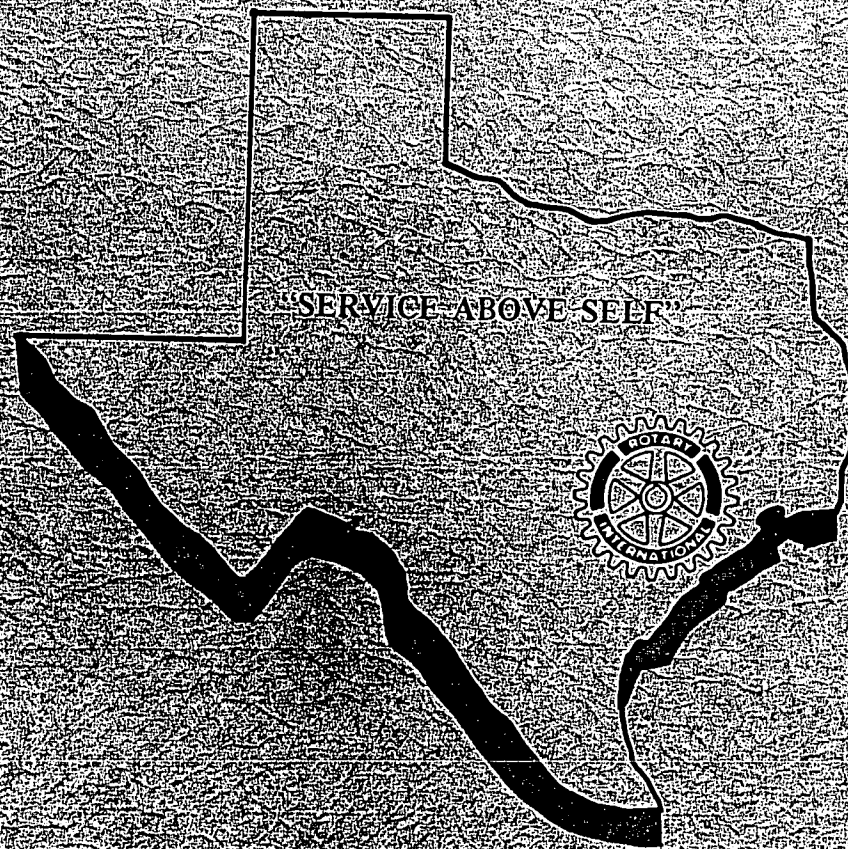


**A History Of  
DISTRICT 589  
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**



**Celebrating The  
Texas Sesquicentennial  
1836 - 1986**

# ROTARY IN TEXAS

## (From the Roster of the Rotary Club of Houston - 1931)

Rotary came to Texas with the organization of Club No. 39 at Dallas in May, 1911. The second club was formed at San Antonio, June, 1912, and at Houston in August, 1912. From this date on clubs were organized rapidly in other cities of the State, until there are now 155 clubs within the borders of the State including more than 6,500 members. Two Conventions of Rotary International have been held in the State. The fifth at Houston, in 1914, and the twentieth at Dallas, in 1929.

In 1915, areas known as Districts were set up in Rotary. Texas and Louisiana formed the Twelfth District. W. H. Richardson of Austin was the first Governor. Later the State as a whole was denominated as the Eighteenth District. Elijah Coles of Houston, Lynn B. Milam of Dallas, Tom Reed, Jr., of Beaumont, H. J. Lutchter Stark of Orange and George Holmgreen of San Antonio served successively as Governors. In 1922, a few counties of the extreme western part of the State were added to the Forth-second District, those remaining being designated as the Thirteenth District, with John Singleton of Waxahachie as Governor. Following him in order as Governors came Lester W. Dawley, then of Paris, and Harry H. Rogers of San Antonio. In 1925, the number of Clubs in the District exceeded one hundred, and it was deemed advisable on account of the great distances to be traveled to divide the District into three Districts. This was done at the Galveston Conference in March 1925. (These three Districts were numere Forty-first, Forty-seventh and forty-eighth).

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Dear Rotarians:

This book is a history of our Rotary District. It has been developed in keeping with the Texas Sesquicentennial. Its purpose is to show how Rotary in District 589 has been apart of Texas History and how we have helped to make Texas a better place to live. We can be proud of Rotary, of what it stands for, and what it has accomplished.

The information contained in this book is based on information furnished us by the various clubs in the district and information that was available to the committee from club and district records. I wish to thank each Rotarian and Rotary Club who contributed to the development of this book.

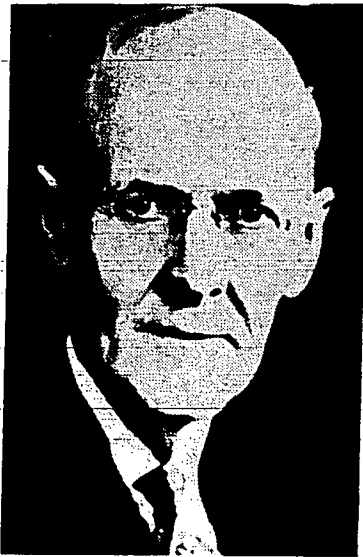
Your district committee spent many long hours in developing this book. I wish to thank each of the committee members who worked so hard to make the book possible. My special thanks to Leslie Walker Jr. who edited the book.

Sincerely,

Bryce C. Sanford, Chairman

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**PAUL P. HARRIS**  
Founder of Rotary

Paul P. Harris was born in Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A. on 19 April 1868, he was separated from his parents at the age of three to live with his grandparents in Wallingford, Vermont. A carefree boyhood filled with scrapes that he loved to recall was followed by successive academic trials at the universities of Vermont, Princeton, and finally Iowa where he received a degree in law. Instead of settling down to practice however, Paul embarked on five years of travel financed entirely by his own efforts. He worked as a newspaper reporter, fruitpicker, cowboy and in many other occupations. Four times he crossed the Atlantic Ocean as a hand on cattleboats. Often he knew homelessness, hunger and hardship, yet also knew the blessings of friendship. So with confidence born of survival he decided to live his life in Chicago.

His practice of law was not easily started and for several years he had very few clients. He lived meagerly, but worst of all he missed the friendships he had known in his New England village. He was reminded of them one evening as he strolled with a professional acquaintance in a Chicago neighborhood adjacent to Evanston, site of the present headquarters building of Rotary International. Noting the greetings by name given by various tradesmen at their stores, "The thought came to me, why not in big Chicago have a fellowship composed of just one man from each of many different occupations.... In such a fellowship could there not be mutual helpfulness?"

Tributes to this vision of international service came at the death of Paul Harris in 1947 when an outpouring of memorial contributions enabled The Rotary Foundation to launch its Graduate Fellowship program. Today, individual contributors of \$1000 are designated "Paul Harris Fellows."

Paul, summing up "the why and the when of Rotary: there could not have been the Rotary that exists today had it not been for the friendships of boyhood, college and business days." The classification principle of membership was Paul's reaction to the struggle for existence in Chicago and the worldwide viewpoint was the natural consequence of his five years wandering in many lands.

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A Rotarian since 1959, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Manila, and past president of the Rotary Club of Caloocan. He has served as district governor, consultative group and committee member, and in a number of capacities, including the presidency, of the Rotary Foundation.



**M. A. T. CAPARAS**  
President, Rotary International, 1986-87

**DISTRICT 589 OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL  
AN HISTORICAL SKETCH**

At a time when Rotary International can claim its one-millionth member and nearly 22,000 clubs, it is difficult to think of a time when there were less than five thousand members and fifty clubs comprising the entire world of Rotary. Yet, such was the case when the Rotary Club of Houston was founded, on November 1, 1912, and received charter No. 53, of the National Association of Rotary Clubs. Today, the Rotary Club Houston is the largest club and one of the oldest clubs in Rotary.

Any consideration of the history of the present District 589 of Rotary International, or of any aspect of Rotary in all of South Texas, for that matter, must begin with full appreciation of the enduring leadership of the Rotary Club of Houston. It is unfortunate that no formal history of that club has yet been written. It is to be hoped that the production of such a history will be a major goal of the club as it approaches its Diamond Jubilee.

According to the 1985-1986 Roster of District 589, ten of the fifty-four clubs of the district list the Rotary Club of Houston as their sponsor, and we may take any one of those ten and develop an interesting kind of geneology. Pasadena, the second largest club in the district, has sponsored six clubs. Harrisburg has sponsored four; several clubs have sponsored two or three. It may well be that every club in the district is a lineal descendent of the Rotary Club of Houston.

Despite the fact that it has been the principal factor in the growth of Rotary in this area, the Rotary Club of Houston has not assumed a role of dominance. As might be expected, in the first thirty-five years of its existence - from 1916, when Rotary first grouped clubs into district - until the immediate post-war years, the Houston club furnished most of the District Governors. However, since the creation of the present District 589, in 1956, the Houston club has furnished only

seven men for that office. Nevertheless, the Rotary Club of Houston, by reason of its age, its size and its prestige, continues to be the bench mark for all Rotary activity in this part of Texas.

What we know today as District 589 has been variously numbered and variously constituted. In 1950, for example, it included forty-three clubs in the area from Orange to Weimar and from Galveston to Nacogdoches, and was then District 190. Prior to that it had been numbered 12, 18 and 47. In 1955, the number of clubs in the Houston area having increased, the district lines were re-drawn and the district was given the present designation of District 589. The first Governor of the newly constituted district was W. H. "Bill" Avery, a member of the Houston Club.

Incidentally, the only man ever to be District Governor without first having been president of his club was Walter Jenkins, long-time International song-leader, and later to become president of the Houston Club.

Of the fifty-four club presently comprising District 589, as shown in the 1985-1986 Information Directory, thirty-six have been organized since the end of World War II. The number by decades is shown below:

1945-1950	8
1951-1960	8
1961-1970	9
1971-1980	5
1981-present	6

The six clubs organized from 1981 to the present have all been in expanding areas of Houston, generally in the southwest to northwest portions of the city. No club has been organized in any municipality outside Houston since the Rotary Club of Sweeny was organized in June of 1980. Since Rotary is now represented in almost every municipal area of sufficient size to sustain a club, and no municipalities outside Houston and Pasadena are of sufficient size to sustain two clubs, this would seem to suggest that opportunities for future development are limited, and that the prospects for future

growth of the district are dependent upon future growth of the Houston metropolitan area.

As might be expected, the range of club size is very great. The Houston club has 930 members; Palacios has fifteen. The latter club would seem to prove that growth alone is not an adequate index to the viability of a club. Palacios was chartered in 1934. Thirty-five years ago the membership was about thirty-five, but neither gain nor loss seems to alter the determination of the club to make Rotary known in that town.

Pasadena has proved that a community does not need to be a metropolis to sustain two Rotary Clubs of good size. The growth of the city of Pasadena proved to be such that in early 1967, the Rotary Club of Pasadena sponsored the Rotary Club of South Pasadena. In 1986, Pasadena has 215 members; South Pasadena has 115. In addition, the Rotary Club of Greater South Houston, with forty members, has met only a few miles from Pasadena since 1950.

Based on the 1985-86 Information Directory, the clubs and their sizes appear as follows:

100 or more	11
76-100	7
51-75	9
26-50	21
25 or less	6

Of the 27 clubs in the latter two categories, at least five have been organized since 1980 and may be considered to be still in the primary growth stage. Several of the clubs in the 76-100 category have membership in the nineties, so that at any time during the Rotary year membership in any one of them may exceed one hundred.

The age of a Rotary Club is not necessarily a factor in club growth. As evidence of this fact we may consider two adjacent clubs: Pasadena and Harrisburg. In 1950 Pasadena had ninety members. Today there are 215. Harrisburg in 1950 reported



81 members. Today that club has 95. The difference would seem to be in the demographics of the two communities. Within the past thirty-five years the East End of Houston has undergone vast ethnic change, change which has resulted in a complete re-structuring of the business, professional and industrial communities in that area. For a great number of reasons which cannot be discussed in this context, the classification base available to the Rotary Club of Harrisburg has diminished within that period of time.

On the other hand, Pasadena, a separate municipality, has grown in population and physical extent, thereby generating more classifications and more eligible men to fill those classifications. The sense of community integrity and esprit which is to be found in Pasadena is almost wholly lacking in the area surrounding the Harrisburg club.

While the future growth of both Pasadent and South Pasadena may be limited by economic factors affecting the petroleum and petro-chemical industries, there would not appear to be imminent that kind of stagnation which has made itself felt in Harrisburg. Therefore, while the two Pasadena clubs may grow at some modest rate, further material growth of the Harrisburg club is to be doubted.

We may consider one other club. In 1950 Baytown had 71 members. It now has 105. This is a fifty percent increase, but it scarcely compares with the nearly two hundred and fifty percent growth of Pasadena.

It would appear, then, that Rotary Club growth does not necessarily follow community growth. Any mention of club growth raises the question of whether continuing growth is necessarily the mark of the worth of a Rotary Club. The question must be answered negatively, for there are clubs in the district which do not grow appreciably from year to year, but which for decades have represented the very best of Rotary's ideal of service in their respective communities.

Such is the nature of Rotary today that every club is expected to engage in a project in one or more of the Lanes of Service. Since these projects almost



certainly require funds, every club must seek for the means of raising those funds. Only one club in the district states categorically that it does not have a fund-raiser.

The Houston club's "Lombardi Award" dinner is not only their primary fund-raiser, but it is a major event in the sports life of the city. Football notables from all over the country attend, and the event generates a great amount of media coverage.

On the other hand, a vastly smaller club has achieved remarkable results with a shrimp boil and auction. The Rotary Club of Brazosport, in a brief historical sketch, has said this about the event: "The first Shrimp Boil and Auction served approximately 250 people and had a profit of \$200. The most recent Shrimp Boil and Auction, in 1985, served approximately 5,000 people and grossed over \$115,000". This affair has grown to such proportions that it is now listed in many state-wide and regional publications.

For the most part, fund-raisers in District 589 clubs take several forms: Food sales (pancakes, shrimp boil, fish fry, barbecue, chili, spaghetti) with or without an auction; Las Vegas or casino night, also with or without auction; raffle, usually involving an expensive car or truck, although one club has its prize a Caribbean cruise. There are golf tournaments and fun runs. Alvin takes part in their community "Frontier Day", and Palacios conducts the "Miss Palacios" contest. At another level, the University Area club conducts an annual book fair for the benefit of M. D. Anderson Hospital volunteer services. From all this it can be seen that a major part of the energy of every club is directed toward raising funds to support its good works.

The Rotarians of District 589 involve themselves in International Service in many ways, not all of them within Rotary's organized framework. For example, the Angleton club has, since 1962, worked with the American Field Service student exchange program, and as a result has hosted eighteen students from countries

outside the United States. Bay City has had quite another kind of experience.

In 1973, William "Bill" Carter, of England, then president of Rotary International, visited for three days in Bay City and participated in that club's observance of its fiftieth anniversary. Beginning in 1970 and continuing to the present time, Houston Heights has exchanged visits with the Tacubaya Club of Mexico City.

Rotary Foundation announced the new Group Study Exchange program in 1965. Six years later a Houston Heights Rotarian led a six-man team to District 275, in Australia. A team from District 120, England, visited this district in 1974, and in April of 1975 a Harrisburg Rotarian led a team for a visit to District 120. Another team visited District 950, Australia, in 1980, and the next year a similar team from that district visited our District 589.

As this historical sketch is being written, the District is awaiting the visit of another Group Study Exchange team, this one from India, and this one the first all-woman team.

Probably the international activity involving the greatest number was the series of visits by District 589 Rotarians and wives to two different districts in England, and the return visits by Rotarians and wives from those districts.

As a result of the exchange with District 120 of Group Study Exchange teams in 1974 and 1975, in 1976 a group of one hundred and ten from District 120 came to District 589

This visit was repaid the following year - the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee - by a party of one hundred from this district.

Again, in 1980, a group of about eighty from this district visited in District 106, England, this being in the area of Birmingham and Coventry. In the following year a large party came from that district to ours.

These visits were not made within any formal framework of Rotary, but were people-to-people affairs, and many of the acquaintances made in the course of these visits have ripened into lasting friendships.

District 120 and our own district have been linked in other ways. In 1978 there was an informal visit by a group of youth from that district, and the following year that visit was repaid by a group of our own young people.

A more unusual exchange occurred in 1980. Paul W. Jury, then District Governor of District 589, and John Lane, then District Governor of District 120, exchanged visits during their terms of office.

From time to time Rotary Foundation Fellows come to study for a year in one or another of the numerous institutions of higher learning in Houston and vicinity. The District has a committee of Rotarian Counselors whose responsibility it is to provide hospitality for visiting Foundation scholars. When these scholars are in the District, in order to comply with a portion of their responsibility, they make appearances before the various clubs. It would seem, however, that not all clubs become aware of their presence and so are deprived of their visits.

There is one activity which can best be described as an auxiliary to the work of the District, for it is not recognized by R. I., and is not, therefore, a part of the formal District structure. This is Rotary Club Activities, a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Trustees composed of members from seventeen Rotary Clubs in the District. Rotary Club Activities began as the sponsor for Little League baseball in Houston, a program in which teams from Variety Boys Club participated. The Boys Club of Houston, affiliated with the Boys Clubs of America, was for many years sponsored and financed by the Houston Variety Club. In about 1974 the Variety Club withdrew its sponsorship, and Rotary Club Activities assumed that responsibility.

Rotary Club Activities is not, as has been mentioned, sponsored or controlled by District 589, and only a fraction of the clubs in the district participate in the operation, but the District does have a Boys Club Committee in its table of organization.

There are presently fifty-four clubs in District 589, with a total membership of 4,400. More than twenty percent of those members are in one club. The District Information Directory for 1985-86, reports a total of 645 Paul Harris Fellows in the district at the time of printing, together with 319 Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

Complete statistics over an extended period time do not seem to be available, but some idea of the district's support of the Rotary Foundation can be had from looking at the past five years:

Year ending June	Contributions
1981	\$84,350.12
1982	81,675.14
1983	118,490.44
1984	94,612.01
1985	164,306.84

The Rotary year ending June, 1983, was the first year in the history of District 589 in which contributions to the Foundation exceeded one hundred thousand dollars. Past District Governor Joe B. Hollingsworth has comments that, ". . . during the year 1984-85, greater emphasis was given to the Paul Harris Sustaining Member Program which I believe helped to swell the District's contribution during this Rotary year".

