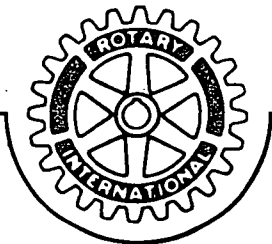


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News Bulletin for the
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“Rotary brings hope”

PROGRAMS

Don Kirk, Chairman

MAY 18, 1987

Responsibility for May: Jerry Jones
Responsibility for June: Robbye Waldron

PERSONAL

MAY 18

Constable Bill Bailey, no less. We understand his topic will be something like: "What a Great Job I am Doing!" (Don't take a chance on illegal parking today!)

Jack Denike underwent extensive surgery in Houston last week. He will now be healing up for a few weeks during which, Maggie reports, he can do anything he feels up to. Chemotherapy and radiotherapy will be started in about 3 weeks. As Maggie says, "Jack is tough. He'll rebound". We're with you, Jack. We'll be waiting for you.

MAY 25

HOLIDAY. No Meeting.

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF MAY 4: Former Space Center Rotarian and astronaut Buzz Aldrin stopped by to pick up a banner for his hometown Rotary club in Montclair NJ. --- Jim Hargrove brought good news from the New Orleans District Conference:

- A contingent of 36 from Space Center Rotary attended
- Our club raised \$10,240 for Polio Plus
- Frank Morgan was elected to the Rotary Foundation Board (3 year term)

David Taylor announced that we have 9 applicants for Rotary Summer Youth Exchanges. Congratulation, David.

Former member Klate Holt, now in Virginia, bought \$220 worth of Polio Plus tickets, and when Billy Weseman told him about the Paul Harris sustaining member credit that gave him, which he could finish up at any time, but was under no obligation, Klate bought \$880 more tickets immediately! He named his father Klate M. Holt, a Rotarian for 32 years as his Paul Harris Fellow. His father was a member of clubs in Lynn Mass, in Japan, and following retirement, in Largo, Fla. Klate and Martin Gracey are coming for the Reverse Draw despite Martin's aneurism operation.

Don Kirk introduced Houston Police Chief Dr. Lee Brown, who presented a broad range of perspectives relating to crime in Houston:

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

GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Primary

Backup

5/18 Jerry Hammack/Roy Iles Randy Cornish/Bill Geissler

5/25 -----Holiday-----

6/1 Carlos Villagomez/Bill Bennett Jerry Hammack/Roy Iles

6/8 David Franz/Jim McDonald Carlos Villagomez/Bill Bennett

6/15 Charles Whynot/Jim Shows David Franz/Jim McDonald

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

Some of what Chief Brown said:

- 50% of 9th graders never graduate from high school.
- 25% of high school graduates leave as functional illiterates.
- The average prison inmate has a 7th-9th grade education.
- Illegal drug trade is a \$110 billion industry in the USA.
- Illegal drug activity is gravitating to Houston for many of the same reasons that it gravitated to Miami-- the seaport and long coastline, the large immigrant population, and proximity to Latin American sources of cocaine and marihuana.
- A 1983 study shows that crime is down but fear is up. The HPD has responded with programs that increase the visibility and citizen contact of police officers.

NOTE: Attendance was off on 5/4 because of the storm just before noon!

MEETING OF MAY 11: Sonny Nichols, Polio Plus Chairman for District 589 reported that our district has raised \$235,000 toward its \$850,000 goal-- good progress for our first year.

Jim McNatt urged us to fill out our committee preference sheets and get our committees in gear so we will be prepared when District Governor Al Bussey visits (now scheduled for July 20).

Lamar Bowles filled us in on the Reverse Draw scheduled for June 19th at the Nassau Bay Hilton. Everyone is on a team and has tickets to sell: \$30 blue tickets, which include the buffet and free drinks and \$100 buff-colored tickets that also give you a shot at the \$10,000 grand prize.

Al Ligrani reminded golfers of the weekend at Columbia Lakes June 26-28.

Sam Marullo presented a \$1000 check from the club's Trade and Free Enterprise Committee to Pete Atha, Vice President of Marketing, Junior Achievement of S.E. Texas. Junior Achievement Director of Development Michelle Ventura presented a program and film on Junior Achievement, including remarks by Michelle Moore of Barrios Technology, a volunteer in the applied Economics Program in the Clear Creek District.

Junior Achievement's primary activity in the Bay Area is the teaching of a module led by volunteers like Michell Moore, in which senior high economics classes play computer simulation games that teach them how to maximize profit through decision making related to production, marketing, etc.

BEST DEFINITION (from a teenager who had not taken Jr. Achievement yet):

Gross National Product-- "Let's see, uh, that's the worst product that any company in the nation makes. Right?" --Right.
(Remember you learned it at Space Center Rotary.)

WHO WON THE CAR?-- Kurt Gant, who is not a Rotarian. He is the son of Rotarian Ed Gant of the North Shore Rotary club. Ed bought 29 tickets himself and sold the other one to his son Kurt, who proved to be the winner.

ATTENDANCE

The following Rotarians have had **100% attendance** for the period January through April 1987. Great work, keep it up!

