

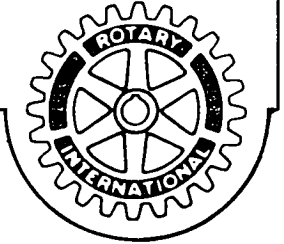
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DISTRICT 589



**"United In Service
Dedicated To Peace"**

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PROGRAMS

Jack Catron, Chairman

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OCT 19

Polio Plus Program. Distr. Gov. Al Busse will be the program lead speaker, accompanied by **Past Pres. Bob Wren, Past Pres. Jim Hargrove, and Past Distr. Gov. Walt Lackey.** This program is very important to Rotary and to the "service above self" that you support.

Only about 40% of the 100 million children born each year are now immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases.
 As many as 3.5 million children are born with mental and physical disabilities annually because of vaccine-preventable diseases.
 Four million deaths could be avoided each year if existing vaccines against the six important childhood diseases were made universally available.

OCT 26

Gerald Griffin. President and CEO of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. (Details on page 2)

NOV 2

International Youth Program-- Alan Wiley will present **Harold Jones**, Chairman of the District 589 Committee. This will be a special **"WIVES DAY"**. (Details on page 3)

OCTOBER 19, 1987

MEXICAN FIESTA

SPACE CENTER WOMEN OF ROTARY

The stars overlooking Galveston Bay were the setting for the group's Mexican Fiesta held at Jim and Pat Hargrove's exciting bay home Saturday October 10. Specially invited were the couples that went to Mexico last February. Comfortable Mexican dress and favorite Mexican fajitas (catered by David Cantu's Dos Mas) were complemented by a picturesque Mexican singer serenading the group. Thanks for this wonderful evening go to Martha Owen and Pat Hargrove.

Ladies, become a member of Women of Rotary and join us in other events coming up!

Jim Hargrove reminded all that the 1988 District 589 Conference will be held in Acapulco April 21-23----BE THERE! --Carolyn Watson

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GREETERS

Jim McDonald, Chairman

Fellowship Committee

Officer/Director/New Memb.

10/19 Bill Taylor/Charles Whynot

Charles Hardwick/Mrunal Bhagat

10/26 Jim McDonald/Bob Frost

Floyd Boze/George Fleming

11/2 Carlos Villagomez/John Gay

Owen Morris/Bill Lowes

11/9 Johnny White/A. B. Olsen

Terry Hesson/Ernest Micelli

(Plus new members as assigned by the committee) Look for them!

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COMING UP-- OCT. 26

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT SPACE LEADERS VISIT-- GERRY GRIFFIN TO SPEAK--MANY GUESTS INVITED

On October 26 the Clear Lake Area will host the two most senior government officials responsible for Italy's space program. As a part of the "Italy in Houston" Cultural Program, which will run from 12-31 Oct. 1987, Prof. Carlo Bongiorno, Director of Space for the Ministry of Scientific Research (MSR), and Prof. Luciano Guerriero, Director of the National Space Plan Organization (PSN), have confirmed their intention to visit our area to present, as part of the Cultural Program, a "Presentation on the Current Status and Plans of the Italian Space Program."

Following a courtesy call at JSC, Profs. Bongiorno and Guerriero will be honored guests at the Space Center Rotary luncheon at 11:30 AM in the Hilton Hotel. (Note the early start!) The guest speaker for the luncheon on October 26 will be Gerry Griffin, President, Houston Chamber of Commerce and, as you know, former Director of the JSC. At approximately 1:30 PM, shortly after the luncheon, the Italian Government will give their presentation of approximately 30 minutes duration followed by a short Q & A session.

Our Rotary Club has warmly invited all interested members of the Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation, The Space Foundation, Clear Lake and Houston Chambers of Commerce, SWAPRA, JSC, local contractor personnel and others. If you know someone in these groups who might like to attend, ask them to make a reservation through their organization. The price will be \$8.25 per person.

NO NEED TO MISS

We all know that sometimes a member has a valid reason for missing a club meeting. If you do have to miss, plan on visiting one of our neighbor clubs to "make up". This helps our attendance record and you will get acquainted with our neighbors as well!

If you do not have a list of makeup places, ask Al Brady or Vince Lipovsky for a copy of the list

DEATH OF U.I.P.

We were saddened to learn of the death of one our club's most valuable members, Someone Else. His passing creates a vacancy that will be hard to fill. Someone Else did far more than the normal person's share of the work.

When there was a job to do, a helping hand needed or just an ear required, one thought was on everybody's lips: "Let Someone Else do it." When there was a need for volunteers, everyone assumed Someone Else would step forward.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, who sometimes appeared to be superhuman. But a person can only do so much. Someone Else is no longer with us because, in the end, everyone expected too much of him.

--from a club bulletin.

In freshman physics there was the question: "If a tree falls in the forest and there is no one there to hear it, was there a sound?"

