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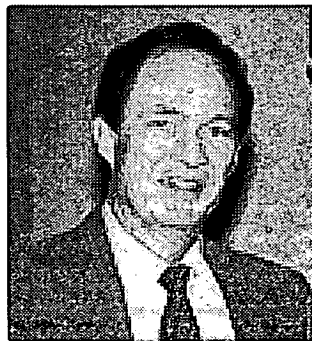
The Space Center Rotary Club meets Mondays, 11:45am at the Nassau Bay Hilton • Rotary International District 5890

President's Message

By David Taylor

Rotary was the first service organization of its kind. It was born of the idealism of fellowship, tolerance, respect and service to the community. Competence, commitment and organization materialized these themes into a world-wide group of people who are dedicated to understanding one another, helping one another, world peace and a brighter future.

A lonely, 37-year-old, bachelor attorney in Chicago proposed to three of his acquaintances that they get together to hold meetings for furtherance of the common good. On February 23, 1905, Paul Harris had a dinner at Madame Galli's with Sylvester Scheile, a coal dealer; and then they went over to mining engineer Gus Loehr's office in Room 711, of the Unity Office Building, where they also met with Hiram Shorey, a tailor.



Thus was held the first meeting. It continued by rotating the meetings from one office to the next with their brown bag lunches. In time, Harry Ruggles, and others joined them. They formalized their group by electing Schiele as its first president, Shorey as recording secretary and Ruggles as treasurer.

They sang, and visited and got well acquainted among themselves as the group grew. They decided that to better serve the common good that they should only admit one member of each profession or trade. Then someone

suggested they undertake a community project. The first Rotary project was public toilets in Chicago accessible from the street. Prior to that time an individual might have to enter a place of business and ask to use the facility.

In the early years Rotary undertook disaster relief, worked with orphaned boys and formed youth groups, and began services for crippled children. The second Rotary Club formed in San Francisco in 1908. By 1910, a National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed and Ches Perry became its general secretary until 1942. Perry, a war correspondent and librarian, also was the first editor of the Rotary magazine from 1910 to 1928.

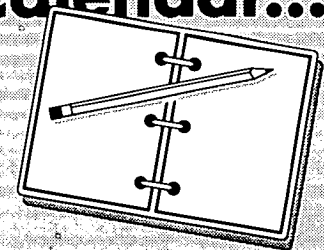
Paul Harris once remarked: "If I can be called the architect, Ches Perry can with equal truth be called the builder of Rotary International."

Harris also said in 1911 that if he could only select one word to explain Rotary, it would be "toleration." How else could so few pull together to do so much.

It was also in 1911 that Rotary defined itself with its two corps mottoes: Service Above Self, and, He Profits Most Who Serves Best.

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Calendar...



Events

Programs

April 3, Federal Reserve, Dr. Robert McTear

April 17, U.S. Immigration, Lisa Jacobs

April 24, Vietnam Retrospective, Dr. Richard Stoll

Notes

Finalists Selected

Space Center Rotary Club has selected six police officers as finalists for the "Officer of the Year" award.

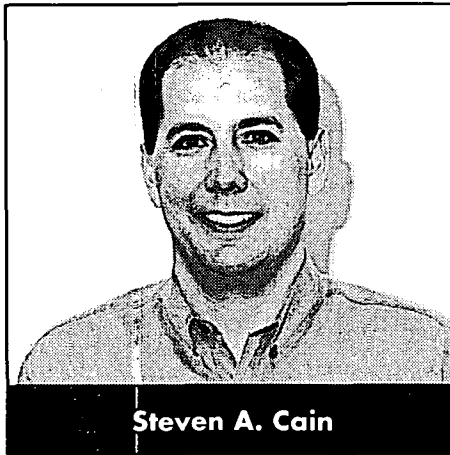
Department; Ronald Joseph Bellnoski, Webster Police Department; and Robin Alan Emmons, Pasadena Police Department.

The officers are Steven A. Cain, Houston Police Department, Clear Lake Division; Randall L. Derr, Houston Police Department, Clear Lake Division; Daniel W. Rodgers, Webster Police Department; Bernadine S. McMahan, Seabrook Police

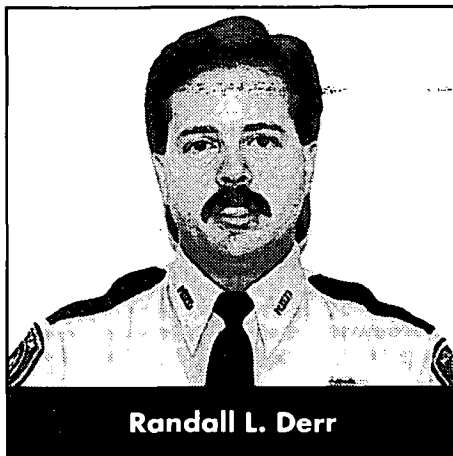
Each of the six officers will be presented with the Rotary Law Enforcement Distinguished Service Award on April 10. One will be recognized as "Officer of the Year."