The district has two standing committees concerned with the program of the Rotary Foundation in this district. The first is the Rotary Foundation Committee, composed of six members, each serving a three-year term. These members are elected by the district at the District Conference.

The second committee is the Foundation Planned Giving Committee. This committee is comprised of three members, each serving a three-year term. Most giving to Rotary Foundation is on an ad hoc basis, and therefore subject to substantial variation from year to year. The purpose of the Planned Giving Committee is to

bring before the clubs of the district the desirability of individual giving on a planned, committed basis. Although the basic idea is used by most institutions, it is relatively new with Rotary, and at this moment is an idea whose time is yet to come.

The world-wide support of the Rotary Foundation has grown at a truly astounding rate. The total contributions to the Foundation in the Rotary year of 1965 amounted to approximately one million dollars. Twenty years later, in the Rotary year of 1985, the total contributions amounted to some \$24 millions. The total giving, from the beginning through 1985, has amounted to something like \$190 millions. The relative rank of District 589 in giving among all the districts of the Rotary world is probably irrelevant here. It is to be expected that some districts will place very great emphasis on such giving, while other districts place very little. Suffice it to say that the clubs of District 589 regard the Rotary Foundation as but one element in Rotary's multi-faceted program, and generally maintain a balanced stance in their giving for the world community and for the community at home.

The District 589 administrative structure is a complex one. In the 1985-86 year there are thirteen Governor's Representatives, each representative serving as liaison to from three to five clubs. While the District Governor is required to personally visit each of the fifty-four clubs in the course of his year, it is obviously impossible for him to maintain a continuing intimate relationship with each one. The Representatives perform that function. Two Past District Governors serve as Advisors to the District Governor, their function being wholly advisory and not administrative.

The 1985-86 Information Directory lists some thirty-five named committees, including the Nominating Committee, the District Conference Committee and an Executive Committee.

The Nominating Committee is composed of seven members. Three of these are selected by the District Conference, one is the immediate Past District Governor, and the remaining three are selected at large by the other four members in such manner as to provide a fair apportionment among district clubs. In keeping with its name, the committee is charged with the responsibility of selecting and proposing the best available candidate for nomination to the office of District Governor. The extraordinary demands made upon the man who holds this office sharply limits the number of well qualified potential candidates, and thus makes the task of this committee an increasingly difficult one.

One committee is of special interest. A seven-man committee called the District Office Committee has been formed to conduct feasibility studies as to the creation of a permanent office to house District 589 files and records, as well as to provide limited meeting space for district functions. A large quantity of material is passed from one Governor to another, thus making it the added responsibility of the current Governor to house this material.

Another committee of interest is the District Hospitality Committee. The duties of this committee are stated to be: "This committee is available when the need for hospitality, answers to inquiries and requests for information arise". It may be that some major part of this responsibility can be discharged if and when the ambitious plans of the Rotary Club of Houston for "Rotary House International" are realized.

The entire district committee structure involves something over one hundred individuals. Given this many people charged with performing so many functions, it is too much to suppose that all committees perform with equal efficiency, or that all the objectives of any one year are fully realized. Yet, it is a way by which a great number of Rotarians may be drawn into activities which enable them to see something of the scope of Rotary beyond their respective clubs, and whatever can be accomplished probably enriches both Rotary and the Rotarians involved.

When one reads the historical summaries of the Rotary Clubs in District 589, it becomes immediately apparent that each club is uniquely different; that, even when bound together by the principles and ideals of Rotary, each club has its own ideas of how to go about realizing those principles and ideals.

The reader will also sense that, for the individual Rotary Clubs, the District is not the essence of Rotary. It is but a superstructure standing between the club and Rotary International. Club morale, club understanding of the Object of Rotary, club effectiveness in earning a place for itself in the community are all attainments for which the individual club takes full responsibility and credit. Some clubs feel some sense of responsibility to the District; some do not. Some clubs take pride in preparing for the visit of the District Governor; some do not. In a very real sense, the Rotary District is not an array of clubs all marching in step, but is, instead, a collection of highly individualistic entities whose greatest desire may be to practice Rotary as they see it.

This is to say that this district, and every Rotary district, should see itself, not as administrator or judge of conformity, but as a helper, a supplier of ideas and, when necessary, a coordinator of activity.

District 589 has grown quite large; not so large as some other districts in Rotary, but large, nevertheless. Should growth continue within the present district limits, the possibility of re-drawing district lines would seem to be a real one. Until such time as that happens, the fifty-four clubs of Rotary District 589 are bound together by their common loyalty and understanding of the Object of Rotary and by their common belief in the validity of Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self".



**Founding years of the  
ROTARY CLUBS  
of District 589 as of  
1986**

1912	Houston	1956	Bellaire-Southwest
1921	Brenham	1958	North Shore
1923	Eagle Lake	1959	River Oaks
1924	Bay City	1960	Southeast Houston
1928	Baytown	1961	Central Houston (LkWd-Clntr)
1934	Palacios	1962	Sharpstown
1936	Richmond	1964	Space Center
	Weimar	1966	Sealy
	Pasadena		Deer Park
1937	Columbus		Pearland
1938	LaPorte	1967	South Pasadena
1939	Houston Heights		Houston-Intercontinental
	El Campo	1969	Greater South Houston
	Harrisburg-Houston	1970	Cypress-Fairbanks
1944	West Columbia	1971	Houston-FM(road) 1960
1945	Tom Ball	1972	Almeda-South Post Oak
1946	University Area-Houston	1973	Westheimer
	Katy	1979	Oyster Creek
	Wharton	1980	Sweeney
1948	Highlands	1981	Greenspoint
1949	North Forest-Houston	1983	Westchase
1950	Rosenberg	1984	Willowbrook
	Gulfway		West Houston
	Galena Park	1985	Greenway Plaza
1951	Angleton		Sugar Creek
	Alvin		Sugarland
1952	Northside-Houston		
1953	Memorial-Spring Branch		
	Brazosport		

**OH, ROTARY**

(Sung to the tune of America, The Beautiful)

Words by Wayne Pettey - Heights Club

Oh, Rotary, how proud am I  
To serve among the best.  
With head held high  
We walk with pride,  
And live the Four Way Test.

Oh, Rotary, Oh, Rotary,  
This creed God's hand unfurl,  
A tie that binds  
With all mankind,  
Throughout the whole wide world.

If in your test  
You seek the best  
Of man's integrity,  
When unborn voices sing their song,  
They'll sing "Oh, Rotary".

Oh, Rotary, Oh, Rotary,  
Always a helping hand,  
From neighbors doors  
To far flung shores,  
On earth in every land.

Oh, Rotary, one thing we know -  
We get more than we give,  
Like those before,  
Who gave their all  
With love, and toil, and tears.

Oh, Rotary, Oh, Rotary,  
We sing out loud and clear -  
In truth we trust,  
In God, we must,  
That man need never fear!



**P.D.G. WALTER JENKINS**  
**DIST. 589 & INTERNATIONAL**  
**SONG LEADER**

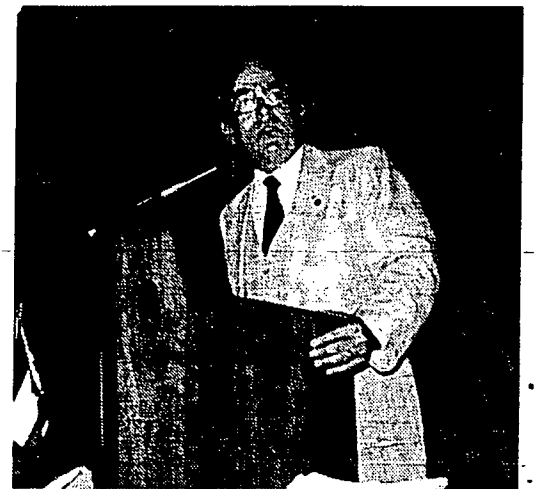


**P.D.G. ED BRACHER & MICKEY**  
**Rotary Club of Houston Heights**

Treasurer 1955 to 1957; Director 1956 to 1958;  
 Director 1960 to 1962; Vice-President 1958-1959;  
 President 1959-1960; Governor 1962-1963, 1964-1965 & 1967;  
 R.I. Counsellor 1963-1964; R.I. Director 1967-1969;  
 2nd Vice President of R.I. 1968-1969; Moderator of International  
 Assembly of R.I. 1971; 1st Heights Rotarian of the Year 1961-1962;  
 District 589 Representative to R.I. Council;  
 Paul Harris Fellows - Ed and Mickey



**R.I. - P.P. GEORGE TOGASAKI WITH**  
**MICKEY & ED BRACHER AT N.A.S.A.**



**P.D.G. PAUL JURY**  
**HARRISBURG CLUB**

# The Rotary Club of Houston

1912

The Rotary Club of Houston was chartered on November 1, 1912, and, with over 900

members, is today the largest of the 22,000 Rotary Clubs in 160 nations and geographical areas around the world.

The man who initiated the idea of Rotary in Houston was Robert H. Cornell, then advertising manager for The Houston Chronicle. Rotary was represented in the founding by a man named Mac Martin, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since its inception over 74 years ago, the Rotary Club of Houston has brought into the world of Rotary clubs in Amarillo, Victoria, Bryan, Huntsville, Eagle Lake, El Campo, Richmond and Pasadena. The Rotary Club of Houston also sponsored Houston Heights and Harrisburg, the first two Houston suburban clubs, and, by the ceding of its territory, made possible the organization of every other Rotary Club in the Houston metropolitan area.

As a fledgling club, in 1913, one year after it was chartered, the Rotary Club of Houston bid for and received the honor of hosting the Fifth Annual Convention of the International Association of Rotary Clubs. The Club was able to raise \$25,000 to cover the costs for this successful convention.

Although it is difficult to determine who was the first Paul Harris Fellow, since the Club's history goes back nearly three-quarters of a century, it is known that more than seventy-five members have contributed \$1,000 or more and have been named Paul Harris Fellows. As early as 1946, under the administration of Harry B. Jewett, the Rotary Club of Houston contributed over \$5,000 to the Foundation. The Club is now a 1200% club.

The record for perfect attendance among current members is held by Bernard Lorino, with perfect attendance since 1938—47 years.

The Rotary Club of Houston has supported many other Rotary Clubs, particularly in District 589, in their endeavors to sponsor Group Study Exchange teams, and to host those coming from other countries. In addition, the Club has exchanged formal visits with Rotarians from England, Mexico and Canada, as well as several other countries.

However, the major success of the Rotary Club of Houston has been in its committee work, with more than twenty-five committees actively pursuing the four lanes of Rotary Service: Club, Community, Vocational and International.

The longest running project of the Rotary Club of Houston started in 1919, and has continued for sixty-seven years. It is the Burnett-Bayland/Clarewood Home, and, although individual activities have changed over the years, the committee still promotes activities on a year-round basis for the children of this home, including a Christmas party, a Spring party in the country, and a Fall outing. There are other child welfare and benefit programs undertaken by the Club.

In contrast, one of the newest programs of the Rotary Club of Houston, begun only in 1985, is the projected thirty-million dollar Rotary House International. This project will provide reasonably priced housing for international patients, scientists, health educators, and their families who are engaged at the world-famed Texas Medical Center. It will be a unique facility which will emphasize language, culture and foods supportive of therapeutic, educational and rehabilitative measures for visitors from countries around the world.

Probably the most publicized fundraising project, which was established in 1970, is the Rotary/Lombardi Award, which honors the outstanding college football lineman in the country at an annual banquet in Houston. This project has contributed over one million dollars to the American Cancer Society.

For nearly thirty years the Houston Endowment Committee of the Rotary Club of Houston has had the responsibility of reviewing the records and helping select the graduating high school students to receive college scholarships provided by Houston Endowment. This committee has assisted in selecting approximately two hundred students each year to receive such scholarships.

With over twenty years of service, the Fresh Start Committee has been credited with lowering the recidivism rate in Texas among former inmates of the Texas Department of Corrections and other Houston area penal institu-

tions. This committee promoted involvement in the problems of the released public offender and encourages inmates to live within the law upon their release.

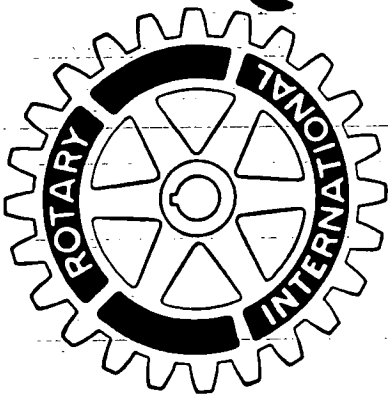
In true Texas fashion the Farm and Ranch Committee works to promote sound relations and better understanding between Houston's urban population and those engaged in farming and ranching. The committee sponsors "Rotary Night" at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, sponsors a calf in the rodeo's Calf Scramble event, arranges excursions during the bluebonnet season, as well as encouraging youth interest in agribusiness.

The Sunshine Committee visits hospitals and provides helpful services to visiting Rotarians and their families, particularly those who are ill or incapacitated.

The Student Vocational Information Committee arranges for members to make available through counseling information about their vocations to students who are choosing a career, with special emphasis on the need for high standards and on the opportunities available in each occupation.

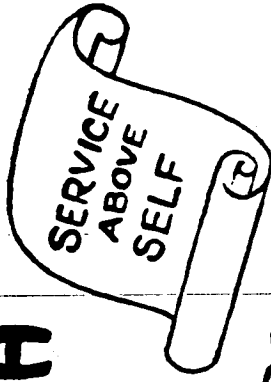
Other significant committees include the Civic Affairs Committee, which keeps in touch with and studies conditions and affairs affecting Houston's citizens; the Inter-City Committee, which works to promote close relationships between the Rotary Club of Houston and other area Rotary Clubs; the Youth Committee, which works to promote the welfare of the youth of the community, as well as the Rotary Boys Club; and, the Small Business Committee, which sponsors programs and information directed toward small business.

As the Rotary Club of Houston nears its 75th anniversary, all Rotarians might ponder the message left by our Past President, Bob Ives, in a sealed capsule in the San Jacinto Monument, on the occasion of our 50th anniversary. The message reads: "As the patriots of San Jacinto built for us the foundation of freedom on which we rest our heritage, so do we hope that our generation has given added support to a base upon which you launch the generations of the future. As Rotarians, we look to you, our yet unborn associates, to continue to exert the influence of leadership, industry and sobriety on the people of your life period."

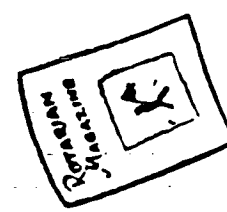
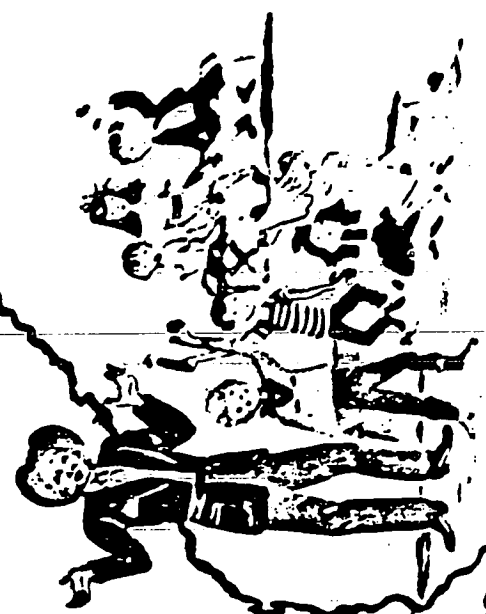
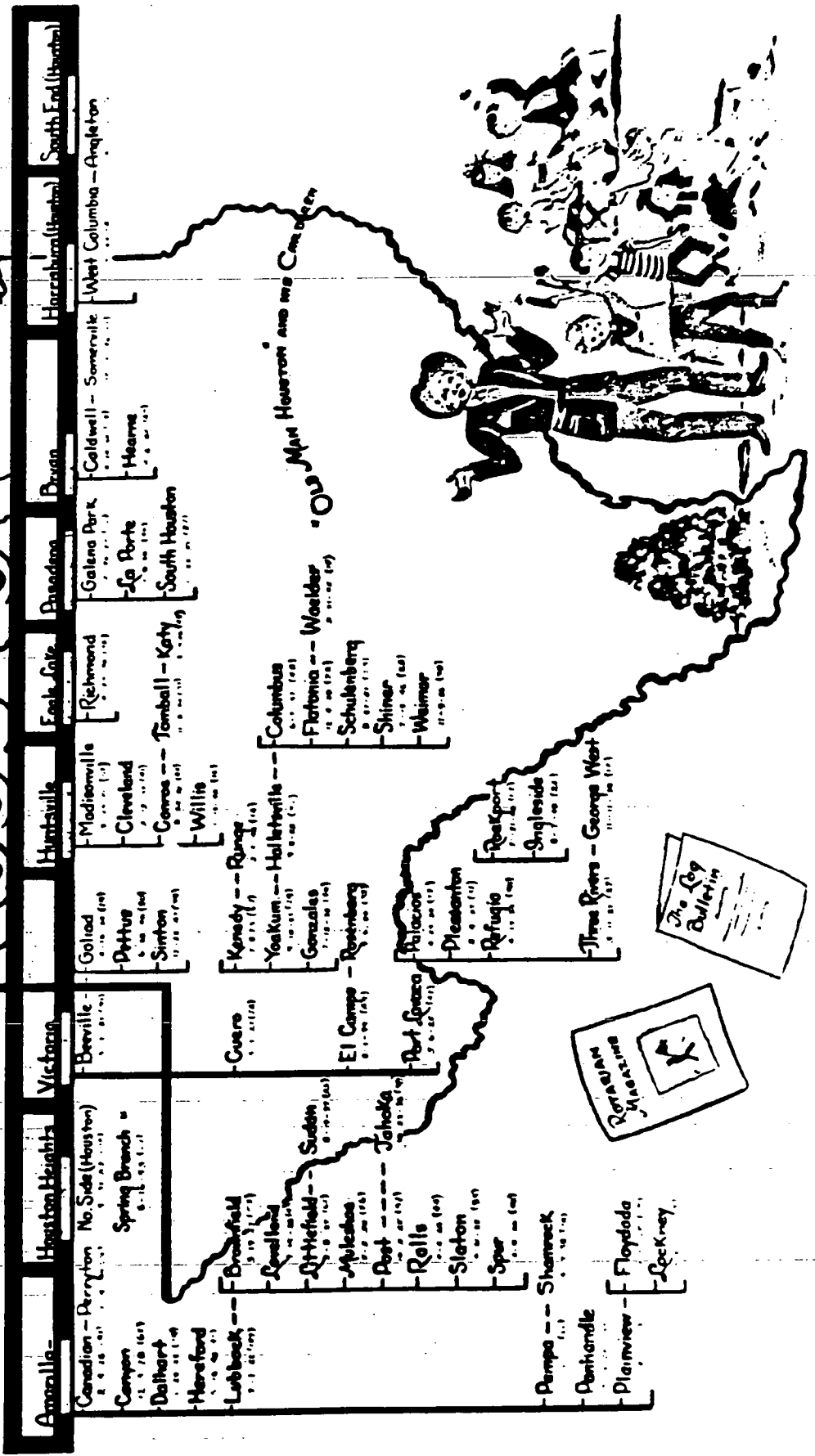


# ROTARY'S ONWARD MARCH

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## HOUSTON



## ROTARY CLUB OF BRENHAM

The Rotary Club of Brenham is one of the oldest clubs in the District, having been chartered on September 1, 1921, with the Rotary Club of Orange as its sponsor. It thus has a long and distinguished record of service to the community.