The answer to that question is, of course, Yes.

But if an Editor writes a Bulletin and no one reads it, does that make the club any better?

PLEASE TAKE THE BLASTOFF HOME

Rotarians :---

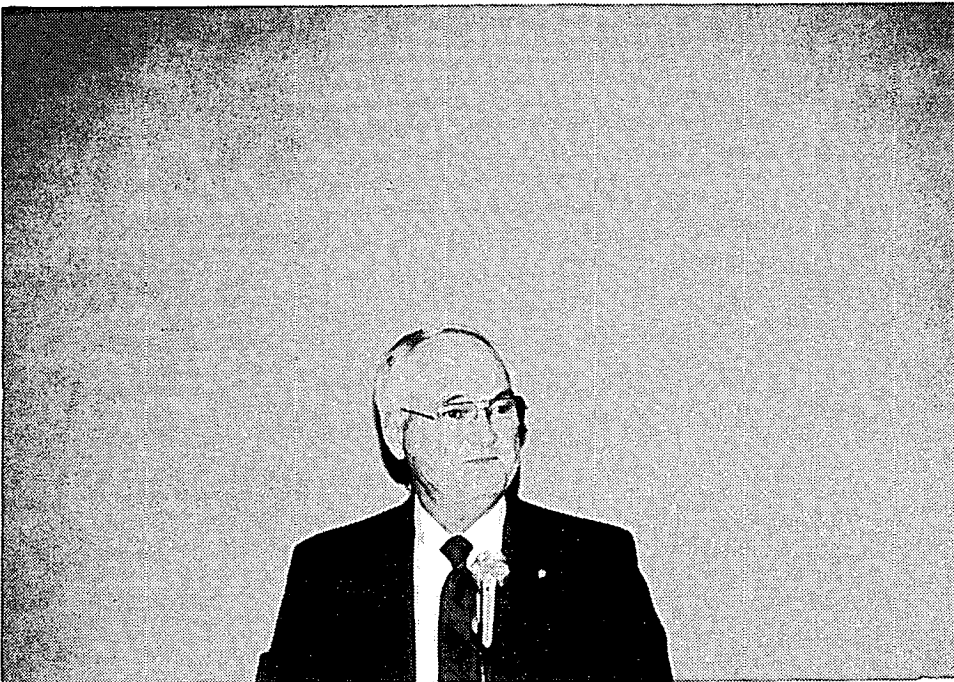
THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS WILL BRING A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF GUESTS. COME EARLY TO AVOID DELAYS.

PROGRAM NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF OCT. 5: George Carlisle, Deputy Superintendent for Business, Clear Creek Independent School District, spoke to the club with these points being extracted:

- Principals of Clear Lake High School and Clear Lake Intermediate School were being honored that day at the White House for being among the top schools in the nation.
- House Bill 72-- where we are now:
 - Teacher appraisal frequency has been traumatic; recent changes will reduce this frequency.
 - Money--mandates for the state: Career ladder required, but no state dollars provided. Will cost CCISD \$700 million. 22/1 ratio applies to every class, not an average; will require 44 additional teachers next year. No pass/no play: concept is good but rule isn't written well.
 - Less and less local control.
- CCISD test scores high but we can't rest on our laurels. "We have good material".
- He gave us straight talk on money and tax aspects. Yes, up.
- A referendum on the Nov 3 ballot seeks to return the state board to being elected instead of appointed. He supports.
- Then there is Judge Harley Clark's ruling of last April that the State financing of education is unconstitutional. That offers disastrous consequences and upsets. There will be a meeting in Austin on Nov. 20 to discuss the ruling.



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COMING UP--NOV. 2

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM / WIVES DAY (special)

The Miracle of Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange is a "solid foundation for peace. Once a young person has tasted the world outside his backyard he can never be the same again. He has discovered himself within the larger context, and discovered others as well. It is like turning a corner, or building a bridge.... a connection has irrevocably been formed. That is the miracle of Youth Exchange."

Charles Keller
President R. I., 1987-88

The International Youth Committee is becoming involved in a new area for our club-- the long term international student exchange program. Committee members are working actively with the District 589 Youth Exchange Committee to plan activities for the coming year. Also the committee is going to the 2 high schools to inform the students about the opportunities of the year-long student exchange.

To educate the total membership of our club, Harold Jones-- the Chairman of the District 589 International Youth Exchange -- will present the program at our November 2nd meeting. Harold will discuss the opportunities for both the exchange student and the host Rotary club and the responsibilities that are involved. Harold is an effective speaker who is committed to international youth exchange. He plans to bring one of the incoming exchange students (in our district) to assist him in the program -- a big plus considering the quality of these young people.

This should be an excellent program which promotes two areas strongly endorsed by Rotary -- youth and international exchange. Governor Al Busse and President Jim McNatt are solidly behind the international youth exchange and are taking every opportunity to promote active participation.

