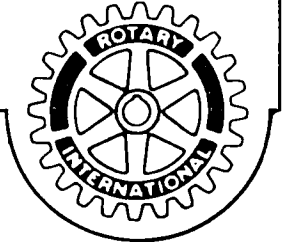


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COMING EVENTS

Jack Catron, Program Chairman
Terry Hesson, January

- JAN 11 Noon **Dr. Stephen Rushing**, Psychiatrist-Private Practice.
"Physical Causes of Depression."
- JAN 16 -- **First Fly-in** of Distr. 589's Chapter of International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians (to Palacios for lunch and Informal planning hosted by Palacios Rotary Club). For info. call Will Darroh in Houston at 522-9922
- JAN 18 Noon **NOT AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.**
- FEB 12 -- **Golden Mardi Gras**, Fiftieth Anniversary Fund Raising Event of the Women of Rotary Club of Houston, Westin Oaks Hotel. Benefits Rotary House International, Women of Rotary Scholarship Endowment, and continued dental care and community service.
- FEB 19 -- **ROTARY NATIONAL AWARD FOR SPACE ACHIEVEMENT**

 THE POLIO-PLUS MATCHING FUNDS OFFER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JAN 31. YOU CAN STILL DOUBLE YOUR MONEY. The club has pledged \$28060 and collected \$22,090. Please try to pay or add on before the end of the month.

GREETERS Jim McDonald, Chairman
Fellowship Committee Officer/Director

- 1/11 Bill Rittenhouse/Bill Taylor Floyd Boze
- 1/18 Charles Whyntot/Jim McDonald Owen Morris
- 1/25 Carlos Villagomez/John Gay Terry Hesson
- 2/1 Johnny White/A. B. Olsen Tom Wier

Plus all Red Badge new members***Make new friends**

PLEASE--TAKE YOUR BLASTOFF HOME

Then use it to let your friends know what Space Center Rotary does.

January 11, 1988

ELECTION RESULTS

The election on Jan. 4 for officers and directors to take office July 1, 1988 for the 88-89 Rotary year resulted in fine new leaders from among an excellent slate.

Billy Weseman will become the new President. Other officers elected (unopposed):
 Pres-Elect-----John Watson
 Secretary----- Billy Smith
 Treasurer----- Jack Lister
 Sgt-at-Arms---- Terry Hesson

The three directors chosen for three year terms from the list of ten were

- Eddie Harris
- David King
- Vic Maria.

WE SHOULD HAVE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR NEXT YEAR WITH THAT LEADERSHIP !

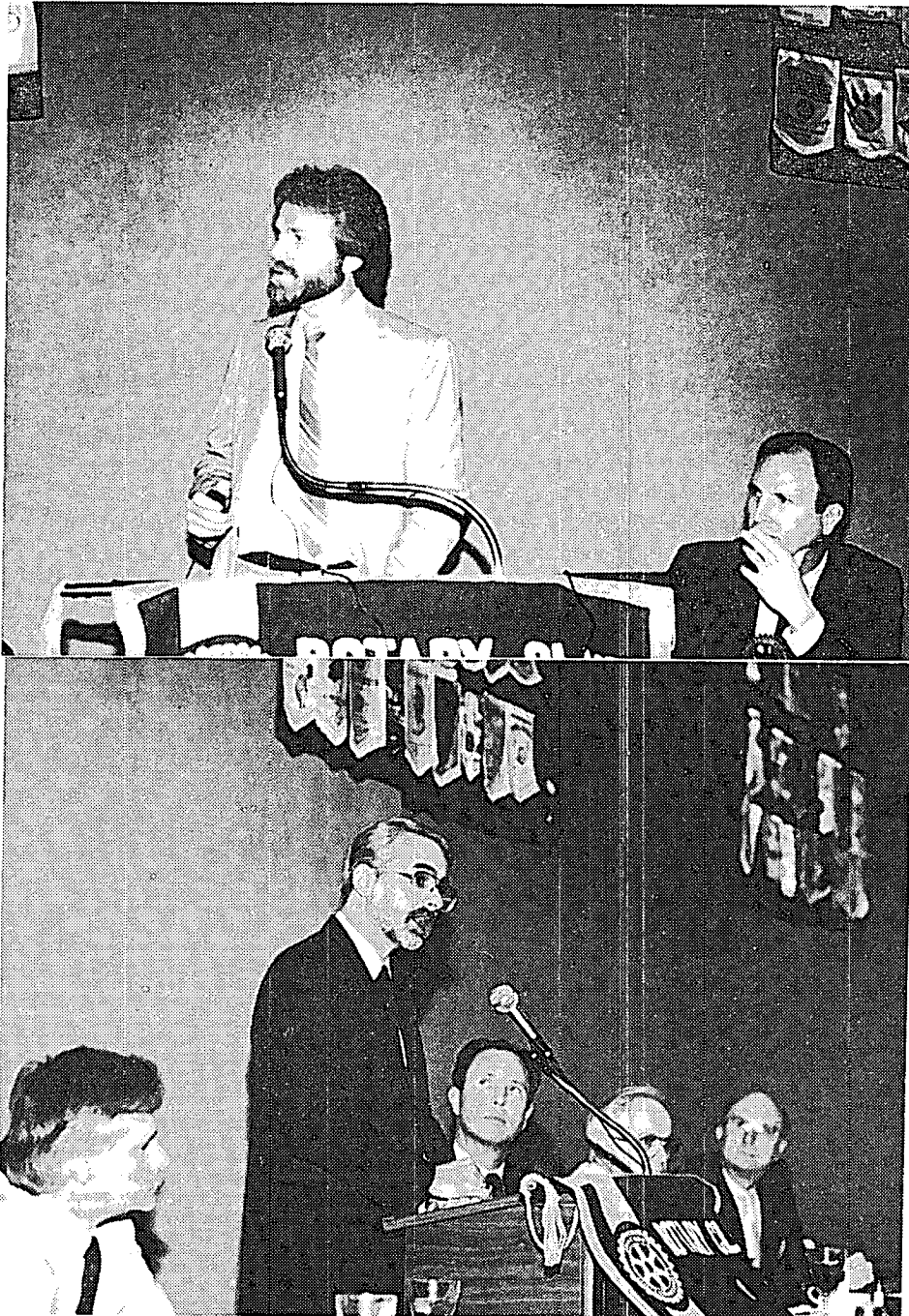
JACK DeNIKE recently suffered a stroke and will be in Clear Lake Hospital-- prayers, cards, and visits (when allowed) will be welcomed.