As is often true of clubs in smaller communities, this club has long built its Rotary life around fellowship, club service and service to the community. Other service clubs are active in the area, and the club thus finds itself in a competitive position with respect to fund-raising to support larger projects.

Funds are derived from two annual projects: a fish fry and auction, usually in March or April, and a community meal and raffle, usually in May.

In 1985 the club suffered the traumatic experience of the president moving out of the community, with the president-elect then having to assume the presidency. Wade Hamrick has served the entire year as the presiding officer of the club.

In looking toward the future, the club hopes to be able to establish a Rotaract Club on the Blinn College campus.

## ROTARY CLUB OF EAGLE LAKE

The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake, Club No. 1403 of Rotary International, came into being on April 16, 1923, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Houston. Of the original sixteen members, two were alive to observe the club's 50th anniversary. Will Lenhart, the club's first president and the only man to hold the office twice, was a member continuously for more than fifty years.

The club has participated throughout the years as a unit, or through its members as a participant, in most of Eagle Lake's civic projects. One project lasted many years. This was to secure a highway from San Antonio through Hallettsville, Eagle Lake and Wallis to Houston. Meetings were going on in 1935 for "Highway 200". Highway 90A westward and FM 1093 were finally tied together in January 1957, thus bringing to fruition the persistent efforts of the Rotary Club of Eagle Lake, and others.

In 1936, Eagle Lake sponsored the Rotary Club of Richmond. To stimulate interest in Rotary attendance in that area, inter-city contests have been held with Hallettsville, Richmond, Weimar, Columbus and Sealy. Eagle Lake has been the loser more often than the winner.

One distinctive moment from the past must be cited. On June 12, 1940, the club participated in a county-wide barbecue celebrating Shell Oil Company's discovery of the Sheridan Field, the first oil production of consequence in the county.

For nearly fifty years the club has had continuing interest in encouraging education. For many years the club has been host at luncheon visitations for both students and teachers of the high school. As far back as 1959 a scholarship program was begun, and one or more scholarships to Wharton Junior College have been awarded since that time.

Fund-raising has generally taken the form of food sales, at least one item being quite exotic. There have been pancake suppers, chuck wagon suppers, fish fries and - the exotic one - goose gumbo dinners. This latter one was made of wild geese and Eagle Lake grown rice, donated by Rotarians.

Eagle Lake chose as its first two Paul Harris Fellows Mr. and Mrs. David Wintermann, donors to the community of the Eula and David Wintermann Library. This was in 1982. In 1984, the club presented the same award to Fred R. Frnka, publisher of the local newspaper for 35 years, and a supporter of Rotary.

The history of the club's services to the community is a long one, but it is one which tries to be ever sensitive to community need.

## ROTARY CLUB OF BAY CITY

This club is one of the oldest in the district, and a club with a long and proud record of accomplishment. The club was chartered in 1924, with the Rotary Club of Orange as sponsor. In the current year the club has 63 members, six of whom are Paul Harris Fellows.

Bay City has contributed two District Governors to District 589, these being A. Tom Dyal in 1958-1959, and George A. Schoultz in 1967-1968. In May of 1956, Bay City was the host for a District Assembly under the direction of District Governor J. Wood Fain. The club has been host for two District Conferences, the first in 1965, with District Governor Ed Bracher, and the second in 1972, with District Governor Ernest Upham.

Perhaps the most memorable event in the long history of Bay City occurred in 1974, when William "Bill" Carter of England, then President of Rotary International, visited in the city for three days and participated in the club's observance of its fiftieth anniversary in Rotary

Since 1965 the club has sponsored an Interact Club. Rotarians close to that program modestly assert that it is the best Interact Club in District 589. Boy Scout Troop 39 was sponsored from 1948 to 1980, and a Cub Pack has been sponsored from that time to the present.

The principal fund-raising even of the year is the annual chili supper in November. The club feels its greatest strengths to be in the fields of community and youth work, vocational service and international service, especially support of the Rotary Foundation.

For 62 years the Rotary Club of Bay City has practiced the principles of Rotary in that community, and in doing so has earned the respect and appreciation of the city it represents.



## ROTARY CLUB OF BAYTOWN

At one time what we now know at Baytown was called the "Tri-Cities" because of the close proximity of three communities: Goose Creek, Baytown and Pelley. It was in Herring's Drug Store in Goose Creek that the idea of a Rotary Club was born one day in the late summer of 1928. The four men whose conversation led to this decision were the Reverend Joe Fuller, Garrett Herring, Joe Holand and W. O. Stephens. With the Rotary Club as its sponsor, the Rotary Club of Goose Creek was chartered on September 18, 1928. Many years later, to conform to the change of name voted by the community, the name was changed to that of the Rotary Club of Baytown. In 1986, the club has more than 105 members.

The first Paul Harris Fellowship awarded by the club was to the late Garrett Herring, on February 12, 1976. At the time of the award he was the last surviving charter member. There are now nineteen Paul Harris Fellows, and the club has been naming two new ones each year for the past several years.

Baytown has a fund-raising policy which differs from that of most other Rotary Clubs in the district. It is believed that the members contribute to so many fund-raising projects sponsored by other clubs and organizations that they would rather not ask their friends to donate to projects sponsored by this club. Therefore, the club does not have a regular fund-raising project. However, from the funds which it has at its disposal each year, the club is very generous in its support of non-profit organizations in the Baytown community.

Baytown sponsors Interact Clubs at both senior high schools. A youth center was established at Carver-Jones School in 1953. Annual scholarships are provided for seniors from each high school for attendance at Lee College. Club members participate in Career Day at each high school. A Boy Scout troop was sponsored for many years, and, in more recent years to the present time, the club has sponsored a Little League baseball team.

Baytown was host to a group of Japanese students in 1978, a Group Study Exchange team from Australia in 1982, and another Exchange team from Mexico in 1984. In 1976-77, the club sponsored Terri Guy, a Rotary Foundation Fellow, who spent the year of study in Costa Rica, and in 1978, the club sponsored Rick Peebles, a young attorney, as a member of a Group Study Exchange team to England.

The club sponsored the District Conference of 1974. In 1977-78, the club was honored by having the late George H. Gentry selected as District Governor.

### ROTARY CLUB OF PALACIOS

Rotary in Palacios began in 1934. In March of that year, the Reverend David Buckley, then president of the Rotary Club of Port Lavaca, met with a group of Palacios business and professional men and signed up the number of members necessary for a Rotary Club. The organizational meeting was held on March 21, at noon. A large delegation came from Port Lavaca, but Rotarians also came from Austin, San Antonio, Victoria and Bay City.

One event of that day should be mentioned. Mrs. Esther Smith played the piano for that meeting. Today, fifty-two years later, she still plays for the Rotary Club of Palacios. She not only is the club's pianist, but its cheer leader with Paul Harris Fellow status.

Charter No. 3864 was presented on April 25, by District Governor Walter R. Jenkins. Rotarians from Port Lavaca, Bay City, Edna, Eagle Lake, Victoria and Houston were present.

Over the past fifty-two years the Rotary Club of Palacios has performed many services, especially in the community. During World War II the club provided leadership for a War Bond drive which exceeded its quota. The club has given a Boy Scout hut, and has provided the lighting for a teen-age softball field. The club annually sponsors the Miss Palacios Pageant. In work with youth, the club each year has "Student of the Month" recognition, and also provides a yearly trip to the United Nations headquarters in New York. The club has also sponsored an area-wide youth leadership conference;

In the field of international service Palacios has co-sponsored a YMCA World Peace Conference, and has funded deaf student education in the Carribean.

Most of all, however, Palacios is proud of the fact that its members have served as mayor, city councilman, State representative, State River Authority chairman, navigation district chairman, county commissioner, college trustee, public school trustee, school superintendent, postmaster, scoutmaster and United Fund chairman. This may be a record unequaled by any other club of the same size or even greater.

The club has one Paul Harris Fellow and one Paul Harris Sustaining Member, but it is 1000% in giving to the Rotary Foundation.

The membership has fluctuated widely over the years, reaching 40 during the years of World War II when Camp Hulen was a large Army base, and falling to only eight following the closing of the facility and the re-adjustment of the population of Palacios. The present membership is sixteen, but the club looks forward to many more years of Service Above Self.

**Past District Governors**  
District 589 and Predecessor Districts. 1910-1984

Year	Name	Club	Year	Name	Club
1910-11	- W. H. Richardson, Jr.*	Austin	1946-49	- Vandal D. Mercer*	Galveston
1911-12	- Lynn B. Milam*	Dallas	1949-50	- W. Ernst Japhel*	Houston
1912-13	- Elijah Coles*	Houston	1950-51	- Farley P. Sanford*	El Campo
1913-14	- Thomas S. Reed*	Beaumont	1951-52	- Kelsey Lamb*	Beaumont
1914-15	- Robert E. Vinson*	Austin	1952-53	- W. R. Beaumier*	Lufkin
1915-16	- H. Lutchter Stark*	Orange	1953-54	- K. A. Anderson	Palestine
1916-17	- George C. Holmgreen*	San Antonio	1954-55	- W. E. Street	Bryan
1917-18	- John V. Singleton*	Wazahachie	1955-56	- Wood Fain	Woodville
1918-19	- Lester W. Dawley*	Paris	1956-57	- W. H. "Bill" Avery*	Houston
1919-20	- Harry H. Rogers*	San Antonio	1957-58	- Jewel Benson*	Harrisburg
1920-21	- Sidney L. Hardin*	Mission	1958-59	- A. Tom Dyal*	Bay City
1921-22	- Harry Hedges*	Houston	1959-60	- Tom Niland	Houston
1922-23	- William Saenger*	Beaumont	1960-61	- Herbert D. Zapp*	Pasadena
1923-24	- George Peeler*	Taylor	1961-62	- Arthur D. Derby*	University Area
1924-25	- Arthur B. Mayhew*	Uvalde	1962-63	- Ed Bracher*	Houston Heights
1925-26	- Robert Lee Bobbitt*	Laredo	1963-64	- Virgil R. Lee*	Houston
1926-27	- Sam E. Thompson*	Kerrville	1964-65	- Choyce Allison**	University Area
1927-28	- Walter Walthal*	San Antonio	1964-65	- Ed Bracher*	Houston Heights
1928-29	- John A. Crockett*	Marlinton	1965-66	- R. B. (Red) Clouse*	Harrisburg
1929-30	- Charles C. Todd*	Bryan	1966-67	- Clyde L. Coleman*	Houston
1930-31	- Walter R. Jenkins*	Houston	1967-68	- George Shoultz	Bay City
1931-32	- Richard M. Hawkins	Huntsville	1968-69	- Alden O. Bailey	Pasadena
1932-33	- Keith Hotchkiss*	Beaumont	1969-70	- Edward M. House	University Area
1933-34	- John W. Kirkpatrick*	Edinburg	1970-71	- Erwin Heinen	Houston
1934-35	- T. D. Brooks*	College Station	1971-72	- Ernest D. Upham	West Columbia
1935-36	- Edward P. Arneson*	San Antonio	1972-73	- George DeMontrood*	River Oaks
1936-37	- Lewis E. Ball	Huntsville	1973-74	- J. Wayne Holland*	Harrisburg
1937-38	- Alan S. Pimental*	Houston	1974-75	- George McCrocklin*	Pasadena
1938-39	- Francis B. Dunn*	Port Arthur	1975-76	- Joe Hall*	Wharton
1939-40	- Charles Harritt*	Conroe	1976-77	- Mike Gibson	Heights
1940-41	- E. A. Blackburn*	Houston	1977-78	- George H. Gentry*	Baytown
1941-42	- W. L. Ansell*	Richmond	1978-79	- Rabbi Robert I. Kahn	Houston
1942-43	- C. Allen Sears*	Harrisburg	1979-80	- James E. Carrell	Houston
1943-44	- George K. Marshall	Galveston	1980-81	- Paul W. Jury	Harrisburg
1944-45	- J. Roy Wells	Huntsville	1981-82	- Dr. Floyd D. Boze	Space City
1945-46	- Wylie Johnson*	Houston	1982-83	- David Hill	Westheimer
1946-47	- Eugene P. Humbert*	Bryan	1983-84	- Dan F. Willis	Houston
1947-48	- Benny H. Hughes*	Beaumont	1984-85	- Joe Hollingsworth	Harrisburg

\*\*Elected but did not serve - Deceased \*Deceased

## ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

This club, the first Rotary Club in Fort Bend County, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Eagle Lake and received its charter on June 2, 1936, with a charter list of twenty members. Today, the club has just over sixty members and two Paul Harris Fellows. The charter presentation was held in the Richmond High School Athletic Field because, as it was reported, "There was not any place sufficiently large to hold it indoors". The Rotary Club of Houston presented the traditional bronze Rotary bell, which is still used today.

During its very first year this ambitious club involved itself in the Fort Bend County Centennial Fair. For one thing, they contracted with a professional decorator to construct a parade float depicting the theme of the centennial parade. Rotarians acted as gatemen at the fair grounds, and some served as targets for "The African Dip", a dunking booth.

In that same year the club helped with the fund drive for the Community Chest, distributed food baskets to needy families and sponsored the formation of a Boy Scout troop.

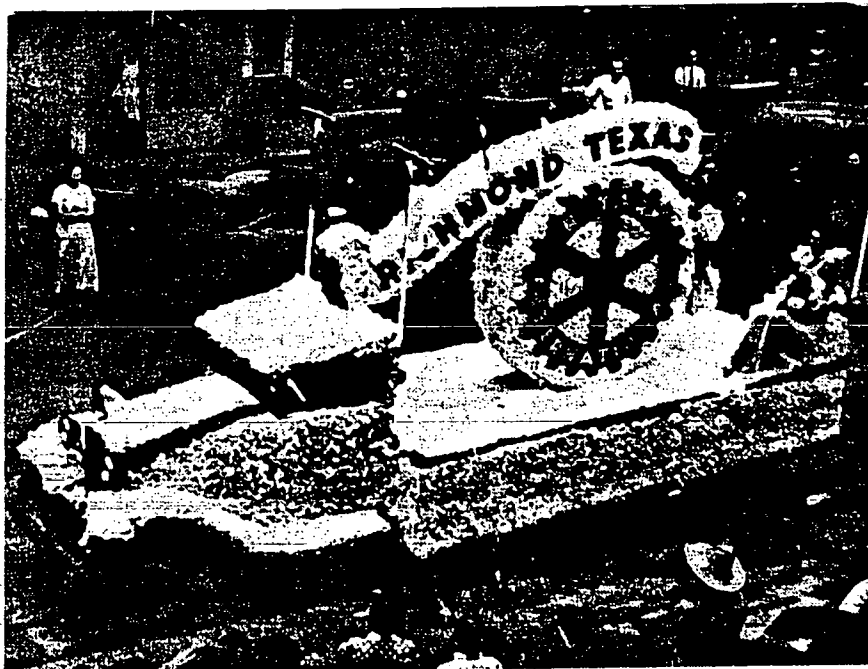
The club's first attempt at fund-raising was held on June 22, 1937, at the Cole Theater. The Texas Coaster, the local newspaper, reported it this way: "A packed house attended the Richmond Rotary Club benefit show exceeding even the fondest expectations. The show was composed of animated cartoon and comedies ... And at 9 o'clock the Braddock-Louis prize fight broadcast from Madison Square Garden was amplified through the theater's sound system. The splendid turnout, which is taken as evidence that the work the club is doing is being appreciated by citizens of the town and county". Ticket prices were 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children.

The club has been host to Group Study Exchange teams from Australia and from England, the first in 1971 and the second in 1979. Three Rotary Foundation nominations have been made. Jack H. Moore received an under-graduate fellowship

for study at the University of Nottingham, England, in 1971-72. Monique White is alternate for the under-graduate award in the 1986-87 year, and John R. Stavinoha a West German university on a graduate fellowship, also in 1986-87.

The good works of the club, while they have taken the more traditional form, have earned for the club the respect and appreciation of the community it serves. Its fund-raising efforts have changed with each decade, and have included street carnivals, barbecue dinners, participation in the "Czech Fest" and, since 1981, an annual pancake supper and auction.

The club has had one District Governor. In 1941-42, Bert Ansel, Sr. served as Governor of the old District 190.