In order for our club to get the full benefit of this program, November 2nd has been designated as a special **WIVES DAY**. All Rotary wives are encouraged to attend.

Alan Wiley, Chairman

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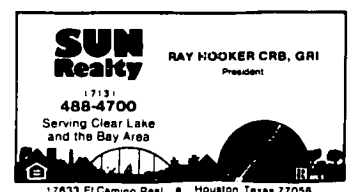
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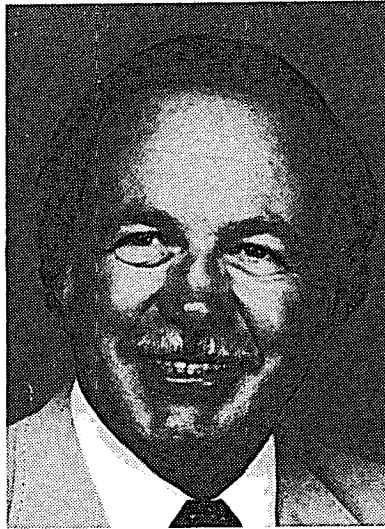


TELLING TALES

MEMBER PROFILES

Researched by Dr. Mike McKinney

Joe Skelly. Joe was an active member of our club for 3 years and then had to discontinue for a while but was reinstated two years ago. He is on the Youth Committee, has been active with the exchange students visiting from Germany. He has now started working on the YMCA Board. For the last 12 years he has operated Bay Area Office Supply and Printing Co. He and wife Agnes have 3 girls ---- and he likes to fish and sail.



Bill Webb. Bill has been in Rotary continuously since 1946. He has been in 8 different clubs in all, and has been with Space Center club since 1970. He was a director for 6 years, club president from 1983-84, and "Club President of the Year" for District 589. Currently he is the Governor's Representative on a district level and has worked to organize a new club in the South Belt-Ellington area. He is the 1987-88 Governor's Representative for La Porte and Baytown. He is retired from Woolworth's and Perry Bros. stores. He was a Paul Harris Fellow in 1984. And a very important fact, he and his wife Anne have been married 50 years!



Dr. Charles Millikan. Charles joined us last fall and is on the Attendance committee. He served "a few tons" of cole slaw at the Shrimporee. You also know him as the Minister of Seabrook United Methodist Church, which is growing rapidly (20% in two years). He and his wife Laura have three children. He reports a liking for golf and jogging.



FREE LUNCH AT SPACE CENTER ROTARY !!! CONTINUES



You can now win a free lunch for the following week's SC Rotary meeting if you are present when your name is drawn. A drawing WILL BE HELD EACH WEEK ! And THERE WILL BE A WINNER EACH WEEK ! **Could be you !**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JEFF BUSH	10/21
TOM McILHINNEY	10/22
JOE HENKEL	10/23
MIKE McKINNEY	10/25
CHARLES HARDWICK	10/27
VEIT HANSSEN	10/31

Personal:

CHARLES ALBER has resigned but hopes to return. We hope so too, Charles.

BOB FROST has been transferred to Washington for 6 months. BILL PREDMORE will be carrying on as Golf Chairman.

Not previously mentioned, the Board approved the termination of Bill Walker and the resignations of Stan Moorehead and Randy Cornish.

NEW MEMBER

At the October 5 meeting, Joe Hang introduced to the club New Member Vijay (Jay) Gupta. Jay is the president of Colonel Video, 2425 Bay Area Blvd, Houston 77058, phone 486-5288. His classification will be Video Merchandise. Jay is a native of New Delhi, India and has a B. S. in Chemical Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology there. He also attended UHCLC. Jay and his wife Anita and their two young children live at 15903 Laurelfield Dr., Houston 77059. WELCOME JAY. You are now a Red Badge member and will therefore be receiving special treatment-- and requiring some special participation on your part-- as part of our effort to enfold new members more quickly.



ROTARY BOYS CLUB

--will benefit from the upcoming "48th Annual Bill Williams Capon Charity Dinner" on all tickets sold through the Rotary Boys Club. They get half of these sale proceeds. The event will be held at the AstroArena Tuesday October 27, starting at 5:30 PM. Individual tickets are \$35.00 each and tables of 8 and 10 are available. You are urged to purchase your tickets thru the Boys Club Office, 861-8256

RED BADGERS:

Please note the following events that represent opportunities to you:

- Board of Dir. meeting Tues. 7 AM, Oct 20 (tomorrow!)
- Visit to another club Thurs Oct 22. Call Bert Kraft.
- Greeter assignments for Monday club meetings (see list)
- Club Directors' Presentation to Red Badge Group. Nassau Bay Hilton at Noon, Friday Oct. 30 !!!

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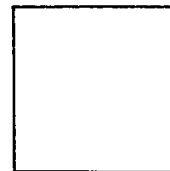
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