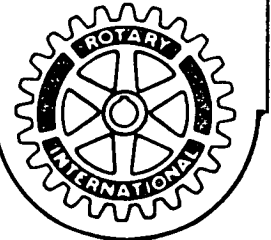


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“Rotary brings hope”

MAY 4, 1987

## PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

Responsibility for May: Jerry Jones

- MAY 4      **Lee Brown**, Chief of Police, City of Houston
- MAY 11    **Michelle Ventura**, Jr. Achievement. "Activities of Jr. Achievement in our Area"
- MAY 18    **Constable Bill Bailey**, no less. We understand his topic will be something like: "What a Great Job I am Doing!"
- MAY 25    **HOLIDAY. No Meeting.**

### PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF APRIL 20: Our pre-meeting music continued in a new fun direction with Dr. Mike McKinney on harmonica and Dave Cantu leading us in "This Land is Your Land".----Congrats to Terry Hesson and thanks to Patty Massey of Holiday Inn for finding, repairing, and shining our Rotary Bell.---The District Governor will visit our club on July 20. You can help by filling out your Committee Preference Survey right away so our structure will be in good shape early in the new year, starting July 1. The amount of preparation work is incredible.

Charles Post introduced local attorney Harvill Weller, of Krist, Gunn, Weller and Morrison, who spoke on tort reform. Some of his major points were:

(A continuation of this report on page 2 with photos on pages 2 & 3)

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### GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

- 5/4 Johnny White/Jim McDonald
- 5/11 Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler
- 5/18 Jerry Hammack/Roy Iles
- 5/25 -----Holiday-----

- Jerry Smith/Bill Walker
- Johnny White/Jim McDonald
- Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler

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## IT'S TIME FOR GATHERING THE TROOPS:

President Jim Hargrove extends this message to ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

"Please assess where your committee is in relation to the goals you set at the start of the year. Have you accomplished your goal? Have you changed your goal? Will you reach your goal by the end of the Rotary year on June 30? "

"If funds are involved, the Board will have to approve them before commitment. So don't rush in at the last minute. In fact, if you don't NEED to spend the money, don't do it because income has been harder to come by than usual."

"I am encouraged by the actions of the committees so far this year. I hope to bring you a good report in late June."

*Jim Hargrove*

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

- Tort Reform laws in Florida and Ontario, Canada have not resulted in lower insurance premiums.
- Insurance company profits have increased from \$1 billion to \$11 billion during the time drastic premium increases have taken place.
- Lloyds of London has lost money through insuring both sides in the Iraq-Iran War.
- 70-90% of tort cases are lost by the plaintiff and the average award is \$25,000. If plaintiff negligence exceeds 50%, no award is made.
- Average court costs are \$3500.
- Lawyers must select only the cases they think have the greatest merit because of the investment of time and money they must make.
- A Rand Corporation study found jury awards to be reasonable and stable over the past 20 years.



MEETING OF APRIL 27: Carlos Villagomez led us in a rousing, a capella rendition of "The More We Get Together"-----But when do we get our piano and our lovely, virtuoso pianist back?

Vic Maria introduced Swen Almlf and Dag Aadne Sandbakken, who presented an interesting program on Norway. Swen is a Rotarian from District 228 in Central Norway, where they have 52 clubs and 2100 members in an area with only 600,000 inhabitants. Swen introduced the 5 young professionals (26-33), who are members of the exchange group.

Dag, who is dean of the Norwegian School of Management, apparently the only private school, filled us in on many interesting facts about Norway, including:

- Norway is 1/2 the size of Texas but long and thin, with a population of 4.2 million, much like the population figure for the Greater Houston area.
- Norway's economy is suffering from the drop in oil prices, just like we are.
- The Chernobyl accident necessitated large scale slaughtering and "digging down" (burying) of sheep and reindeer.
- The average Norwegian pays 30-40% income tax and a 20% sales tax but has free education through college and government health insurance.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Alan Wylie and David Taylor are really moving and shaking in the field of International Youth Exchanges, a program that is being expanded because of its success and acceptance. They have announced that a group of Rotary Exchange young people will be in the Clear Lake area between July 23rd and August 3rd. Let Alan or David know if you can host a young person from Germany, Italy, France or Spain during that period this summer-- or-- if you could give a tour of your company to a group of these visitors.

## UPDATING POLIO-PLUS

Bob Wren reports that 82 of our 170 members have turned in their Polio Plus tickets. April 29 was the absolute deadline before the drawing held at the District Conference. Your Editor wishes that he had the results to report to you but we had to turn this issue in to the printer Wednesday afternoon before heading out Thursday for the New Orleans meeting. This effort is part of the \$10 million worldwide plan to eliminate from our planet polio and 6 other diseases that cause suffering, maiming, or death, especially among children. For example, in 1985, 2 million children died of measles.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

There are just  
two months  
left in this  
Rotary Year!

**MORE  
MEETING PHOTOS**

Top: Vic Marie introduces the Norwegians  
 Center: Vic with the Norwegians  
 Bottom: Randy awaits his trophy as Floyd  
 waxes (aplenty)



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To my dear wife Margery:  
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

*Tom Wier*

## HERE'S ANOTHER CHANCE

# DO YOU WANT TO ZOT YOUR BLUE DOT?

Billy Smith's Classification Committee has produced a list of classifications that are available for an "active" or an "additional active" membership. Here is part of the list. Use it to stimulate your thinking of someone you know that would make a good member-- who would enjoy membership and would properly shoulder the responsibilities for participation in both the work and attendance.