## ROTARY CLUB OF WEIMAR

The idea of a Rotary Club in Weimar originated with several Rotarians from Hallettsville, and these Rotarians, Dr. Harvey Renger and Leon Kahanek, made it their business to tell several prominent citizens of Weimar the benefits of a Rotary Club in their community. Their efforts bore fruit, and on October 15, 1936, the Rotary Club of Weimar received its charter, with the Rotary Club of Hallettsville as sponsor. There were fifteen charter members. Today there are 28 members.

The Rotary Club of Weimar continues today to be strong in its service to the community and to area youth.

The club has sponsored the local Cub Scout organization since its began. In work with older youth, the club gives two \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors of Weimar High School. The Rotary Club has also been instrumental in organizing and supporting such causes as the United Fund, Colorado County Mental Health and Mental Retardation agency, and the Development Foundation.

An annual pancake supper, held in the early Spring of each year, together with fund-raising activities at "Gedenke" (an annual community celebration) provide most of the funds which allow the club to continue its community service.

In 1956, the club successfully nominated Georgia Kainer for a Rotary Foundation scholarship, and this young lady studied that year in Stuttgart, West Germany.

Other activities of the club include gifts of playground equipment to the elementary school, and sponsorship of "Career Day" at the senior high school. The Rotary Club of Weimar feels that it continues to render "service above self" and to make the club an important part of the life of the City of Weimar.

## ROTARY CLUB OF PASADENA

Houston in the year 1936 was hot in the summer like it is going to be in 1986, great difference being there was relatively little air-conditioning in 1936. One great diversion in 1936 was to go someplace to cool-off and many Houstonians did just that, going to Galveston Bay to their summer-homes and boats at such places as LaPorte, Sylvan Beach, Kemah, Seabrook, or Bacliff. The journey took the revelers through the then three-thousand Pasadenans via the LaPorte Road by car or the then paralleling Southern Pacific railway which at that time had passenger service to LaPorte and points southeast and south.

Houston Rotarians were thus familiar with Pasadenans, particularly because of their vigilant highway police. What more logical place to establish a new Rotary Club than on the way to the bay, a wonderful place to make-up on Fridays and a town in which resided Herbert A. Paine, Junior, son of Houston Rotary Club charter member Herbert A. Paine. The Houston ship channel industry had to grow. Petroleum product sales were growing in order to fuel the millions of automobiles (a growth industry if there ever was one), east-Texas crude oil was then becoming more usable as feed-stock (the sweet running engines didn't like sour crude), and the same crude was available as boiler fuel for other industry and for shipping. Lakes of clean water were available. Europe was visible and hourly becoming a shambles, probable site for a then unnamed war. Shrinking European industry had to be replaced by somebody and it might as well be us.

Charley McFhail and Henry Greenfield of the Houston Rotary Club sponsored the Rotary Club of Pasadena and they with Herb Paine, Jr., got 17 others to become the founding 18 charter members of The Rotary Club of Pasadena. District Governor Lewis Ball of Huntsville granted charter #4041 November 6, 1936, at a banquet at the San Jacinto Inn. Texas was celebrating its 100th year of freedom from Mexico. Across from the San Jacinto Inn the San Jacinto Monument was about to rise. The site had been dedicated in June by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. One leg of President Roosevelt's journey to the San Jacinto Battleground was via yacht down the ship channel. Houstonian Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones was there. The Rotary Club of Pasadena was in an area with a bright future.

Texas was two-thirds on the way to its Sesquicentennial celebration when the Rotary Club of Pasadena evolved, ninth club in what we now call Rotary District 589. It was 1936-year of the Texas Centennial.

Without having ever moved from its original meeting site, this organization ultimately helped shape a city of 3000 in 1936 to become part of a three million person giant of industry and influence in 1986. In these 50 years it has grown from 18 to about 215 members, and given three district



governors. Three governors being about 5% of the district governors over the clubs lifespan. Coping with this phenomenal growth has been and still is an ongoing challenge. The response to a challenge being to get help, the club got help. Pasadena Rotarians and the Rotary Club of Pasadena have sponsored six (6) new Rotary Clubs, more than 11% of the clubs in the district as of 1986.

Rotary' avenues of service are well traveled in Pasadena. Club Service includes not only education of new Rotarians and maintaining good club government but even includes a trip to the International Convention for incoming presidents.

Community Service has ranged from 50 years patronage of a local group of church ladies catering club meetings, school patronage, wartime services, and local charities to a contemporary accent on contributing heavily to local social and senior-citizen's programs. Activity funding is no longer all volunteer but is a part of the budget.

Vocational Service has flexed from an emphasis on shipping, petroleum and agricultural industries in the first 50 years, to a new emphasis on industrial diversification for the trade area for the next 50 years.

International Service ranges from the standard Rotary Foundation, Paul Harris Fellowships and entertainment of visiting students and Rotarians to such out-going and creative projects as the 1963 exchange of visits between Rotarians of paired districts such as ours and one in Africa and a flamboyant Interact-Rotary project of donating and equipping and delivering two ambulances to central-american service groups. The ambulances were convoy driven to Guatemala by the sons of Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of Pasadena looks forward to another 50 years of serving Texas, Pasadena, and the United States of America wherever and whenever it can be of Service Above Self.

Most Rotarians and Texans who will participate in Texas' Bicentennial celebration are yet to be born. Let's be sure they know and practice the FOUR WAY TEST.

Murff C. McCullen, D.D.S., Historian  
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## ROTARY CLUB OF COLUMBUS

This club will next year observe its Golden Anniversary. The club was chartered on June 7, 1937, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Hallettsville. As is to be expected in a smaller community, the club is unable to point toward any dynamic growth. There are presently 35 members, and membership has generally remained at this level for some years.

Most of the members have enjoyed membership for many years, and, as one might expect, fellowship is the great strength of the club. The international aspect of Rotary seems remote from Columbus, consequently there are but two Paul Harris Sustaining Members and the club is only at the 400% level in giving to Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club, however, is a fixture in Columbus. An annual pancake supper raises sufficient money to fund the club's activities, largely of a community nature.

## ROTARY CLUB OF LaPORTE

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena, itself then less than two years old, the Rotary Club of La Porte was chartered on March 8, 1938. No charter members are today still members of the club. Today the club has seventy members, of whom eight are Paul Harris Fellows. The club is 1800% in giving to Rotary Foundation.

Probably the most ambitious project of the club's entire life occurred in 1947. In that year one of its members, Nathan Klein, donated a building to the club. This was moved to a new location and fully rehabilitated to become the first Community House of the City of La Porte. The structure served this purpose for some twelve years, until a new and modern building was completed.

The major annual project of the club is the award of four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors of La Porte High School. The primary fund-raising effort is a barbecue held during "Sylvan Beach Day" each May.

The club today meets at St. John's Episcopal Church each Tuesday. The members expect to be able to name two additional Paul Harris Fellows during 1986, making a total of ten.

# Rotary Club of Houston Heights

1939

The club received its charter from Rotary International on April 18, 1939, being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston. The early years of the club experienced limited growth and activity because of the national commitment to World War II. As the club progressed, it was selected to host the District 120 Conference in 1950. This success was followed by hosting conference in 1962 and 1977 for the renumbered District 589.

The first Interact Club in District 589 was inaugurated in 1963, with students from John H. Reagan Senior High School. Almost every year has seen contributions made by the efforts of the young people. They work on fund-raising, at a spaghetti supper and auction, book sales for the Heights Library, and a variety of community service programs.

One of the early successes of the club was its support of Rotary Foundation and Rotary's international programs. Contributions to the Foundation began in 1947, and in 1967 Past District Governor Ed Bracher was our first member to be honored with a Paul Harris Fellowship. Support continued in a high level and, in 1985, under the leadership of President Roy Long, all club members became either Paul Harris Fellows or Sustaining Members. Heights has become one of the few clubs to have reached the 10,000% plateau.



Exchange visits with the Tacubaya club of Mexico City were begun in 1970. Every year since the two clubs have exchanged visits which have been outstanding events in each club. The earthquake of 1985, resulted in a visit by two representatives of the club, where they presented \$5,000 contributed by Heights members for relief there.

Group Study Exchanges have had a major impact on Houston Heights. In 197, our late C.F. Furlow led a dis-man team to District 275, in Australia. Heights has hosted teams

from Australia, United Kingdom and Mexico. Informal visitations between Heights Rotarians and Rotarians from England continue to the present time.

In 1952, Heights participated with thirteen other Houston Rotary Clubs in forming Little League Baseball. This eventually became Rotary Club Activities, whose principal function is the support of Rotary Boys Club, formerly Variety Boys Club, whose facilities are located in the Heights area. Many Heights members have played an important part in the success of this project.



Heights Rotary members, through their leadership, have made important contributions to the life of the community. The Heights Association owes much to Heights Rotarians. The club counts many distinguished Rotarians among its membership, past and present. The late Gus Bracher left a record of 51 years of perfect attendance, and three sons who were to carry on the Bracher name in Rotary: Ed, Vic and Roy. Ed Bracher was District Governor, a member of the Council on Legislation, and a Vice-President of R.I. He served as District Governor this district on three occasions.

Dr. Mike Gibson was District Governor in 1876-77. Roy Royall was "Mr. Rotary" to many, and his service to the City of Houston was recognized on November 1, 1973, when that day was designated as "Roy Royall Day". Past President and Charter Member Jay Marmion was recognized in 1973 as "Citizen of the Year", and numerous awards have been made to George Harding for his work with the handicapped and the elderly at Independence Hall, located not far from the Boys Club.

With nearly fifty years of outstanding Rotary service in this year of the Texas Sesquicentennial, the membership has a solid foundation on which to build. The Rotary Club of Houston Heights is a proud club serving a proud community.

## ROTARY CLUB OF EL CAMPO

The Rotary Club of El Campo was chartered on May 1, 1939, with the Rotary Club of Victoria as sponsor. The club today has 95 members. While the club now has three Paul Harris Fellows, a total of eight has been created. For forty-seven years the club has endeavored to participate fully at every level of Rotary activity.

The club has joined in the Group Study Exchange program of R.I., both in sending people from District 589, and in entertaining participants from several parts of the Rotary world. It has also joined in exchange visitations, both entertaining groups from outside the U. S. A., and in sending groups to other areas.

El Campo is proud to have furnished the old District 190 with one of its distinguished District Governors, Frarley P. Sanford, in 1950-51. A large number of District committee chairmen and committee members have come from the El Campo club.

The first active program of the club was a Student Welfare Fund, which was financed by a pancake and waffle supper. This fund made loans to needy college students at nominal interest rates. It also made grants to public school students who could not have otherwise attended school. These grants were made without expectation of repayment.

As the need for student loans diminished, the club took on the leadership in a program to develop, finance and build a Community Center. Club contributions to this work have been financed by a fish fry and shrimp boil, by an automobile raffle, and by an auction of donated items. In recent years this program has raised enough money to purchase a tract of land at a cost of \$100,000. The club is now working toward turning the project over to the City of El Campo for completion, with the club's continued financial assistance.

The club sponsors a wide variety of activities for the youth of El Campo: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, youth baseball and Career Day at the high school, to name but a few. In addition, the old Student Welfare Fund is still

available when and where needed. High school student guests were the rule until the recent State regulations on mandated attendance.

Other activities a Teacher Appreciation and Awards dinner, sponsored jointly by the club and the Board of Trustees of the El Campo Independent School District. At this dinner the teachers and administrators of the District are entertained, and the School Board gives awards and service pins to the faculty.

The club has made steady growth in membership, beginning with 42 charter members and growing to the present membership of about one hundred. There has always been an active Rotary Information Committee to install Rotary principles in new members, and an active Attendance Committee to encourage attendance and make-up.

For many years the club has met in the Community Center, and has hired a group of women to purchase, prepare and serve meals under the supervision of the club's Food Committee.

In the field of International Service, the club has had two Rotary Foundation Fellows, has furnished a Group Study Exchange team leader, has been host to several Group Study Exchange teams, and has been host to visiting couples from Districts k06 and 120, in England.

Recalling the past, the club once was host to a Multi-District Meeting at which the then President of Rotary International was the speaker and honored guest.



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**Tea Toters**

Those who roll out the culinary red carpet for El Campo Rotarians each week are, from left, Erma Resl, Marie Dornak, Joyce Kabanek and Mary Dornak.



**GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE**



**VISITING DISTRICT 106 UNITED KINGDOM**



**DISTRICT 589 COAL MINERS**



**A G.S.E. TEAM FROM AUSTRALIA  
MEETS WITH THE LADIES G.S.E. TEAM  
FROM INDIA IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**



**LADIES GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM FROM BOMBAY, INDIA  
VISITS ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 589**

## ROTARY CLUB OF HARRISBURG

When the Rotary Club of Harrisburg received charter No. 5054 from Rotary International on the evening of June 5, 1939, it became the third Rotary Club in the City of Houston. Earlier in the year, the Rotary Club of Houston, acting upon the new policy adopted by the International Convention of 1938, had sponsored the Rotary Club of Houston Heights. When East End business and professional men saw the need for a Rotary Club in their section of the city, the Houston Club once again sponsored a suburban club.

Since the whole idea of suburban clubs was a new one, there was little or no experience to guide Harrisburg in its initial growth. Within two and a half years - scarcely time enough to perfect an organization - the nation was at war, and the membership declined to twenty-six. Remarkably enough, however, by January 1, 1944, the membership had exactly doubled, and in that year Harrisburg was asked to be the host club for the District Conference. Later that year Harrisburg sponsored the organization of the Rotary Club of West Columbia.

Harrisburg has long been identified with the support of the East End (now Cossaboom) Branch of the YMCA. In the 47 years of the Branch's existence, eight Harrisburg Rotarians have served as chairman of the Board of Managers. As recently as 1985, Harrisburg made a substantial donation toward the purchase of a new van for the Branch's use, a vehicle which bears the name of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg.

From a time very early in its history Harrisburg has taken a keen interest in the youth of the East End. For many years the club has conducted either a Junior Rotarian program or an extensive scholarship program for graduating seniors of the two public and two parochial high schools in the club's service area. In the 1984-85 year the club was able to award \$11,000 of such scholarships.

In the past twenty-five years the East End of Houston has undergone drastic ethnic and cultural change, and Harrisburg has sought to understand the change



taking place and to identify itself with the agencies whose programs are designed to meet the needs of the changing community. Not only has the club contributed to the support of these agencies, but it has encouraged its members to take personal interest in their operations.

Because the East End has become an essentially Hispanic community, the club has offered Spanish language instruction to its members at nominal cost.

Six members of the Rotary Club of Harrisburg have served as District Governor. C. Allen Sears was District Governor of our predecessor District 190 in 1942-43. Jewel A. Benson was the second District Governor of the newly numbered District 589, (1957-58). Other District Governors from Harrisburg include Rufus G. "Red" Clouse (1965-66), J. Wayne Holland (1973-74), Paul W. Jury (1980-81), and Joe B. Hollingsworth (1984-85).

Harrisburg now has fifty Paul Harris Fellows, and all members who are not Fellows have been made Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

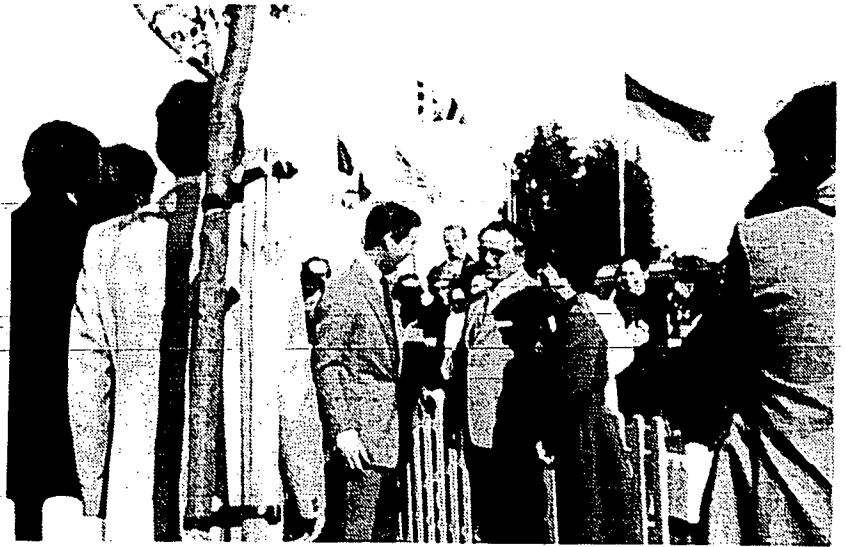
There is no activity of the world of Rotary in which Harrisburg has not participated fully. In 1975, Past President Paul W. Jury led a Group Study Exchange team to District 120 in England. Harrisburg members participated in both visitations to England, and in return were hosts to the visitor. Also, Harrisburg homes have provided hospitality for numerous visiting Rotarians and Rotary groups. While no records have been kept, it is believed that Harrisburg has been represented at every International Convention since the end of World War II.

For many years Harrisburg raised no funds outside its membership. Beginning in the 1970-71 year, however, the club began the practice of an annual fundraiser, and these have included a flea market, fish fry and, presently, a raffle with Las Vegas night.

For more than four decades the Rotary Club of Harrisburg has traveled the Four Lanes of Rotary; not always with equal effectiveness, but always with an earnest desire to point its members toward the goal set by the Object of Rotary.

## DISTRICT 589 FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGES

PAUL JURY & MARGIE MEET  
H.R.H. PRINCE CHARLES AT  
"BATH AND WEST SHOW"  
DURING A FRIENDSHIP  
EXCHANGE WITH DISTRICT 120.



