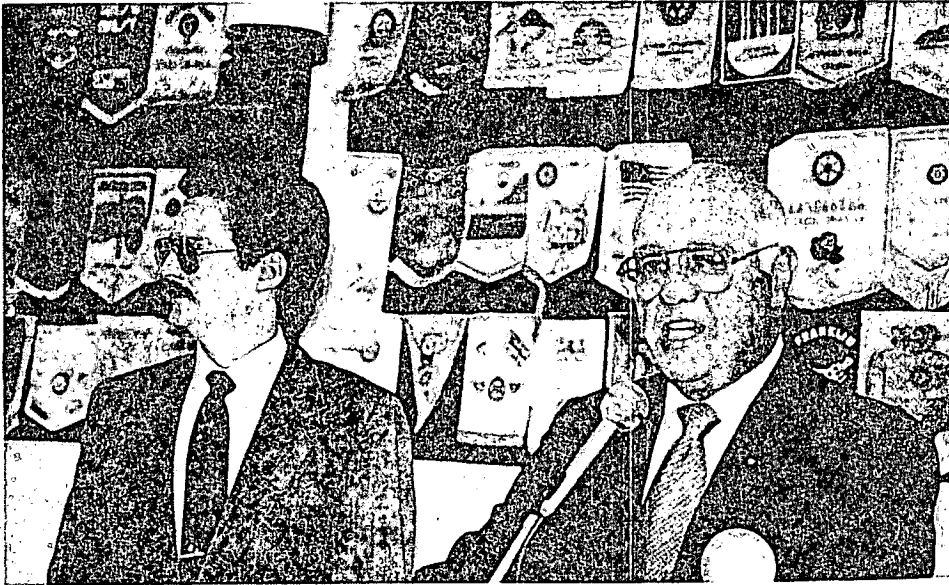
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NEW MEMBERS --welcome them !



Jonathon Hall, at left, was sponsored and introduced on 3/23 by Al Ligrani. Jon will be listed in the "Engineering Systems Development" classification. He is president of J. Hall Associates, Inc., 6860 Brace, Houston 77061, which also conveniently serves as his home. His phone is 643-1121. Jon is a native Houstonian (yea !) who received a BA (Magna Cum Laude) in Mathematics from the University of Houston (Central Campus). He was a member of Rotary in Goleta CA for about one year. But, alas, Jon is not married. (Members with eligible daughters might note!).



Rick Rosenhagen, son of Ron Rosenhagen, was introduced by sponsor Jack Lister. Rick is in our "Government-Personnel Management" classification, and more specifically is a Personnel Management Specialist with NASA-JSC. He attended Concordia College and The University of Texas, earning a Bachelor in Business Management Administration. Rick and his wife Rebecca live at 16019 Pipers View Dr., Webster 77598, phone 488-4261. Rick is a native of Wichita, Kansas.

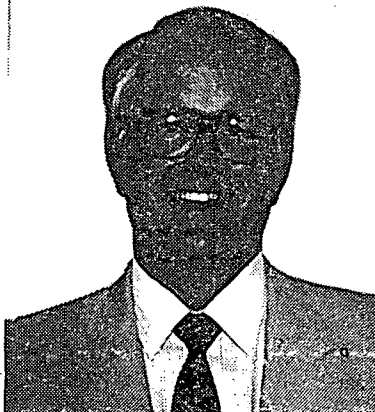


Vann R. Jones was inducted under the sponsorship of David Cantu. Vann is the owner/operator of the Chick-Fil-A in Baybrook Mall, phone 488-6453. Hence his classification is "Restaurant-Fast Food". Vann and his wife Terri live at 265 El Dorado Blvd. #613, Webster TX 77598, phone 480-1953. Being a native of Etowah City (near Gadsden AL), he first attended Gadsden State Jr. College, then the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, receiving a BS in Business Administration with a major in Marketing and a minor in HRM, hotel-restaurant management. WELCOME ALL !!