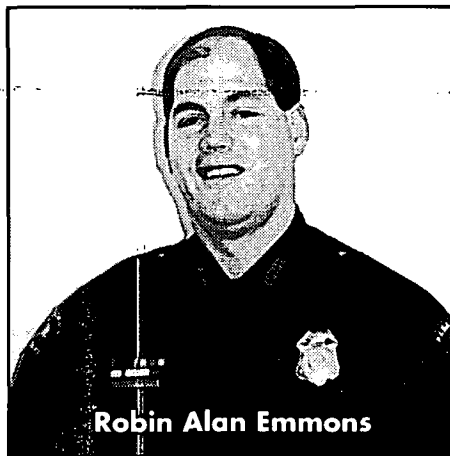
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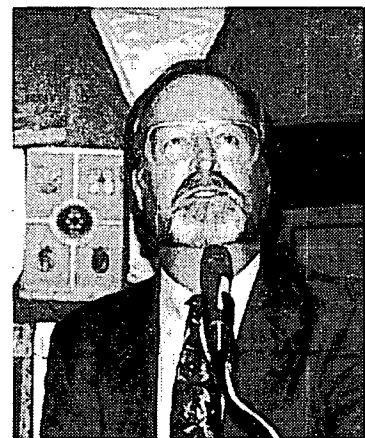
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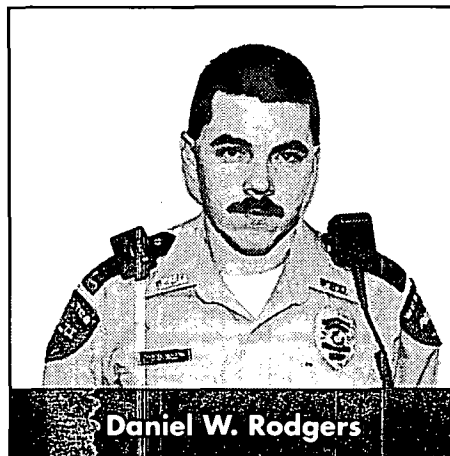
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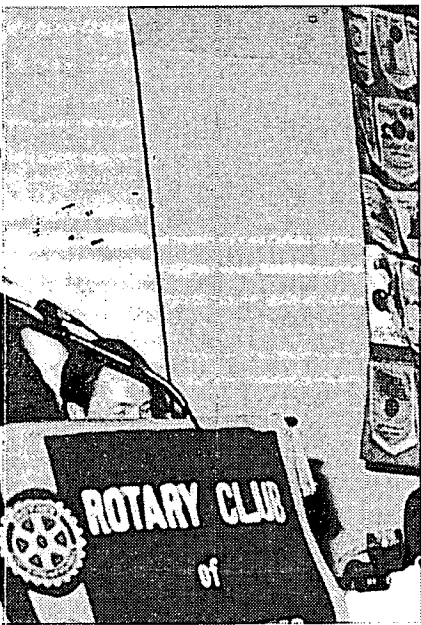


Bernadine S. McMahan



Daniel W. Rodgers





Meet A Member



Sandy Suasley

Occupation **A registered investment advisor and securities broker dealer (NASD, CFP)**

Home Town: **Midland, Texas**

My favorite meal is **Lobster**

I've bee with the Space Center Rotary for **four years**

I like to spend my free time **playing golf**

The last good movie I saw was **Legends of the Fall**

My favorite performer is **Meryl Streep**

If I could switch places with someone, it would be **Nobody .. I wouldn't want anyone else's problems**

As a child I wanted to be **the adult**

If I had the chance, I'd like to meet **Reba McEntire**


The motto I would hang on my wall is **everything is hard until it becomes easy**

My friends would describe me as **considerate**


The thing that bugs me the most is **telephone solicitation**

If I could visit any place it would be **Tahiti**



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By 1915 Rotary was formed into districts, and in that year the second community organization of its kind was formed, the Kiwanis. In 1917, arch Klumph created the Rotary Foundation to undertake Rotary projects on a larger scale than a given club could accomplish. In 1922, the name Rotary International was adopted, and the following year the official emblem of gear wheel was established. Prior to that it had been symbolized as a wagon wheel, which represented "progress." The gear came to represent industriousness and useful.

Initially the gear wheel did not have the notch in it to turn the shaft that drives a project. Someone pointed out that without the notch, the emblem was an "idler" gear and the notch was added to indicate that Rotarians work.

— Taylor, a Chicago banker who was Rotary's president in 1933, added the principles of the four-way test. These were the principles which he believed would pull America through the depression as we conducted our businesses and made our personal and Rotary decisions. They became a universal creed for Rotary.

In 1947, Paul Harris died and over \$2 million poured into the Rotary Foundation in his memory. Prior to that the Foundation had not realized its potential. International scholarships and fellowships began.

Rotary tackled some really global challenges when the foundation formed 3-H project funding in 1978. These grants and projects dealt with health, hunger and humanity. Perhaps the most ambitious goal ever set was Polio Plus in 1985.

This project has raised about \$240 million to stamp out polio in the world. Rotary has accomplished so many worthwhile projects that they cannot be cataloged here. They range in scale from planting over 35 million trees to selecting the outstanding teacher of the year. There always have been women involved in Rotary in traditional support and auxiliary roles, but in 1987 Rotary began to admit women to its regular membership as full partners in world and community service.

The future of Rotary lies in just such progress. The vision, focus and dedication of its members will continue to define Rotary. We stand on the shoulders of those who had the vision and commitment described here, but Rotary is not static. It is not just history and its record. Rotary is now. It is you and what you make of it.