## ACTIVITIES AT THE FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE WITH DISTRICT 106



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## SCHOOL NOTES



### Getting to know you

Greenspoint Rotary Club last Friday held its annual banquet to honor international students attending Houston schools. Enjoying a social hour before the banquet are (left to right): Magarethe Eschhaumer from Germany, attending—Rice—University; Mohammed Elhallabi from Morocco, attending

Rice; Andrew Cantu, president-elect of Greenspoint Rotary Club; Patrick Mulwale from Kenya, a student at Gulf Coast Bible College; and Douglas Waku from Kenya, also attending Gulf Coast Bible College. The banquet was held at the Airport Holiday Inn. (Photo by Jennifer Kiger)

## ROTARY CLUB OF TOMBALL

More than forty years ago the organization which drew Tomball's business men together for weekly luncheons was the Tomball Businessmen's Club. At their meeting of October 24, 1945, the members began discussions which would lead to the formation of two new organizations and the demise of the Tomball Businessmen's Club. Both the Rotary Club of Tomball and the Yomball Area Chamber of Commerce trace their origins to this meeting.

With the Rotary Club of Conroe as its sponsor, the Rotary Club of Tomball was chartered on December 27, 1945, with twenty-two members. These members represented the cross-section of the business, professional and vocational community of Tomball, for among them were attorneys, bankers, doctors, educators, merchants, ministers, oil company executives, pharmacists, utility company executives and others.

The membership grew but slowly during the new thirty years, but never exceeded forty-five. However, during the 1975-76 year the membership finally broke the "Fifty Barrier". The present membership is 84, of which number only one charter member remains active.

The club has fifteen Paul Harris Fellows and one Sustaining Member. Friendliness has always been a characteristic of the club. As the club's sergeant-at-arms is likely to say: "Welcome to the friendliest club on the universe".

The principal fund-raiser is a fish-fry, held each year in April, and a "Gold Card" raffle. From these activities as much as \$17,000 has been cleared. The greater part of this is expended for scholarships for graduating seniors of Tomball High School.

In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, the club sponsors a Free Enterprise seminar in the high school. An annual award is made to some high school senior in recognition of that student's potential for community leadership. Another award is unique to this club. This is the Community Service Award. This has been made to persons who might otherwise be unrecognized in the community, but who, in the

practice of their vocations, make themselves useful by rendering some indispensable service to the Tomball community. Among the club's youth activities are support of Boy's Country and the area YMCA.

For quite some years Tomball Rotary has carried on continuing correspondence with the Rotary Club of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. In 1985, Tomball Rotarians were hosts to visitors from Zimbabwe for one week.

In the forty years of its existence the Rotary Club of Tomball has established a record of excellence, of achievement and "Service Above Self" such as would have pleased Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary.

### ROTARY CLUB OF UNIVERSITY AREA-HOUSTON

The University Area club may have the most unique meeting place of any club in the district. In recent years the club has been meeting in the "R" Room of Rice University Stadium. The club now has 125 members and ample parking.

The club was chartered on February 26, 1946, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Houston, and was originally known as the Rotary Club of South End (Houston). The name was changed in the early 1960's, at a time when "South End" had become meaningless.

One of the principal activities of the club is support of Rotary Boys Club and Camp Mahan. University Area built the camp's amphitheater, and its members provide services to the camp on a continuing basis.

Four \$1,000 nursing scholarships are provided each year to students of Texas Women's University School of Nursing. The club also conducts an annual book fair, the entire proceeds of which go to the M. D. Anderson Hospital Volunteers. The book fair is held on the hospital grounds for two days.

One of the annual projects is a football outing for Rotary Boys Club members. A group of boys is taken to lunch and a Rice football game, after which they are given opportunity to meet some of the football players.

An Interact Club was sponsored briefly at San Jacinto High School before the demise of that school. The club has acted as host and advisor to several foreign students studying at Rice University. In addition, University Area Rotarians have been hosts to the English visitors from District 120.

The club today has twenty Paul Harris Fellows and several Sustaining Members. Funds for the underwriting of its activities come largely from an annual "Shrimp Peel", in October, the first of which was held in 1974. While not as much money is raised as in some clubs, University Area feels comfortable with what it is doing and feels that it is rendering a useful service to the community and to Rotary.

## ROTARY CLUB OF KATY

The Rotary Club of Katy is now forty years old. While Houston moves steadily toward it, Katy is still essentially an agricultural community being transformed by commerce and industry.

The club was chartered on March 19, 1946, with the Rotary Club of Tomball as sponsor. It is well established and well respected in its community, but there has not yet been the opportunity for real growth. Today the club has 38 members, and conducts two fund-raising events each year. There is a chili supper in October and a pancake supper in February, and the two together adequately fund the club's projects.

Because the club has retained the loyalty of its members over an extended period of time, a high percentage of the members are past presidents. Numerical growth and an increase in revenue are matters of concern to the club.

## ROTARY CLUB OF WHARTON



SUPPORTS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
THROUGH OUR YOUTH

This is the fortieth year of the Rotary Club of Wharton, having been chartered on September 13, 1946, with the Rotary Club of El Campo as sponsor. Charles C. Ingram, Jr., was the first president.

The club now has 55 members, eleven Paul Harris Fellows and three Paul Harris Sustaining members. Past President Joe H. Hall was District Governor of old District 190. He was also the club's first Paul Harris Fellow.

Although it sponsored annual pancake suppers for some years, the Rotary Club of Wharton began in 1970 the most unique fund-raiser in the District. This is a radio auction, broadcast by Station KANI from the lobby of the Wharton Bank & Trust Co. A whole array of items is assembled and are described over the air. Interested bidders call in their bids, or they may bid in person by coming to the bank lobby. Very recently, as interest waned, this format has been changed to a silent auction at the time of the pancake supper.

Another fund-raising effort is the food booth at the "Square Fair", which is held in October of each year on the courthouse lawn.

Funds raised by these efforts have been used in a great number of ways. Each year the club awards three full-year scholarships to Wharton Junior College, and the recipients are selected by the college on the basis of need. Round-trip transportation has been furnished to a teacher of Spanish from the college faculty, in order that she might study to improve her language skills. Working through the Wharton School District nurses the club supplies clothing and hoes for needy students, and in addition provides medical care for children with visual, hearing and dental problems.

Wharton contributed \$1,000 to the Richmond State School chapel project, and has contributed to the support of the Wharton County Association for Mentally Retarded and to the Visiting Nurses Association. The club also supports the Wharton County Youth Fair and the Boy Builders Club.

In 1984 the club sponsored a Free Enterprise seminar at Wharton High School for students from area schools. It was well attended, and the club has plans to hold another this Spring. In another field of youth work, the club has sponsored a Boy Scout troop for 35 years.

Wharton has sponsored one local student as an exchange to Australia for a six week period. The Club participated as host in the visitations from both District 120 and District 106 in England, and some Wharton Rotarians and wives returned the visits to both districts.

The Rotary Club of Wharton feels that through its efforts the ideals of Rotary have been given full expression in this community.

## ROTARY CLUB OF HIGHLANDS

The Rotary Club of Highlands, although it is one of the smallest clubs in District 589, is one of the most active, especially at the community service level. Since Highlands is an unincorporated community with no city government, Rotary serves in many capacities other than through the ordinary avenues of service. Until the recent founding of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary was the one organized voice of the community, and even now it still shares many community service functions.

Rotary came to Highlands on November 24, 1948, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Dayton, thus making the club more than 37 years old. On the thirtieth anniversary of its founding, Highlands and Dayton held a joint meeting. Ralph McFarland (Furniture, Retail) served as president from the time of organization until June of 1950.

The club's first two Paul Harris Fellows were named in 1977. These were B. P. Hopper, a school principal for forty years and the today the club's only remaining charter member, and Lewis Marler. There are now thirteen Paul Harris Fellows active and nine who are no longer members. The club is 100% in Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

Over the years Highlands has purchased an ambulance for the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, and has acted as sponsor of a new county library branch. The club has promoted the introduction of cable television to the community, has promoted clean-up campaigns, and has furnished community Christmas trees and Christmas street decorations.

Highlands has sponsored young people in the Amigos de las Americas health program in South and Central America. Each year contributions are made to Little League, Boy and Girl Scouts, the Highlands Sports Association, Highlands Volunteer Fire Department, Highland Community Center, senior citizens programs, 4-H, FFA and others.

Each year the club awards \$1,000 college scholarships to outstanding and/or needy students in the community. In 1986 five such scholarships will be awarded.

It is a remarkable fact that, over the past seven years, this small Rotary Club has raised and disbursed over \$100,000, all of it the performance of Rotary projects.

The club's most significant fund-raiser is the annual "Chili Feast". At this time there is a raffle of a Lincoln Town Car, \$1,000 in cash, a gold coin and a color television. Four hundred tickets are sold at \$100 each, and this, together with the profit from food sales, will usually produce a net of about \$23,000, all of which is used for the foregoing projects.

Highlands has sponsored an Interact Club at Chinquapin School. That club is active and doing well. Highlands is proud to have had its past president, Jim Carrell, at District Governor in 1979-80.





## ROTARY CLUB OF ROSENBERG

Under the sponsorship of its neighbor, the Rotary Club of Richmond, the Rotary Club of Rosenberg was chartered on August 11, 1950. The club now has some fifty members and thirteen Paul Harris Fellows, of whom R. K. Smith was the first.

The club has been especially responsive to the needs of the Richmond State School for the Mentally Retarded. On two different occasions playground equipment has been donated. Additionally, the club has participated in the school's Project Noel, and has otherwise made itself useful in various ways.

One unique project was the presentation to the Fort Bend County Library of the portraits of twelve Texas heroes.

The club has sponsored Free Enterprise Day in the schools for the past two years, and also sponsored an Interact Club from 1969 to 1984. It has participated in the two exchanges with English Rotarians, both as visitors and as hosts.

The club has participated in the Fort Bend County Fair in October, in the Fort Bend County Czech Fest in May, and puts on a chili supper each February. The proceeds from these participations are used to fund the various projects and activities of the club.



1980 DISTRICT ASSEMBLY  
HOSTED BY ROSENBERG  
GOV. JIM CARRELL  
MAKING THE ADDRESS

## ROTARY CLUB OF GULFWAY

This club began its existence on January 22, 1951, as the Rotary Club of South Houston. The Rotary Club of Pasadena was the sponsor. Although given the name of South Houston, the club never in fact, except for one brief period, met within that community.

In 1968, the club surrendered half its territory, changed its name to the present style, and sponsored the formation of a new Rotary Club of South Houston, this one to actually meet inside the corporate limits of that place. This club was re-chartered as the Rotary Club of Gulfway (Houston) on February 10, 1969.

Gulfway has pursued a broad program of community and youth service. For some years the club has sponsored an annual New Year's Eve party at the Golden Age Manor. It contributes to the indigent meal program at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and also contributes to the Houston Metropolitan Ministries Food Pantry program. Rotary Boys Club is given annual support.

The club conducts Free Enterprise programs at Ross S. Sterling Senior High School, and also offers vocational scholarships at that school. An annual college scholarship is offered, currently amounting to \$8,000

Among its varied activities, the club assisted in the repair of a large near-by youth baseball complex which sustained severe hurricane damage. After the Mexico City earthquake \$2,000 was contributed to a fund to rebuild a school there. A contribution of \$1,500 was made to World Community Services Project No. 1699, for a rehabilitation center for the disabled in Istanbul, Turkey.

The club presently has 24 Paul Harris Fellows, the first of which was awarded to Ray Williams in 1979. The club has reserved and currently is holding a Paul Harris Fellowship award in the name of Ronald Reagan, President of the United States.

An Interact Club was sponsored at Sterling High School in 1983-1984. The primary fund-raising effort is made through a combination shrimp boil, auction

and drawing for a new Cadillac, upon donations of \$100.

Gulfway has sponsored a couples exchange between Districts 589 and 417 in both 1984 and 1985. They have also brought six young women, daughters of Mexico City Rotarians, to visit in Gulfway homes. This program was conducted in 1983, 1984 and 1985.

### ROTARY CLUB OF GALENA PARK

The Rotary Club of Galena Park received its charter on December 26, 1950, a kind of Christmas gift from the Rotary Club of Pasadena to the sister community north of the Houston Ship Channel.

Due to the nature of the community, there has not been any marked growth of membership, there being now 38 members. The club, however, does have eight Paul Harris Fellows, eleven Sustaining Members and stands at the 3400% level in giving to the Rotary Foundation.

For some years there have been two fund-raisers each year. In the spring there is an oyster-chicken fry, and in the fall there is the "Million Dollar Meal". Although the Galena Park area is one of those hardest hit by the economic down-turn, the club is made up of dedicated Rotarians with young leadership and a great determination to serve the community.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ANGLETON

The charter for the Rotary Club of Angleton was granted on March 30, 1951, with the Rotary Club of West Columbia as the sponsoring club. Lee Hearn was the club's first president.

One of the most outstanding achievements of the club over nearly thirty-five years has been its leadership in the promotion of work with the American Field Service student exchange program, which the club organized, funded and actively participated in, beginning in 1962.

This activity has resulted in the club being hosts to a total of eighteen students from countries outside the United States. Generous club members, exhibiting "Service Above Self" have been host to students of high school age from other countries, having them in their homes for a full school year. This program has been most gratifying for the host families, the community, and certainly for the club members. The students being regular visitors at club meetings, the members have had the pleasure of hearing the students' impressions of their life in America. Students have presented slide programs to various community groups, thus broadening the effect of the visit, both for student and for community.

The club sponsored Jake Fuchs as a Rotary Foundation Fellow for study in Chile in 1968-69. Doctor Fuchs is now a practicing physician in the Brazosport area.

Fund-raising has taken the form of pancake suppers and chicken barbecue, usually serving from 500 to 700 persons, and generating funds sufficient to fund the club's activities. Participation in the annual City of Angleton "Fourth of July Bash" is a community service project undertaken by the club.

The club has high school "Students of the Month" guests for its luncheons. Parties and dances sponsored and chaperoned by the club have been a service activity and a source of enjoyment for both students and members. An Interact Club was formed in 1984, and interest in the club has thus far been high. Career Day for graduating seniors has been an annual event.

Scouting has been and is one of the primary concerns of the club. Interest and funding for this activity enjoys high priority and constant attention. Sponsorship of troops and budgeting of funds for their support are annual concerns, and all the members enjoy active participation in troop operations.

This club regards the promotion of work and worship in the member's respective churches as being foremost in its program.

### ROTARY CLUB OF ALVIN

The Rotary Club of Alvin was chartered in 1951, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Galveston. Neal Nelson was the first president. He was also the club's first Paul Harris Fellow, and remains a member with perfect attendance since the club's inception.

The club's principal fund-raiser and community service activity is "Frontier Days". For the past ten years this event has been on Memorial Day week-end, with a parade and community-wide activities. A car raffle held at this time provides funds for the club's many and varied activities.

Among other things, the Rotary Club has provided the Alvin Police Department with a fully equipped Crime Prevention van, funding for which came from the Frontier Days proceeds. The club has also been a generous supporter of the Alvin Chamber of Commerce, and of the community emergency medical service.

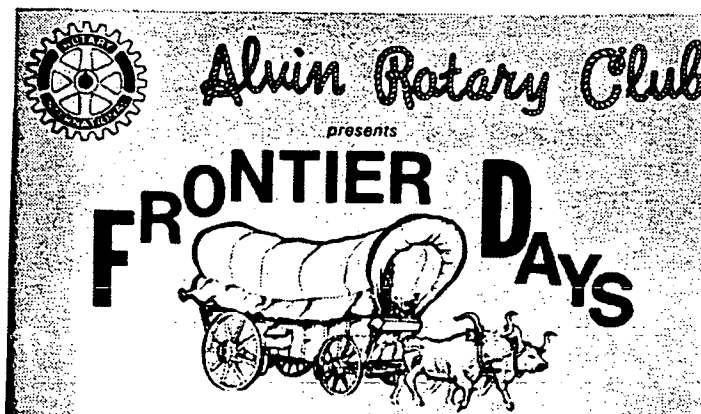
Rotarians have taught free enterprise courses in the public course in connection with a free enterprise program sponsored by the club. They have also provided support for the Special Olympics program in that area.

In the lane of International Service the club has provided medical supplies for use by emerging nations in Africa. In 1957, its nominee, Norman C. Peterson, was selected as a Rotary Foundation Fellow, and studied at Canterbury University, Christchurch, New Zealand.

The club also supports a Law Enforcement Post of the Explorer Scouts program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Alvin Rotarians have participated in the District 589 visitations to England, and as hosts to visiting English families.

The Rotary Club of Alvin today counts sixty members, with thirteen Paul Harris Fellows, and has reached the 3100% plateau in giving to the Rotary Foundation. The members are proud of their service to the Alvin community and to the whole program of Rotary.



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHSIDE-HOUSTON

Although chartered early in 1952, this club has suffered decline of membership in recent years. The officers feel, however, that this trend will reverse itself, and consequently are highly optimistic for the future.

The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Harrisburg, and received its charter on March 31, 1952. A. K. Davidson became a member within a year of the club's founding, and in time became the first Paul Harris Fellow. To date he has 33 years of 100% attendance.

While the most successful fund-raising event was staged in the late fifties, when some \$10,000 was raised, the most recent event was an auction, chili cook-off and armadillo race which raised some \$3,000.

These funds are expended for a number of things, including scholarships to students at Sam Houston Senior High School. The club has averaged three such scholarships each year.

Since 1977, the club has sponsored an Interact Club at Sam Houston High School, and it is now one of the largest in District 589. There are now around sixty members, and they are very active in rendering community service. It has been the practice of the club to bring a boy and a girl to each meeting.

The club participates in the affairs of the District, and, in the late fifties, sponsored the District Conference made notable by the presence of the then President of Rotary International, Joaquin Serratosa, of Uruguay.



## ROTARY CLUB OF MEMORIAL-SPRING BRANCH

This club was chartered on June 6, 1953, with the Rotary Club of Houston as its sponsor. Today there are one hundred members, fourteen Paul Harris Fellows and twelve Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

Community service projects have been numerous over the years, and many others have been assisted. A continuing scholarship program contributes approximately \$8,000 each year to selected high school seniors. An additional \$2,500 is allocated to buy clothing for needy children. Recipients are selected by the School District nursing staff.

Job fairs and vocational days are held periodically for the School District.

The most recent significant International Service project was a sizable contribution to a Rotary Club in Mexico City to be used for relief of victims of the volcanic eruption.