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

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Jerry Smith. Jerry has been in Rotary since 1980, working on the membership committee, greeting committee and introductions committee. He has worked 18 years in financial planning in the stock brokerage business, the last 7 being with E. F. Hutton. Jerry and his wife Nancy have 3 healthy boys ages 11, 14 and 17. He enjoys golf and basketball, and in fact, coaches a local basketball team and baseball teams. He helped raise funds needed to finance a new building for St. Paul's Catholic Church. Jerry enjoys Rotary because Rotarians "work with a common goal to give back to the community what we receive."



Billy Smith. Billy has been in Rotary since 1974. He has been on the program committee, and was classification chairman twice. He has been a director for 3 years, and is currently sergeant-at-arms elect. He is also on the executive committee for the Rotary Space Award Foundation. He practices law in the Clear Lake area, now having done so for 17 years in the areas of general law, real estate, banking and estate planning. He is active in projects at St. Christopher Episcopal Church and he is on the board of the shelter for abused women. Billy enjoys tennis ("tennis, anyone?"). He is an avid computer enthusiast, and is the proud father of five children, ages 14 through 28.



Jack Denike. Jack's Space Center Rotary record extends back to 1970, but he was a Rotarian elsewhere for 3 years before that. He bought the shrimp for the first 3 Shrimporees and has "made coleslaw until it was running out of his ears". He has worked to send financial and medical support to Mexico and other countries, and attended an International Rotary convention in Europe. He has done makeups in 30 foreign countries ("not counting Alaska"). Jack has long worked in the air conditioning business (1958-1985) and recently, by popular demand, he was asked to come out of retirement. So he is back enjoying his work a great deal. But we would be remiss if we did not mention that Jack was King of the Rendezvous in 1983! He and his wife Maggie love to spend time traveling (Ed: "Now that's a fact!"). They have 3 very successful children and, at last count, 5 healthy grandchildren.



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IT MATTERS TO THIS ONE

An old man, taking his daily stroll along a deserted beach, saw a small boy in the distance. The boy reached down and picked up objects off the beach and threw them into the water. Again and again, the boy repeated this action. The old man's curiosity got the best of him and he approached the boy and found that he was picking up starfish, one by one, and throwing them back into the ocean.

The old man asked, "Son, what are you doing?" The boy replied, "Well, these starfish have been washed up on the beach and if they don't get back into the water, they'll die." Seeing that there were thousands of starfish lying stranded along the beach, the old man said, "Young man, this is hopeless. You'll never be able to save all of these starfish. There are too many of them. So, what does it matter?" The boy looked down at the starfish he was holding in his hand and said, "Well, sir, it matters to this one."

When we think about the PolioPlus campaign and the millions of children that need to be immunized, it's easy to become overwhelmed by the enormous scope of the project and to forget that we're dealing with individuals, one by one. To that individual child that won't have to go through the misery and pain of polio, or tuberculosis, or tetanus, IT MATTERS. To the family of that one child that might have died or been crippled, IT MATTERS.

Today, YOU are standing on the beach. You can say, "This is hopeless. There are just too many of them, and what does it matter?" Or, you can think about that one child whose life you hold in your hand and say, "Well, sir, it matters to this one."

-by Ron Ward, Rotary Club of
Great Southwest (Arlington) TX
District 579

ALL ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Your Editor did a make-up at a "nearby Rotary Club" last month and discovered the latest in methods for recruiting. It was right there in their club bulletin:

1st sentence: "The City of ---- broke ground for its new Police Station on Saturday March 14."

Very next sentence: "LET'S KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS!!"

Just imagine having professionals to round up prospects for your club! I understand Saturday nights are especially productive! -- I told them that we had not given that a try yet, but that if our beloved Governor Walt kept up the pressure, we might try it. --- --Last one to zot his blue dot is a rotten egg!

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