PHYSICIAN - PLASTIC SURGEON  
PHYSICIAN - OPTOMETRIST  
REAL ESTATE LAND DEVELOPMENT  
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COMPUTER SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT  
CLOTHING DRY CLEANING

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SERVICE  
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CLOTHING - TAILORS  
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SWIMMING POOLS - MAINTENANCE  
CONTRACTING - ELECTRICAL  
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DENTIST - COSMETIC &  
RESTORATIVE  
DENTIST - ENDODONTIST  
DENTIST - ORTHODONTIST  
DENTIST - MAXILLOFACIAL  
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PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
FURNITURE REFINISHING  
FURNITURE UNHOLSTERING  
INSURANCE ADJUSTING  
ATTORNEY - FAMILY LAW  
ATTORNEY - LABOR LAW  
ATTORNEY - COMMERCIAL LAW  
ATTORNEY - REAL ESTATE LAW  
ATTORNEY - INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTIES  
ATTORNEY - TAX LAW  
ATTORNEY - PERSONAL INJURY  
ATTORNEY - CIVIL TRIAL  
ATTORNEY - CRIMINAL LAW  
PHYSICIAN - GENERAL PRACTICE  
PHYSICIAN - ALLERGY &  
IMMUNOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - ANESTHESIOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - CARDIOVASCULAR

AIRCRAFT SALES  
AIR TRANSPORTATION -  
COMMERCIAL  
AIR TRANSPORTATION - PASSENGER  
BEER DISTRIBUTING - WHOLESALE  
PHYSICIAN - DERMATOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - ENDOCRINOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - EYE, EAR, NOSE &  
THROAT  
PHYSICIAN - FAMILY PRACTICE  
PHYSICIAN - GYNECOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - HEMATOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - INTERNAL MEDICINE  
PHYSICIAN - NEPHROLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - NEUROLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - OBSTETRICS  
PHYSICIAN - ONCOLOGY  
PHYSICIAN - ORTHOPEDIST  
PHYSICIAN - PEDIATRICS  
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RELIGION - CATHOLIC  
RELIGION - CHRISTIAN  
RELIGION - CHURCH OF CHRIST  
RELIGION - CHURCH OF GOD  
RELIGION - EPISCOPAL  
RELIGION - LUTHRAN  
RELIGION - PRESBYTERIAN  
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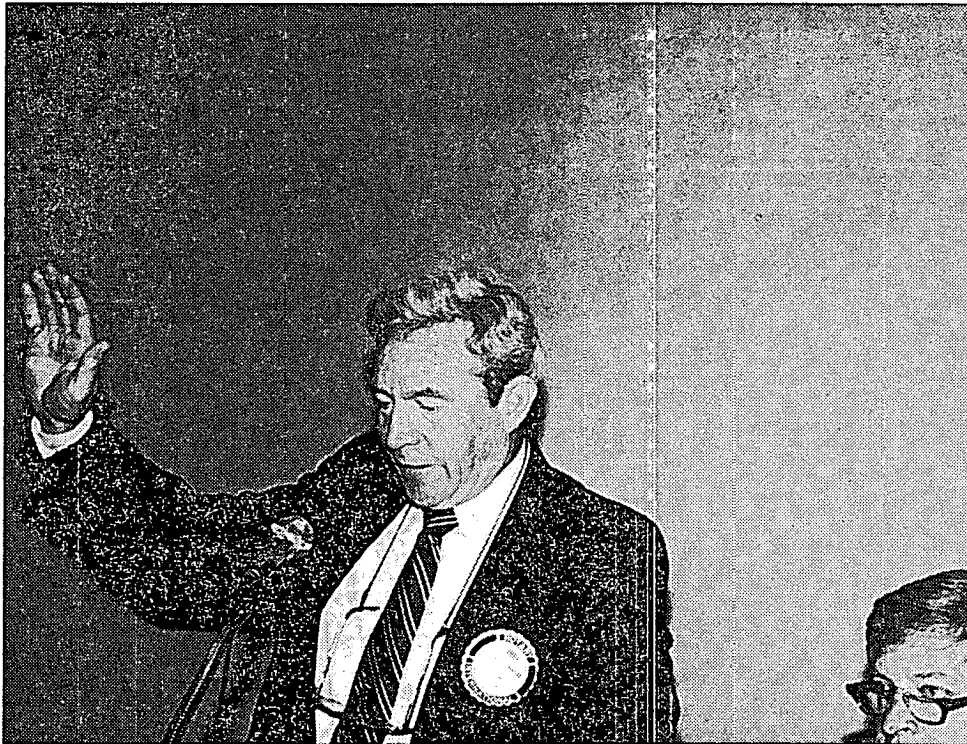
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PLEASE GIVE YOUR ANSWER AS TO WHAT LAMAR BOWLES WAS DOING AT THE MOMENT THE CAMERA CAUGHT THIS PICTURE:

- TAKING THE OATH OF SOME HIGH OFFICE.
- SWEARING NEVER TO DO WHATEVER IT WAS AGAIN.
- "PAUSING FOR EFFECT"
- SILENCING THE CROWD WHILE HE GAVE THE FACTS ON THE REVERSE DRAW.
- ALL OF THE ABOVE.
- NONE OF THE ABOVE.

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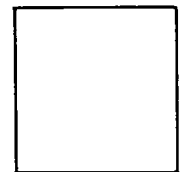
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