At one time the club sponsored four Interact Clubs, the first one being organized at Spring Woods High School in 1964. Other clubs were organized in 1972 and 1974, but all of these clubs are now inactive.

The club has for many years sponsored a Boy Scout troop for handicapped Scouts.

Funds for these activities have been raised in several different ways, including spaghetti suppers and Las Vegas nights. For eight years the club has sponsored a "Fun Run", a five-mile run held on the first Sunday in November. The average net income from each of these events has been about \$9,500.

In cooperation with the Galveston Club, Memorial-Spring Branch was co-sponsor of the 1976 District Conference. The club was also co-host in 1982 for a Group Study Exchange team.

In one of its most significant projects, the club, assisted by other organizations, has provided a computer for an area student who is totally handicapped. He cannot walk, talk or use his hands, and the computer is his means of communication, activated by a pointer attached to his forehead. Software is furnished by the computer manufacturer, or programmed by the student or his classroom teachers.





## ROTARY CLUB OF BRAZOSPORT

The Rotary Club of Freeport was chartered on December 16, 1953, with twenty charter members, and under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Angleton. In 1964 the name of the club was changed to Rotary Club of Brazosport, to coincide with the boundaries of the Brazosport Independent School District, which includes the cities and communities of Clute, Lake Jackson, Freeport, Jones Creek, Quintana, Oyster Creek and Surfside.

From its modest beginning the club has grown to 132 members, of which number approximately 40% maintain perfect attendance. Only two of the charter members remain active - Dr. Phillip Crow and Al Deere - and Dr. Crow has maintained perfect attendance since the beginning.

In 1961, with only thirty members, the club began working on what has become a very important function - its Shrimp Boil and Auction. Over the years the event has grown to such proportions that it is listed in many state-wide and regional publications. The first Shrimp Boil and Auction served approximately 250 people and had a profit of \$300. The most recent event, in 1985, served approximately 5,000 people and grossed over \$115,000. It is the net proceeds from this event which makes possible the many and varied activities of the club.

Perhaps the most significant undertaking of the club over the years has been the very substantial contribution to the Fine Arts Council for the Nature Center and Planetarium. This facility, rare in such a relatively small community, serves all the people of the Brazosport area. The Brazos County Historical Museum has also been assisted.

Special Education troops have been sponsored for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Beginning with but one scholarship in 1958, the club now awards five scholarships to graduating high school seniors. In 1983 the club began sponsorship of Free Enterprise seminars for the senior high schools of the Brazosport I. S. D.

The first Paul Harris Fellow, W. V. "Buster" Curry, was named in 1976. Today there are twelve, and the club names one each year.

Service in the international field has been extensive. In 1976 the club was host to a Rotary Foundation Industrial Trainee from Colombia. Hospitality has been provided for the English visitors in 1981, and in 1984 the club was host to a Group Study Exchange team from Mexico. In 1981 a Brazosport school teacher, nominated by this club, received a Rotary Foundation Graduate Fellowship. Club members have been intensely interested in exchange visitations, and have visited in England in 1980, Mexico in 1984 and Canada in 1985.

In District 589 Brazosport sponsored the Rotary Club of Sweeny, and was named the "most outstanding club" in 1974, and one of the five best in 1985.

Not only does the club support the Brazosport area with its many community projects, but individual members of the club serve as college trustees, members of the school board, members of the city council and in every other work which contributes to the well-being of the Brazosport community. By example, Brazosport Rotarians truly believe the motto, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best".



## ROTARY CLUB OF BELLAIRE-SOUTHWEST

The Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club, originally called just "Bellaire Rotary Club", was presented its charter on June 30, 1957. Foote's Cafeteria was the first meeting place, and located in the heart of Bellaire, Texas, at Bellaire and Bissonnet. The Bellaire Rotary club was sponsored by the South End Rotary Club, now called the University Rotary Club. The Club started with 15 members, one of whom is still a member, namely Rufus Petty. Bill Avery, District Governor, presented the charter to the new Bellaire Rotary, Club.

Since June 1957, the Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary has grown in membership to the level of 40 to 50 members. The club has changed locations on several occasions, the first change was to the Meyerland Club, then to the Turnverein Club, the Brae Burn Country Club, then finally to its present location, the Chancellors Racquet Club.

The club has always had outstanding programs to entice its members to always attend and guest to want to makeup at our club. One of the memorable club programs was the famous fan dancer Sally Rand.

The club has always had outstanding club social functions and club meetings. These include trips to the races, dinners, and including the Club's famous orintation of new members at the Jersey Lily Saloon on the West Loop. For over 15 years the Westbury Highschool choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Smith has provided thier special Christmas music for the club's annual Christmas party.

In the early years, the Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary club undertook its first major project. Called the Mexia project, the Club undertook the task of providing clothes, gifts, and other needs of the students at the Texas State School for the mentally handicapped at Mexia, Texas. This project provided the basis for growth both in membership and incentive for doing other projects in later years.

While the Bellaire/Southwest Rotary Club has never furnished a District Governor, the Club members have distinguished themselves in District activities. The Club had 100% registration and attendance at the 1971 Houston International Convention, and was sponsor of a barbecue dinner. Then in 1975, the club was host for a record breaking District 589 convention and conference at the Astroworld Hotel.

The Club has been especially active in international affairs. The Club participated in a District Conference in Monterrey, Mexico and the most recent one in Guadalarjara. The Club has been very active in all efforts dealing with the exchange programs in such places as England and Australia.

Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club members have been especially active in the direction of the Rotary Boys Club, as well as the Interact program, through sponsorship of the Westbury and Bellaire Interact clubs. A new club to be formally started in 1986 will be under the Club's supervision and located at a new private highschool

at the West Loop and Bissonnet. In other youth activities, the Club has sponsored two students in the Rotary Foundation Scholarship undergraduate program.

Bellaire has been very active in the Rotary Foundation program with some 26 Paul Harris members and a level of giving to the Foundation at the 8000 percentile. The Club is ever mindful of the need for this endeavor.

In the area of Community affairs, the Club has sponsored Free symphony concerts for the area by the Houston Metropolitan Symphony. This effort is always pointed to helping Senior Citizens in the area.

The club is ever mindful for the need of money to undertake the various activities of the Club. We have raised funds through road races, raffle tickets, dances and many other ways too numerous to mention. The money raised from these efforts has been used for Police Scholarships, student scholarships, The Houston Area Women's center, and many other activities.

The Bellaire/Southwest Houston Rotary Club is proud of its outstanding attendance record and its outstanding Club Bulletin. The friendly Rotary Club of Bellaire/Southwest Houston strives to be the "Best of District 589".

#### ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHSORE

This club is located on the east side of Houston, north of the Houston Ship Channel, and serves the communities of Jacinto City, Greens Bayou, Channelview, North Shore, Cloverleaf and Sheldon. The club was chartered on August 19, 1958, with the Rotary Club of Pasadena as sponsor. There were twenty-three charter members.

The first fund-raising event, in 1960, was a pancake supper which raised \$100. The 1985 fund-raiser brought the club nearly \$40,000. This event was the tenth annual crawfish boil/catfish fry and auction. Through the years the funds raised by these events have been used to support the club's many and varied community activities.

The club's expectations for 1986 are high. They expect to prepare 6,000 pounds of crawfish, 3,000 pounds of catfish, 1,500 pounds of potatoes and 1,000 pounds of cole slaw, all to feed over 3,500 people.

From its beginning the club has directed its major attention to the community.

The first one hundred dollars went to Boat Scouting and needy families. Today, the club regularly awards \$14,000 of scholarships, \$10,000 to the local emergency

medical service, and \$3,000 to the senior citizens program. Other agencies sharing in the annual distribution are the Palmer Drug Abuse program, Boy Scouts, Little League, YMCA, Rotary Boys Club, medical assistance to needy children, and "wherever we are needed to help our area".

One example of meeting need will suffice. In 1985 it was found that children living in a large apartment complex had to wait in all weather for school bus transportation. After gaining permission from the apartment ownership, the club erected a shelter similar to those being built for Metro bus stops, so that these children can wait with some degree of protection.

In 1984 the club organized the first Rotaract Club in the history of District 589. This club, at the San Jacinto College North Campus, now has 22 members. In addition to ambitious projects of their own, these people provide invaluable assistance in the Rotary Club projects.

Presently the Rotary Club of Northshore has 82 members, 19 Paul Harris Fellows, and is 3,000% in giving to the Rotary Foundation.



## ROTARY CLUB OF RIVER OAKS

Since their chartering by the University Club in October of 1959, these Rotarians have been outstanding. The Briar Club at 2603 Timmons Lane was and is their meeting place, they meeting there Tuesdays at 12:15.

Contributions to Rotary Foundation are over \$3300 and there are 25+ Paul Harris Fellows.

Their first project was a beautification project for a portion of the Southwest Freeway. They are active in participating in the 500 club which aids police officers and their families during problem times. They sponsor children to Boy Scout functions, they give to the New Directions Center, the Seamen's Center, Lighthouse for the blind, and any other place they seem to be needed.

These projects are sustained by:

1. The Chili Cook-off in September
2. The Celebrity Golf Tourney in June
3. The Western Art Show in February.

As of 1986, their membership stays in the area of 150 members.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTHEAST HOUSTON

The Southeast Club has the distinction of having had its charter presented by Herbert L. Taylor, author of Rotary's "Four Way Test". Although the club had actually begun to meet as early as November 4, 1959, the charter was not presented until the evening of March 2, 1960. The Rotary Club of Harrisburg was the sponsor, Tom Niland was District Governor and James A. "Jimmy" Miller was his special representative. There were twenty-four charter members.

A survey of the area had been made as early as 1957, but no club was formed at that time. When finally organized Southeast met at the East End YMCA, the meeting place of the Harrisburg Club. Subsequently, the club met at Peter Chen's Restaurant on South Park, at the Ramade Inn on the Gulf Freeway, at the Copper Kettle in Palms Center, and finally to the Astroworld Hotel (now called Astro Village Hotel). When the last move was made the club resolved to change from a noon luncheon to a breakfast format.

For more than twenty years Southeast has been a strong supporter of Rotary Boys Club and its predecessor, Rotary Club Activities, and currently furnishes

two trustees. In the annual Boys Club Christmas turkey sale Southeast once sold the greatest number of turkeys of any club in the District, and on another occasion tied for that honor. The club supports the Rotary Boys Club's Camp Mahan, and members of the club have given of their time to perform work at the camp.

The projects of the club have been numerous and varied: one or more calves for the Calf Scramble at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; support of the Hearsay Program; support of Elijah Johnson Home for the Aged; scholarships for educational training for the Houston Police Department; assistance at M. D. Anderson Hospital & Tumor Clinic; nursing scholarships. In addition, the club has sponsored an Interact Club for several years.

It is a matter of quiet pride that this is an integrated club. Our president for 1979-80, William Gentry, is black.

The club sponsored the 1963 District Conference, and in 1961 was host for an inter-city meeting with a distinguished English visitor as speaker.

At various times there have been student Rotarians from Jesse H. Jones Senior High School, as well as monthly international student guests from the University of Houston.

This account does not exhaust the good works done by the Rotary Club of Southeast Houston. The club still has only forty members today, but it has a penetrating insight into the principles of Rotary and seeks to practice them to the fullest.

## ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL HOUSTON

This club was chartered as the Rotary Club of Lockwood-Clinton, on March 13, 1961, with the Rotary Club of Harrisburg. The chosen name reflected a then burgeoning area north of the Houston Ship Channel in which most of the charter members had their businesses. Due to changes in that area, the club has had to change its meeting place several times. Since it is now meeting in the central business district of the City of Houston, the club on June 21, 1985 changed its name to the present style of Rotary Club of Central Houston. There were 26 charter members, of which number only two still retain membership.

The club's first Paul Harris Fellow was Monsignor Thomas A. Wendland in recognition of his distinguished service to Rotary and to the community. There are now 32 Paul Harris Fellows, together with 42 Paul Harris Sustaining Members. Central Houston is at the 12,600% level in giving to the Rotary Foundation, and over 90% of all contributions have been made by members and friends of the club.

District Governor Ray Potter (1985-1986) offered \$1,000 to the first in the district to have all members Paul Harris Sustaining Members. This club made all its members Sustaining Members and claimed this award from the district.

In the field of community service the primary interest of the club remains the Lockwood-Clinton area, now a depressed near-downtown area. Wheatley Senior High School, located in the midst of this area, is aided in a number of different ways. Contributions are made to the Boy Scouts (for special needs in the area), St. Elizabeth Hospital (for indigent patient care), Hester House, the Chew Street Council (a community clean-up operation), and to various health services.

H. Don Zapp, a charter member and past president, leads the club in perfect attendance with more than 25 years.



## ROTARY CLUB OF SHARPSTOWN

The Rotary Club of Sharpstown is another of the many clubs sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston. It was chartered on May 10, 1962. Arthur Derby was District Governor, John Arnold was his Special Representative and Mike Hudson was the first president. There were twenty-three charter members.

Early projects undertaken by the club were all of a community nature. The Eliza Johnson Home for Aged Negroes and retarded students at Jane Long Junior High School were among the first recipients of club assistance. In addition to assistance for the Police Foundation, the club conducted an "On to College" program at Sharpstown Senior High School. Scholarship assistance was provided for nursing students at Hermann, Memorial and St. Joseph nursing schools. New Horizon Halfway House and the Richmond State School were also among the recipients of assistance from the club. Most of these lasted over a period of years, until needs were met by more permanent programs.

"Casino Nite" fund-raising events began in 1969 and continue today. The club consistently raises from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each year, the majority of it going to fund such projects as those mentioned above. The Rotary Boys Club has been the principal recipient of assistance for the past several years. Also, in recent years three \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors at Sharpstown High School. Community service is a continuing focus of the Rotary Club of Sharpstown.

The first Paul Harris Fellow was Andy Anderson, named to that honor in 1971. Since that time the club has attained the 3,600¢ level of giving to Rotary Foundation. The club presently has eleven Paul Harris Fellows.

In 1984 the club successfully sponsored Mike Sylvester as a Rotary Foundation Fellow. He studied at the University of Bonn, West Germany, and plans a career in the U. S. diplomatic corps.

Sharpstown has hosted Group Study Exchange teams, has participated in matched district exchanges, and has contributed to international disaster relief.

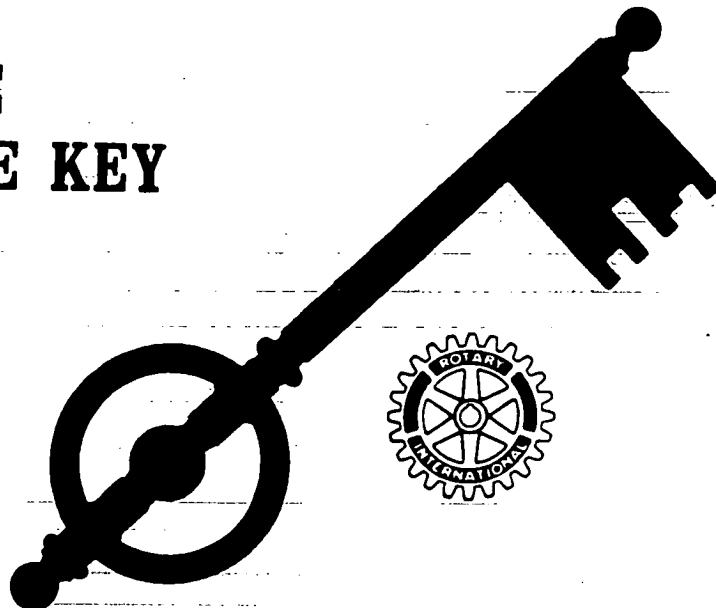
Within the district itself, Sharpstown was host to the District Conference in 1966, and served as co-host in 1974. A number of members have served on district committees, and several have been nominated for District Governor.

Interact clubs have been established at Sharpstown Senior High School and at Strake Jesuit Preparatory School. A Free Enterprise Day was a recent activity undertaken by the Vocational Service Committee of the club.

Several individual members of the club deserve special mention. In 1984, Jim Morefield, a member of the Board of Rotary Boys Club, gave a residential facility to Camp Mahan, the Boys Club camp facility. Yet another members, Ed Webster, has forty-one years of perfect attendance, and was instrumental in forming the Oyster Creek club. Bob Fitts has served on the district extension committee for many years, and is the Governor;s Representative for the Sugar Creek and Sugar Land clubs.

The Rotary Club of Sharpstown has from its beginning been an active hand-working part of District 589 and the world of Rotary. All Lanes of Service are pursued with vigor and enthusiasm, and the members of the Rotary Club of Sharpstown truly exemplify the motto, "Service Above Self".

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## ROTARY CLUB OF SPACE CENTER

A former member of this club once said: "It's the strangest Rotary Club in the world, and it has some of the strangest classifications". As the name of the club suggests, the membership has been drawn to some extent from a transient aerospace industry personnel, so that on the club's tenth anniversary it could be said that two-thirds of the members inducted to that time had been lost by resignation. Even so, the club has grown from thirty-five to 150 members in twenty-two years.

Space Center was chartered on August 6, 1962, with the Rotary Club of Pasadena as sponsor. To this time the club has forty-three Paul Harris Fellows and six Sustaining Members.

The community service program of the club began almost immediately as Space Center began work to establish a public library in the Clear Lake area. The library opened in temporary quarters in January, 196, with 2000 volumes contributed by citizens of the community, and it has remained one of the continuing projects of the club to the present time.

In 1974, the club conducted its first shrimp boil and auction, and the financial success was such as to make it a annual event and assure funds to carry on an expanded program of service. In the subsequent years the club has made major contributions to Clear Lake City Emergency Medical Corps; it has purchased a van for the use of the Seaman's Center of the Port of Houston; and it has sponsored the Life Line Program of St. John's Hospital. This program is a means of establishing communication between the hospital and elderly persons who live along. The club has purchased sewing machines for the Rotary Club of Manila to assist them in a program to create training opportunities and work for the unemployed.