- Dan Atwood
- Ron Blilie
- Lamar Bowles
- Floyd Boze
- Al Brady
- Jack Catron
- Clay Fulcher
- Lloyd Garland
- Jerry Hammack
- Charles Hartman
- Bill Hill
- Al Jowid
- Ralph Karraker
- Dave King
- John Lee
- Al Ligrani
- Bob Lindgren
- Vince Lipovski
- Vic Maria
- Jim McDonald
- Jim McNatt
- Frank Morgan
- Hal Neely
- A. B. Olsen
- Ray Pawlikowski
- Jerry Pennington
- Bill Predmore
- Randy Roof
- Ralph Schimmel
- Joe Shirley
- Jim Shows
- Billy Smith
- Bev Steadman
- Bill Tuite
- John Watson
- Bill Webb
- Jay Welch
- Billy Weseman
- Tom Wier
- Woody Williams
- Bob Wren
- Wayne Young
- Several new members have had 100% since they joined.
- Randy Hopkins
- Bill Taylor
- Vann Jones
- Rick Rosenhagen
- Jon Hall
- David Gochnour

MEETING PHOTOS

1. Chief Brown 2. Jack Catron and the Follies ticket sellers. 3. (R to L) Governor Walt Lackey, Sonny Nichols, and club past prexy Bob Wren.



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MEETING PHOTOS

1. Dr. Sam Marullo makes the presentation. Your editor apologizes for missing the \$1000 smile on the recipient. 2. Jr Achievement's Michelle Ventura. 3. Jr. Achievement's Michelle Moore (Now that's a \$1000 smile.)



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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**
Tom Wier

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MEMBER PROFILES

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

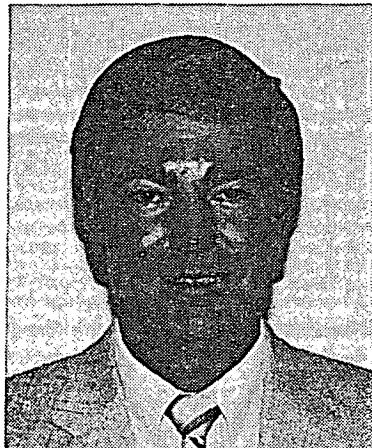
Dan Atwood. Dan has been in the club for 1-1/2 years. He was chairman of the Handicapped Committee, which is working with the Clear Creek Independent School District to provide computers and software to help in educating special children. He has owned and operated the Dunhill Personnel Service since 1976. He specializes in engineering services. He enjoys boating and fishing, and also plays a lot of tennis at Bal Harbor. He has two children, a 23 year old daughter who is a social worker, and a 25 year old son who is getting a degree in Divinity.



Jack Catron. In the club for about one year, Jack has volunteered to help us have outstanding programs next year. Careful, Jack, you could get saddled with the chairmanship that way. Jack is a native Texan. He travelled the world from age 17 through 22. He then returned to Texas to start his business career. Currently, he owns and operates Phi Kappa Data, which handles business forms and marketing. He was active in the Bay Area Follies, which raised \$23,000 for St. John Hospital and the Challenger Center program. He has 3 sons and 1 daughter. He enjoys playing golf--in fact keeps his golf clubs in plain sight at all times, and his office overlooks the golf course! Yep, he enjoys golf!



Carl Dyess. Carl was in the club from 1977 to 1982, took a leave of absence and returned in 1983. He is one of the cashiers who take our money before the lunch buffet, and works on the Club Events Committee. He has run a men's retail clothing store for the past 16 years, his current store being located on Bay Area Blvd. He professes that his main hobby is his business, but that he breaks away occasionally to go fishing. He has 2 sons and 1 daughter. We will be waiting to hear the results of the free trip his beautiful wife Nancy won for them as the top point producer in the recent Bay Area YMCA sustaining fund drive.



Space Center WOMEN OF ROTARY

Rotary District 620 (Baton Rouge) GSE members from Bombay, India were our special guests at the May Luncheon on Thursday the 14th at Lakewood Yacht Club. Three Indian professional women accompanied by 2 Baton Rouge Rotary members flew in for a requested tour of NASA/JSC before returning home. Jean Morgan and Carolyn Watson picked them up from Hobby Airport and hosted them for the visit. One exchange student from South Africa also was our guest.

We had 28 members plus our six guests attend the luncheon.

Be sure to mark your calendar for June 11th when a special luncheon is planned. It will include the installation of officers.

Plans are also under way for an evening party with spouses. It is scheduled for June 27th at Pat and Jim Hargrove's home.

--Carolyn Watson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

VANN JONES	5/18
PAUL KINZE	5/22
RANDY HOPKINS	5/22
A. B. OLSEN	5/27
BILL PREDMORE	5/29
ROGER HEADRICK	5/31
JOE GOLDEN	6/1
RAY HOOKER	6/1
ED HARRIS	6/2
RON BLILIE	6/5

READER TEST

(Choose 1) At the time of this photo, Al Ligrani was

- Serving legal papers
- Auctioning something
- Exhorting about the golf program
- Warning the crowd what he is going to do with those papers if they don't quiet down
- Other: _____



WHY MAKE UP?

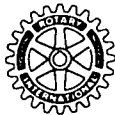
Have you ever noticed each week the large number of members who make up their attendance? Many of these were unable to attend their club meeting last week, but just about half of them are making up for the coming meeting. They don't want to wait until they have missed-- they make up in advance. They are the backbone of our attendance percentage-- and to them goes the credit for it, as well as for their own good personal record. Many of them are 100 percenters.

Habit? Maybe, but it's a good one for Rotarians who really believe in and practice Rotary's attendance rules.

If you are one of those members who seem to be negligent or indifferent about making up, you should take on this good habit. It pays off-- ask any Rotarian who makes up! Try it and see for yourself

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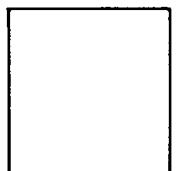
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