MEETING NOTES

by Steve Bolton

MEETING OF DECEMBER 21: Dr. Pat Rudy was introduced to the club by Dr. Larry Watson. Dr Rudy's subject was AIDS, a topic of concern everywhere. It is now believed that the AIDS virus originated in Africa in a strain of green monkeys that are used locally in a bloody religious ritual, resulting in infection of humans. Dr. Rudy brought us good news in the form a list of ways that you CAN'T get AIDS. Much work is going on in the field. (See page 4 for presentations made that day.)

MEETING OF JANUARY 4: Terry Hesson introduced Don Forrester, Executive Director of Boys' Harbor in LaPorte. Boys' Harbor currently serves 56 non-delinquent boys and girls who need long term care due to circumstances such as broken homes. Rather than being a treatment center, Boys' Harbor is "just a place where neglected kids can be cared for by a top quality staff of house parents." Residents attend LaPorte schools. They are not funded by United Way. Rotarians could help by volunteering to be a SPONSOR FAMILY and hosting kids for a weekend.



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NEW MEMBERS

Alton Ainslie sponsored John Nugent for membership on Dec. 21, 1987. Since John is a partner in the firm Mary Nugent and Associates, his classification is naturally "Real Estate- Property Management". The firm is located at 1120 NASA Rd. 1, Houston 77058, for your records, and the phone is 333-4800. They have two small children and live at 1414 Davon, Houston 77058, phone 333-4188. John Attended Lee Jr. College and the University of Texas - Austin attaining a B.A. in History and Government.

Dick Wettling was sponsored by Eddie Tarin with induction on January 4, 1988 in the classification "Real Estate- Additional Active". Dick is an officer with Pate-Wettling Realtors, 1212 Bay Area Blvd., Houston 77058. Put his phone numbers down as 486-0303 at the office and 326-4988 at home. Dick and his wife Shirley have two grown children and live at 213 Cedar Lane, Seabrook 77586., phone 326-4988. This native of Oradell NJ attended Cornell - Grinnell and received a B.A. degree. He is no stranger to service organizations. He has been a member of SERTOMA, and in Houston he served six years on the board of directors for the Family Service Center.



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BIRTHDAYS

Some early January birthdays were omitted last issue, so let's start over with Jan 1:

JOHN WATSON	1/2
JACK LISTER	1/2
BOB LING	1/4
MERY HUGHES	1/4
LAMAR BOWLES	1/5
CARL BECHTEL	1/6
LONNIE CLEMENT	1/10
JOE HANG	1/12
BILLY R. SMITH	1/18
GREG MOORE	1/18
PETE ØIST	1/20
BOB LINDØREN	1/20
BOB MITCHELL	1/24

PRESENTATIONS

At the Dec. 21 meeting, Ken Gurry presented on behalf of the club a \$1000 check to Meals on Wheels. Receiving the check for the organization was Bernie Goodwin.

At the same meeting, our lovely pianist, Ann Fulcher (wife of Clay), was given this fittingly beautiful basket of fruits as a token of appreciation for her faithful performances. WE DO THANK YOU, ANN.



WOMEN OF ROTARY

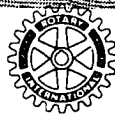
A QUICK SUMMARY of December: Al Jowid reported on the club's plastic surgery program. Christmas gifts were brought by members to be given later to Mario Gomez, the first patient in the program.

We have been invited to attend the meeting of the Houston Women of Rotary at River Oaks Country Club January 22. Their program will feature Jan Carson from Ch. 2 News. (\$15/person) Please call Anne Webb or Ann Weseman for details. Our Jan 14 meeting will feature Linda Madeksho discussing The Bridge, an abuse shelter.

INT'L YOUTH

Lannie Lambert announced the imminent arrival of 18-year old Scott Sellman from Australia for a 1-year exchange stay. Four long term host families have been recruited from the club, but we need families to invite Scott to spend weekends with them or to take him along on vacations so that he can see more of the USA.--David Taylor announced the availability of 3-4 week exchange opportunities for students ages 15-19 to go to places such as Norway, Wales, Turkey, Columbia, Nova Scotia.....

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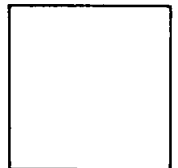
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