In addition to the major contributions, of which the foregoing are representative, Space Center has also made the more usual contributions to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Meals on Wheels, YMCA, American Field Services, Operation Close-Up and - year after

year - the Freeman Memorial Library. Support of yet another kind was given to the Applied Economics Program of Junior Achievement in area high schools. Currently, Space Center is cooperating with St. John's Hospital in a program to provide free medical care to special cases of worldwide victims of disasters and congenital problems. The club's involvement will be the sponsorship of the patient in providing transportation and lodging for the patients and their families. Dr. Carlos Canseco, Immediate Past President of R. I., visited Space Center on November 21, 1985, to lend his support to this program.

Naturally enough, the club has been closely associated with our nation's various space programs. A number of the astronauts, including Frank Borman, Gordon Cooper and Jim Lovell, are honorary members of the club. The club banner was carried on the Apollo 8 mission, the first circumnavigation of the moon, and now hangs in the headquarters of Rotary International.

This club has enjoyed a remarkable measure of success in its nominations for Rotary Foundation scholarships, both graduate and under-graduate. Space Center nominees have received awards in 1978-79, 1979-80, when both of the club's nominees were awarded scholarships, and the double honor again in 198-81. The nominee of 1982-83 was also awarded a scholarship, as was the nominee of 1983-84.

The club has been host to three District Conferences, and Floyd Boze served as District Governor in 1981-82. District 589 has made numerous awards to Space Center for various of its achievements.

There are presently 43 Paul Harris Fellows. Twenty of these awards were presented in observance of the club's twentieth anniversary.

The club banner was designed in 1965 by club member Martin Gracey, and shows Astronaut Ed White, America's first space walker, with space suit and umbilical cord afloat in space with the planet Earth in the background.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SEALY

The Rotary Club of Sealy was chartered on August 19, 1966, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Katy. From its beginning this has been an ambitious club. In its very first year it was proposed that the club sponsor the creation of a public library for the Sealy community. To this end, the club continued to support the library program, which culminated in the opening of the Gordon Memorial Library.

Sealy participated in a big way in the "Home Hospitality" program in connection with the International Convention held in Houston in 1972. Twenty-four couples were transported by bus to the Stephen F. Austin Golf Club for a Texas barbecue. En route the bus was directed through Sealy where the visitors were shown the city and principal points of interest. Members of the group came from Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies, Trinidad, Mexico, Ontario and Florida.

In 1975, the club's bulletin, "The Spoke", created by member Earl Luedecke, was recognized as being the best in the district in that year.

In Sealy's centennial year of 1979, the club announced the creation of the "Employee of the Year Award". The first presentation was made at the annual banquet of the Sealy Chamber of Commerce, and has continued to be a yearly highlight since then. This now prestigious award is one special way by which those individuals who serve the public day in and day out may receive that well deserved recognition for a job truly well done.

In 1980, the club conceived and promoted "Western Day", a community participation fund-raising event that has served to provide the major part of the funds which underwrite the work of the Rotary Club of Sealy.

The Sealy Rotary Youth Program was initiated in the summer of 1981. This is a program conducted each July and August for boys and girls from 7 through 12. A nominal registration fee of \$2.00 covers the full six weeks of closely supervised activity, a half-day, Monday through Friday. Public school facilities are used.

Registration has been as high as 180, and the average daily attendance is about 100. In addition to this major effort, the club also contributes to both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Girl's State and the Salvation Army.

Today, the Rotary Club of Sealy counts 32 members and two Paul Harris Fellows, one of whom is now deceased.

### ROTARY CLUB OF DEER PARK

The Rotary Club of Deer Park was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pasadena, and received its charter on August 24, 1966. The club today has about 80 members.

The club has emphasized community involvement, and feels that it has taken the lead in the community during its twenty years of service. It has involved itself with almost every activity of the Deer Park community. Since the third year after its founding, the club has provided annual scholarships, and in the most recent year has provided two \$500 awards.

Deer Park has always been sensitive to the needs of the young, and has assisted need school children with eye glasses, medication and food. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have been assisted in various ways. At the other end of the age span, the club has provided art classes for senior citizens and has supported Meals On Wheels.

In a community such as Deer Park the citizens are more aware of community needs than is possible in a large city. Because of this, the club has provided the police department with traffic signs, and has instituted awards to both the police and fire departments. It has also provided funds for specialized fire training, and has assisted the Chamber of Commerce in its beautification projects.

The Rotary Club of Deer Park takes pride in its accomplishments over the past twenty years, and its members truly believe that they exemplify before their community Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self".

## ROTARY CLUB OF PEARLAND

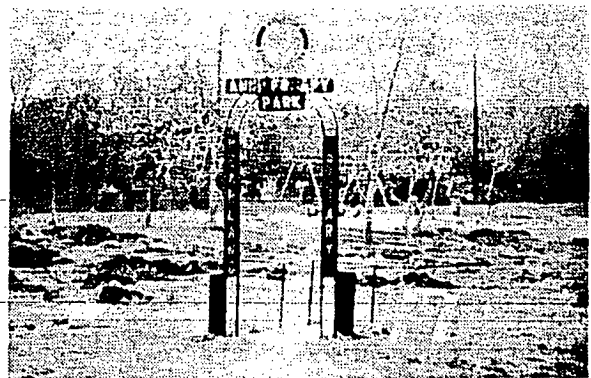
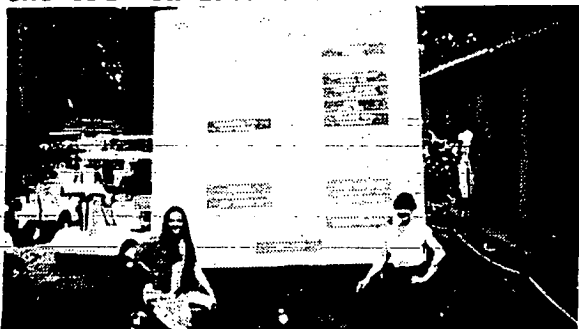
This club was chartered on November 21, 1966, as the result of local interest and the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Alvin. The charter was actually presented on January 18, 1967, by then District Governor Clyde L. Coleman, at which time Jewel E Little was installed as the first president. Beginning with twenty members, the club has since grown to its present size of nearly sixty members.

Since 1972, the club has sponsored an annual Spring golf tournament, played over the Golfcrest Country Club course, and the proceeds from this tournament provides the funds for the club's program during the year. From 160 to 180 golfers are attracted to this event, and the 15th annual tournament will be held in 1986.

The contributions of Pearland Rotary to the welfare of its community have been outstanding. The club has been responsible for installing a sidewalk on Old Alvin Road, from East Broadway to the intermediate school. A Rotary Kid Section was installed at the city's Independence Park as the club's contribution to the observance of Rotary's 75th anniversary. Assistance was provided the Chamber of Commerce in establishing the annual Founder's Day celebration. In addition, support has been given the volunteer fire department, the library and emergency medical service groups. Numerous scholarships have been provided for graduates of Pearland Senior High School.

Ten Paul Harris Fellowships have been granted, the first of which was to Jewel Little, the charter president. In addition, two Paul Harris Fellowships have been awarded to two non-Rotarians.

Pearland is honored and pleased by the fact that W. L. "Walt" Lackey is the 1986-87 Governor-elect for District 589. He was the distinguished president of the club in 1979-80.



## ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH PASADENA

Rotary District Governor Ed Bracher gave the principal inspiring address at the Charter Presentation for the Rotary Club of South Pasadena. The place was Sunset Methodist Church and the date April 10, 1967. Proud organizers from the sponsoring Rotary Club of Pasadena were there led by Ellis Bareiss, the organizer-de-facto.

Good leadership along with excellent meeting conditions has kept these people aggressive these 19 years. Their projects are multiple and their fund-raisers creative.

One of their more interesting projects was led by Truman Reed, a local baker and operator of the hall in which they met for so many years. Truman gathered baking equipment, money, help, and raw material to set up a bread-baking school for a group of deaf children at their school in Jamaica. Truman ran the school for several weeks per year. His activities aided by Rotarian participation were an inspiration to the community for many years. The club also grants scholarships as needed locally, grants being made from a sizable scholarship fund. Adjusting to contemporary need, grants are also made now to people as the people qualify, varied as the qualifications are at this time (1986).

Funds have been traditionally raised via the consumer-effective local fish fry and the appealing raffle. However, in a change similar to other Rotary Clubs, they now have an annual assessment for these projects.

As of this date in 1986, their meeting place is in transition to a new and larger accommodation for their more than 100 members.

They have several Paul Harris fellows and their percent of contributions is over 1600.



## ROTARY CLUB OF HUMBLE-INTERCONTINENTAL

On May 4, 1967 the Rotary Club of Northeast Houston (now North Forest) sponsored the Rotary Club of Humble. Today, reflecting its proximity to the Houston Intercontinental Airport, the club is known as Humble Area-Intercontinental, with more than one hundred members, eighteen Paul Harris Fellows and thirty Paul Harris Sustaining Members.

The club has a notable record of International Service. In 1983 the club was co-host to the Group Study Exchange team from Australia. In 1986 they will be hosts to a similar team from team, as well as an exchange student from South Africa

Humble-International has submitted two nominees for Rotary Foundation scholarships, and presently has an active committee seeking applicants for 1987-88 through North Harris County College. In a different aspect of international concern, the club in 1985 were active in the eyeglass project to provide used frames and lenses for Mexico.

The major fund-raising event through 1984 was a spaghetti supper, held in alternate years at Kingwood High School and Humble High School. Some 2,000 tickets were sold for each event, and the club has raised in excess of \$100,000 from this activity. In 1985, however, a chili cook-off was tried with great success. The chili cook-off and an auction grossed over \$28,000. It is estimated that more than 8,000 persons attended the event. This may be the principal fund-raiser in the future.

From the funds raised the club has been able to assist a great number of community activities. Among these have been the Humble Independent School District Athletic Department, a vocational scholarship program, the North Harris County College Scholarship Fund, Rotary Boys Club, the Humble Museum, Boy Scouts, Kingwood Branch YMCA, Free Enterprise programs, Family Time Foundation and the Humble Area Chamber of Commerce.

In 1984 the club sponsored the first Free Enterprise Seminar for Humble High School. In 1986 such seminars will be conducted in both Humble and Kingwood High Schools, and eighteen students will be sent to participate in

the Free Enterprise Speech Contest. To round out this program funding will be provided for teachers to learn how to teach free enterprise principles.

On two different occasions Humble-Intercontinental provided funds for reconstructive surgery for two youths at the Northeast Medical Center.

Humble-Intercontinental is proud that it was one of the original sponsors of Rotary Clubs Club, and was the sponsor of the Greenspoint Rotary Club.

### ROTARY CLUB OF GREATER SOUTH HOUSTON

The Rotary Club of Greater South Houston was chartered in 1969, having been cloned by the Gulfway Rotary Club. Gulfway was originally called South Houston and met in the community of South Houston. After a meeting move and a name change, the Gulfway group sponsored this Rotary Club, being called now Greater South Houston Rotary Club.

They meet at Wyatt's cafeteria (in Pasadena) on Spencer Highway on Tuesdays and are a very popular make-up place for the entire area. With their 23 members and the unusual number of make-ups, there is always a good group.

Community participation is unusually high for the number of members they have. Their projects include:

1. Annual pre-school language session for tex-mex speakers
2. Contributions to Neighborhood centers
3. Participation in both boys and girls league baseball
4. Two scholarships per year to near-by San Jacinto College
5. Two visitors per meeting from nearby South Houston High School
6. Annual contribution to the kidney foundation

They maintain this budget with three major, annual fund raisers, they being:

1. Chances to win an expensive automobile, 300-\$100.00 chances
2. Las Vegas night (at South Houston, of course)
3. The annual western dance

The Rotarians of South Houston deserve commendation for their very strong individual efforts.

## ROTARY CLUB OF CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS

This club finds itself in an embarrassing position with respect to its history, for the records of the first ten years of its life have been lost. The club was chartered in 1972, with the Rotary Club of Tomball as its sponsor.

Over the years several different fund-raising formats have been tried, including a shrimp boil, and auction and the raffle of of pick-up truck. Returns from these activities have permitted significant financial contributions to Girls' Country, Cy-Fair Education Foundation, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Good Samaritan Lutheran Home, Cy-Fair Library, the Special Olympics, Crime Stoppers, Rosetta House, Houston Livestock Show and Rotary Boys Club.

Internationally, the club has contributed to an orphanage in the Republic of Colombia.

Although the club has not actually been sponsor for either Boy Scout or Girl Scout troops, local troops have received significant support from the club.

John Kitzmann has perfect attendance since the club was organized, fourteen years ago.

## ROTARY CLUB OF HOUSTON-FM 1960

This club was formed more than fourteen years ago in a new and exciting growth area of Houston, and is on the road to becoming a vital force in that area. The club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston Heights and received its charter on October 28, 1971. There are currently forty members, with four Paul Harris Fellows and one Sustaining Member. The club is at the 1700% level in its giving to the Rotary Foundation.

A horse raffle each October is the primary fund-raising event. Funds are dispensed to a number of different community agencies and activities, and the club is now anticipating the reaction of a major scholarship assistance program.

While the entire area is a growing one, there is little sense of community, and this fact may contribute to the relatively slow growth of the club. The club recognizes that it is not as strong as it might be in both international and vocational service, and these fields have been marked for special attention in the future.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ALMEDA-SOUTH POST OAK

The Rotary Club of Alameda was chartered on March 23, 1972, under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Sharpstown. The first meeting place was the Southmost Methodist Church, where the ladies of the church prepared the meal each week to raise funds for their activities. The club met there until 1978, when the meeting place was moved to Wyatt's Cafeteria, in the 13000 block of South Post Oak. This is still the meeting place, each Thursday noon.

In 1983, additional territory was ceded to the club, and the name was changed to the Rotary Club of Alameda-South Post Oak. The Rotary Clubs of Houston, University Area and Bellaire were generous in their cooperation.

The annual fund-raiser is the Fall Turkey Shoot, held each October at Bailey's Gun Range. From the proceeds of this event the club supports its various community, city and international projects.

Even though the club is one of the smallest in District 589, with a membership of only 20, the club supports the District, the local Rotary Boys Club and Rotary International. The club has had representation at the last four International Conventions. This year the club is matched with the Rotary Club of Merida, Mexico. A delegation of Alameda-South Post Oak members is scheduled to visit there during February, and it is hoped that the Merida Club will be able to reciprocate later in the year 1986.

The Rotary Club of Alameda-South Post Oak is proud of its support of the Rotary Foundation. For the past ten years the club has bestowed a Paul Harris Fellowship on one of its members. That represents one-half of its membership as Paul Harris Fellows. The current level of contribution to the Foundation is at the 5300% plateau.

For the past ten years the club has supported a Boy Scout troop for handicapped Scouts. In addition to monetary support, club members make up the Troop Committee, and at least one of the club's members has served as Assistant Scoutmaster over the years.

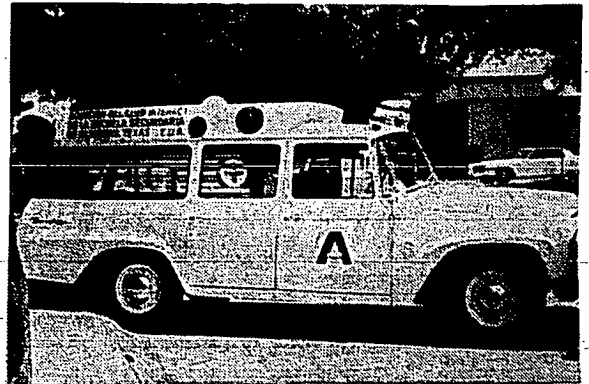
Members of this club have served on the Board of Trustees of the Rotary Boys Club for the past twelve years, and the club contributes to and works with the Camp Mahon Summer Camp activities. Internationally, the club this year is participating in the Foster Parents' Plan, and has been assigned an eight year old boy named Eider Elejorde, from Tulua, Colombia, the youngest of five children.

Other community support consists of being annual sponsors of Area Little League teams, support of area public and school libraries, the Madison Senior High School FFA program, and an area church in their annual Christmas baskets for the area needy.

The Rotary Club of Almeda-South Post Oak is proud of its fourteen year history and to be a cog in the wheel of District 589. It is our goal to bring the club, the District and the world a little closer toward Rotary's goal of world peace.

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### ROTARY AT WORK



## ROTARY CLUB OF WESTHEIMER

The Rotary Club of River Oaks was the sponsor of the Westheimer Club. The charter, which was dated June 7, 1973, was actually presented in ceremonies held at the Houston Oaks Hotel on August 9, 1973. There were thirty-seven charter members, of which number six are still members of the club. Two other charter members transferred to the Westchase club, which Westheimer sponsored in 1983. Seven of the charter members in time became past presidents of Westheimer. There are now 68 members, with eight Paul Harris Fellows and twenty Sustaining Members.

The big fund-raiser of the year is "Casino Night", held in June of each year. This has been an annual event since 1976. The major portion of the proceeds goes to Big Brother/Big Sister, and the remainder is allocated to selected activities.

An Interact Club is sponsored by the Westheimer club at Lee Senior High School.



## ROTARY CLUB OF OYSTER CREEK

The name of this club is derived from the name of a stream which flows through three once sleepy but now vibrant communities: Missouri City, Stafford and Sugar Land. The idea of a Rotary Club in this area was advanced by the District Extension Committee of 1978-79, and the club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Sharpstown. The charter was presented on January 29, 1979. There were twenty-nine members; today there are nearly ninety. Among the charter members there was sufficient Rotary experience that the club was able to avoid many of the pitfalls faced by so many new clubs.

In its first year the club sponsored a Crawfish Boil and Fish Fry, from which they earned about \$3,500 net. Considering that the club then had but thirty-six members, this was a promising start. The Crawfish Boil has continued to be the major fund-raiser. In the most recent year it netted \$18,323.47.

The club is now contributing to Ronald McDonald House, the Close-Up Program, and the Fort Bend Women's Refuge, in addition to the Scouting programs, MADD and American Red Cross. One unique piece of work is the support of the Fort Bend Boys' Choir, an organization which the club assisted in forming.

In cooperation with the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce the club has initiated a Free Enterprise Program for area high school students. Further work with youth has produced an Interact Club at Clements High School.

In the club year 1983-84 the Board of Directors resolved to work for the prestigious Presidential Citation. Through diligent effort the club achieved this award, one of only ten in the District to do so.

The Rotary Club of Oyster Creek has grown in numbers; it has developed new avenues of service; it has improved its fund-raising methods; it has improved its public relations, and it has increased its own awareness of the role of a Rotary Club in the community. If the club can be characterized in one word, that word is excitement.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SWEENEY

On June 20, 1980, the Rotary Club of Sweeny was chartered with the Rotary Club of Freeport as its sponsor. The club has not shown material growth since its founding, but it has proved to be a factor for real good in the community.

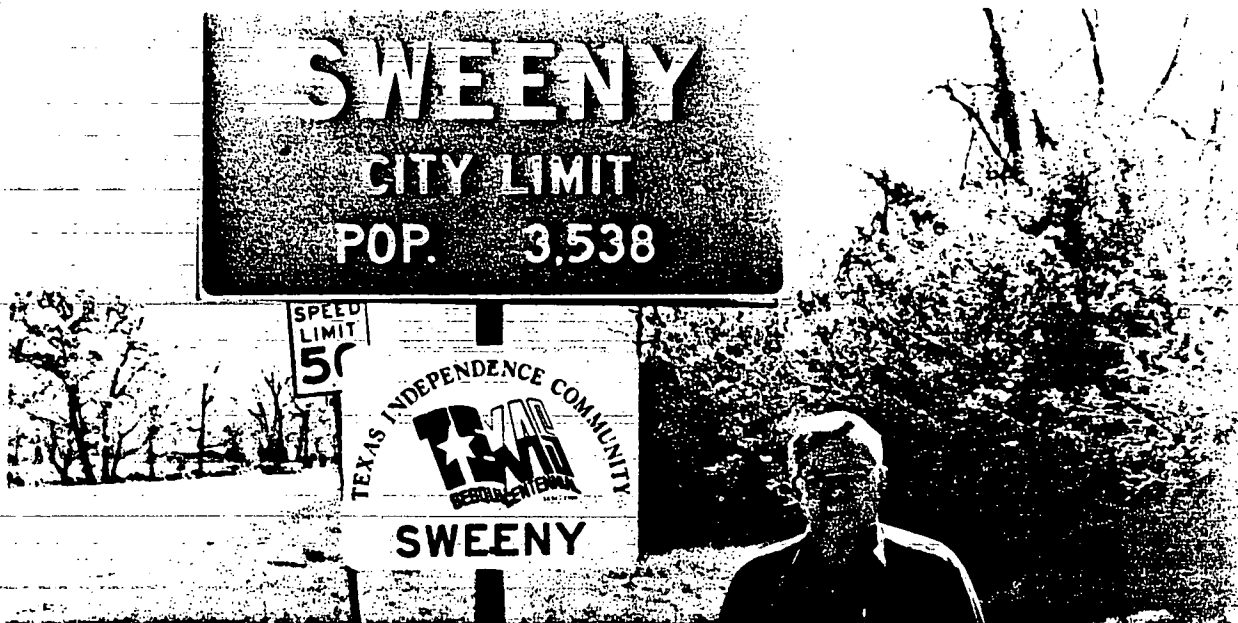
Among other activities, the club has given flag poles to the Civic Center, has given "jaws of life" to the fire department, has made contributions to the Library Fund, and has furnished a room in the Sweeny hospital.

The club has sponsored an annual dinner in appreciation of the local ministers of the Gospel. It has also sponsored a "queen" candidate for the local "Pride Day". At Christmas, the club has a wassail party at the lighting of the town Christmas tree, and also conducts a contest for the best home-made tree ornaments made by school children.

A computer course for the local Explorer Scout troop has been sponsored, as well as a contest for the design of a logo for the City of Sweeny flag.

Funds for these varied activities have been raised in several different ways, including chili suppers, gun raffles, a "Fun Run" on Pride Day, barbecue sales on Pride Day and - perhaps the most original - the raffle of a Caribbean cruise.

From all this it will be seen that the Rotary Club of Sweeny, if small, is an active club and an increasingly significant force in the community.





## ROTARY CLUB OF GREENSPPOINT

This club was chartered on February 24, 1981, with the Rotary Club of Houston Heights and Humble Intercontinental as sponsors. The club presently has twenty members, two Paul Harris Fellows and eight Paul Harris Sustaining Members. For a club of so few members its record of community involvement has been exceptional.

Each year in September for the past four years, in cooperation with the Optimist Club, Greenspoint has engaged in an auction and raffle for the benefit of the Palmer Drug Abuse Program. During that period of time this event has raised approximately \$200,000 for that purpose.

In March of each year the club sponsors an International Banquet. International students from the junior colleges and high schools of the area are the guest of the club on this occasion. Also in March, the club is host to a group of senior citizens for a performance of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The club has made a modest start in an ongoing high school scholarship program. While the amount available for this purpose varies from year to year, the club has been able to set aside as much as \$2,000 for these scholarships.

Greenspoint participates in the annual "Heights Festival", although it is not actually in the Houston Heights area.

Twice each year the club has a one-day outing which serves both as a fellowship vehicle and a minor fund-raiser. This is a bus trip to one of the Louisiana race tracks, and the flat fee charged includes transportation and a small profit for includes transportation and a small profit for the club.

Although small, this is a club with ambition and enthusiasm.



NORTHEAST NEWS, Tuesday, July 2, 1983

PASSING THE GAVEL is local businessman and Rotarian Elvin Franklin. Ray Potter, (center), Rotary district governor, was on hand Tuesday night, June 25, when the Greenspoint Rotary had its installation of new officers. Andrew Cantu, incoming president accepted the responsibility and honor. Greenspoint Rotary meets weekly on Tuesday.

## ROTARY CLUB OF WESTCHASE

Among the charter members of the Westchase club were a number of experienced Rotarians and several Paul Harris Fellows. Thus, the club was able to avoid many of the early pains which afflict new clubs.

Westchase was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westheimer, and received its charter on April 18, 1983, making the club not yet three years old when this is written. The club's accomplishments have been remarkable for so short a life span.

In 1986, the club was host to a Group Study Exchange team from Mexico. In the summer of 1985, the club was host to a group of teenagers visiting from England. In the field of international service, the club acted as liaison between Texas and Mexican Rotarians to facilitate the shipment of eye glasses for use by our Mexican friends to aid needy persons in that country. The club also contributed to the relief fund after the tragic Mexico City earthquake. During the summer of this year, 1986, the club will sponsor a Houston teenager on a return visit to England.

The club funds an entire week of Rotary Boys Club summer camp. Last year, drug abuse education was provided for over 35,000 students in Houston, and it is expected that even more students will be reach in the current year.

For the past two years, funds for these activities have been derived from the "Fortune 500" high-stakes raffle, raising over \$45,000. All of the proceeds from this event are used for the club's service projects.

estchase now has eleven Paul Harris-Fellows and fourteen Sustaining Members, and is 1200% in its contributions to the Rotary Foundation. Membership at this time stands at forty-one.



## ROTARY CLUB OF WILLOWBROOK

This club had its inception in a conversation held in a church parking lot between the pastor and one of his members. Everything pointed to the desirability of a new club in this rapidly growing portion of northwest Harris County. The Rotary Club of Spring became sponsor, and on June 20, 1984, the new club came into being although with a different name.

The club was originally called the Rotary Club of FM 149, but the name was quickly changed to the present style of Rotary Club of Willowbrook. Beginning with twenty members, the club now has twice that number, and twelve Paul Harris Sustaining Members as well.

There has been too little time for the club to "shake down" and develop any on-going programs, but a stress management seminar held in 1985 must be counted as the most significant work of the club to date. Attendance has been stressed, and seven members have 100% records since the club's founding.

Given the growth of the area served and the genuine enthusiasm and dedication of the members, there is every reason to suppose that the Rotary Club of Willowbrook will have a long and fruitful life.



## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST HOUSTON

This club was sponsored by the Memorial-Spring Branch club, at the suggestion of then District Governor Dan Willis, and was chartered on July 27, 1984. Six members of the Memorial-Spring Branch club became charter members, and one of them, Bill Detlefson, was a Paul Harris Fellow. Thus, the club began life with a core of experienced Rotarians.

The club has had only one fund-raising project in its short life, that being a garage sale. Funds for most of the club's projects have been derived from membership fees and dues.

Contribution has been made to a school in Montego Bay, Jamaica. One of the members learned of the general level of poverty there while making up at Montego Bay, and of the work which the club there was doing to alleviate the problem.

The club made a substantial contribution to a needy family at Christmas. Also, twenty turkeys were purchased from Rotary Boys Club and then donated to needy families.

In July of 1985 the club participated in a Youth Exchange, being hosts to four young people from England for six days. West Houston is a strong supporter of Rotary Boys Club, and was able to defray the expense of five young boys to Camp Mahan last summer.

The club now has thirty members, a great deal of enthusiasm and every expectation of becoming one of this district's outstanding Rotary Clubs.



## ROTARY CLUB OF SUGAR CREEK

The Sugar Creek Rotary Club of Sugar Land was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oyster Creek. The Oyster Creek club is in the town of Missouri city. The Sugar Creek club received its charter in December of 1984 and had 41 members.

This club is an evening club and meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Sugar Creek Country Club.

Their very first fund-raiser was a highly successful raffle which netted the club's treasury \$6,000.00. The drawing was held at their very first Annual Gala Ball which was held at the Sugar Creek Country Club on December 23, 1985.

As of June 1986, these good Rotarians already have one Paul Harris Fellow and 3 sustaining fellows. Let's help this young club as much and as often as we can.

## ROTARY CLUB OF SUGARLAND

November of 1985 and March 13, 1986, may well be called sweet-letter days for Rotary District 589, for in November of 1985 this newest group of ours applied for their charter and on March 13, 1986, that charter was presented to the original 26 charter members who had by that time taken in 8 more Rotarians.

They currently (June of 1986) meet at the Sweetwater Country Club. With terminology like that it won't be hard to predict they will have a sweet-running club and will have no problem naming their Ladies group.

President Stephen Harris and Secretary Larry Christian assure all of us in the district that as soon as they discover their reason for being there, they will certainly find a way to finance it.

Plan to make up with these good people when you are in the Sugarland area, or just make a trip out there to see how they are getting along.

These folk were spawned (is that the way oysters do it?) by the Oyster Creek Rotary Club.

## ROTARY CLUB OF GREENWAY PLAZA

Greenway Plaza, one of the newer clubs in the district, was chartered June 20, 1985 by the River Oaks club. Greenway Plaza is one of three breakfast clubs in the district meeting on Tuesdays at Stouffer's Greenway Plaza.

They have two annual fund raisers from which they donate to the Houston Boys Club. Each year they have a Christmas party where members donate Christmas baskets to the needy. Those to receive Christmas baskets are selected by the Boys Club who also helps distribute the baskets.

## ROTARY CLUB OF WEST COLUMBIA

West Columbia with 64 members strong was chartered Nov. 15, 1944 by the Harrisburg club. They have 10 Paul Harris Fellows and one sustaining member.

West Columbia's annual fund raiser is a fish fry, shrimp boil and auction. Funds from this project support their many projects. They provide annual support to the volunteer fire department, Senior citizens center, Boy Scouts and the Emergency Service. One of their major accomplishments was the construction of a Community Center at a cost of \$90,000. The club underwrite the cost over a 6 year period. The Community center was completed in 1986.

The club also provides two annual college scholarships for \$2400 each. On alternate years they conduct a free enterprise day for High school juniors and seniors.

The West Columbia Rotary club is a real asset to their community. Through their efforts, West Columbia is a better place to live.

## ROTARY CLUB OF ELLINGTON/SOUTH BELT

Ellington/South Belt will be our newest addition to district 589. They are a provisional club being sponsored by the Gulfway Rotary Club. They are to be chartered in the spring of 1987.

WELCOME TO DISTRICT 589.

## THE WOMEN OF ROTARY

Wives of Rotarians, from the very beginning, have been an integral part of each club. Whether banded formally together in a "Rotary Ann's Club" or just pitching in to help the men when needed, the spouses, and female relatives, girl friends of Rotarians have been indispensable.

Some are found helping out in shrimp boils, pancake dinners and spaghetti suppers. Some organize blood donor drives. Some work with the disadvantaged and retarded. Regardless of the activity, the ladies have shown they are every bit as service-minded as the men.

Many clubs in District 589 have had a wives organization for many years, despite the problems in fitting such club work in with occupations in the workplace and home. An unusual example, and just what one would expect from the world's largest Rotary Club, is the Women of Rotary Club of Houston. This service organization was formed to bring into closer fellowship the families of Rotary and to engage in any social, philanthropic or educational work where a need was seen. The club was chartered in 1938 with 93 wives, widowed mothers, unmarried adult daughters and/or unmarried adult sisters of a member of the Rotary Club of Houston.

The organization hosts an annual fund-raising event to acquire funds to sponsor service projects. Each year, its members dress dolls for the Salvation Army to give to needy children at Christmastime. It has also sponsored orthodontia and dental care, and purchased the equipment, for children through such agencies as the Center for the Mentally Retarded, Ripley House and the Cleft Palate/Cleft Lip Program, and the DePelchin Faith Home.

Other projects include: contribution of thousands of dollars to the Houston club for the Rotary House International, and a major endowment for scholarships for the University of Texas Dental School.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

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The Rotary Foundation is the largest international scholarship program in the world. More than 15,500 scholars from 110 nations have been sent to 93 nations. These are not just graduate and undergraduate students, but professional people as well--teachers of the handicapped, journalists, doctors, lawyers--from all professions.

Over 20 million dollars goes to this program each year and this does not include Group Study Exchange, grants or the 3-H program (Health, Hunger, and Humanities).

Group Study is an exchange program where a team of young business and professional people between the ages of 21 and 35, accompanied by a Rotarian, spend approximately six weeks in a District of another country. They stay in homes of Rotarians visiting government, business, and industry and put on programs. They have the opportunity to meet many people on a one to one basis exchanging ideas thus creating better international understanding. A return visit is then made by a team from that District.

In 1979, the 3-H program was developed. In the developing world there are still some 500,000 children crippled by polio each year, and 50,000 die. Polio immunization in the Philippines was the first project with the goal set at having six million children immunized over five years. Nineteen million doses of polio vaccine were to be distributed causing this to be a \$760,000 project. Through the Polio Plus program, Rotary will provide all the vaccines needed for any approved immunization program for up to five consecutive years.

Since 1979, Rotary has created 77 major humanitarian projects in 43 countries through 3-H, with an appropriation of more than \$25 million.

The goal is to eliminate polio in all children of the world by the year 2005.

The Rotary Foundation is funded by donations from Rotary clubs and Rotarians from all over the world. A person donating \$1,000 to the Foundation will receive a Paul Harris Fellow or he can name the individual to receive it. One Paul Harris Fellow can

--immunize 8,000 children against polio

or

--immunize 3,000 children against measles

or

--dig a well in Ethiopia to provide water to grow crops to feed 500 people.

The objective of the Rotary Foundation is to create international understanding, goodwill, and peace.



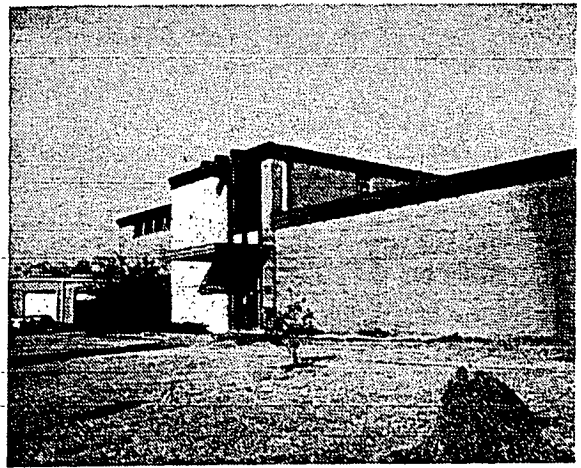


## Rotary Boys' Club of Greater Houston

Rotary Club Activities is a nonprofit organization operated by a Board of Trustees composed of members from 17 Rotary clubs in District 589. While the RCA is not a District 589 organization, it is supported by these Rotary clubs in the district.

RCA owns five pieces of property, including a 25-acre tract in Fort Bend County which has four baseball fields and serves about 1000 youngsters annually in Little League programs; a 2-acre tract in East Houston which has one baseball field and serves about 500 youngsters annually; Camp Mahan, located near New Waverly; a 10-acre tract of land in Pasadena; and the Rotary Boys' Club facility at 1520 Airline Drive, Houston.

Rotary Club Activities merged with the Variety Boys Club in 1974 and assumed operation of the Boys Club on Airline. The club, now known as the Rotary Boys' Club, operates a year-round program for boys aged 8 through 18. The program includes a range of athletic activities, swimming, camping, group clubs and education programs. The 65-acre camp is located east of New Waverly, Texas and has four cabins and a modern mess hall facility. "Camp Mahan" is named in memory of the late wife of Wally Mahan, a member of the Rotary Club of University Area, whose major financial contribution made it possible for the camp to be built. The camp provides a place for youngsters, who would not normally be able to afford camp, to enjoy a camping experience. A new building, constructed with funds provided by James and Barbara Morefield, was a major addition in 1985.



All Rotary clubs of District 589 are encouraged to make use of the Boys Club facilities. Each club can select and send youngsters from its area to Camp Mahan in the summer. Any club can make arrangements for using the camp facilities for a retreat or fellowship weekend. Additionally, all clubs are invited to schedule the Airline facility for its regular meeting. The meal can be catered and Rotarians can get a first hand look at our building and programs.

Although the Boys Club has a large amount of assets, it is forced to raise operating income annually. The youngsters we SERVE cannot be expected to contribute. The boys club needs the leadership and financial support of every Rotary club in District 589, if it is to accomplish its mission.

John R. Havard is executive director of the club. For information call him at 713/861-8256.

### ROTARY AT WORK

