

!!! IMPORTANT !!!
THIS WEEK'S MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE
CIVIC CENTER.....



JACK M. RAINS

Jack M. Rains is currently the Chairman of the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority ("The Authority"). The 1956 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, also attended Lamar University. Following graduation from Thomas Jefferson High School in Port Arthur, Rains attended Texas A & M, and Lamar Universities, graduating from A & M in 1960. After completing his military service, he earned a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Houston in 1967. He entered the practice of law in Houston, but left in 1969 to begin a business career. Rains was a founder and served as President and Chairman of the Board of 3D/International, the Houston based design and management firm. During his tenure at 3D/International he accepted from President Reagan the "E" award for boost-

ing U.S. exports by over \$4 billion dollars (U.S.) and creating 120,000 U.S. jobs. He was also a founder and today serves as Chairman of the Board of Tuscany, a merchant banking firm whose clients include E-Stamp, the fifth licensee in the history of the United States Postal Service. This internet postal provider was recently cited as a future Fortune 500 candidate. Having served as Texas' 95th Secretary of State, Jack Rains was a candidate for Governor of Texas in 1990.

In 1987 Jack Rains was named a "Distinguished Alumnus" of Texas A & M. Later that same year he was recognized as a "Distinguished Alumnus" of the University of Houston. He has also been named as "Outstanding Graduate" of the University of Houston, College of Law, and Houston's "Outstanding Aggie." Jack Rains' honors include being named to various Who's Who including in American Law, American Real Estate, Design and Construction, Who's Who in America and in the World. Most recently he was named an Honorary Member of the American Institute of Architects, and in 1998 elected a "Lifetime Director" of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

A native Texan, Jack Rains now makes his home in Houston along with this three children, their spouses, and soon to be six grandchildren, who are eighth generation Texans.

PROGRAM REVIEW...

This past week Dan Davis, Rotary District 5910 Governor, spoke to our club on his views and goals for this Rotary year. He stated that this was his 30th club visit so far which accounts for 75% of all clubs in District 5910. He indicated that his challenge began two years ago at the District Convention held in Texas City. Since then he has attended numerous conferences and meetings as well as the International Convention in Indianapolis.

Governor Davis believes that each Rotarian must enjoy Rotary or they

would not put up with all the requirements that each Rotarian accepts. He indicated that a part of this enjoyment is the fellowship which starts at the weekly meeting on a local level. This fellowship increases as you get involved in more local projects and expands as you involve yourself at the district level. But, fellowship can go further with international involvement. Governor Davis reminded the group that the District Conference for 5910 will be held in Bryan/College Station April 30 through May 2 and the international convention will be in Singapore next year and Buenos Aires the following year. He realizes that we may not be able to attend a convention so far from home, but informed the membership that the International Convention for June 2001 will be in San Antonio.

While making official visits the District Governor wears the neck ribbon of the office or as it is referred to as the "Jewel of Office". The ribbon has a name plate of each District Governor from 1950 to present attached. This ribbon is unique to Texas as our district is the only one that has such a tradition. This tradition came to us from England.

Next Governor Davis congratulated the Rotary Club of Beaumont on achieving the Presidential Citation for the year 1997-98. In order to receive this award the club must accomplish various specific tasks. But, since we accomplished this last year he is calling for us to again achieve this designation. Governor Davis stated that after reviewing the plans proposed by our President Quigley we should not have a problem receiving the Presidential Citation.

Then he reminded us of our goal for this Rotary year, "Follow your Rotary Dream". This goal was presented by Rotary President Jim Lacy and Governor Davis has identified District 5910 as the "Dream Team". This includes all Rotarians dreams, not just those proposed by the leadership. He envisions a dream

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brainstorming meeting with no limitation on ideas. This should be accomplished shortly so that these dreams can be presented to President Lacy by November 30.

Lastly, Governor Davis discussed the importance of the Rotary Foundation. He has set a goal of \$140,000 for District 5910. This equates to roughly \$47 per Rotarian. He reminded the group that 60% of every dollar given to the Foundation comes back to the local District. The Foundation is a means by which numerous projects are funded to achieve goals for all Rotarians.

Governor Davis emphasized the importance of increasing fellowship at the local, district and international level. He challenged each Rotarian to attend the District Conference and the International Conference in San Antonio in 2001. He explained the goals for this Rotary year and what we need to achieve them. He challenged our club to attain the Presidential Citation and meet monetary goals for the Rotary Foundation. He also asked us to dream about Rotary and develop ideas from those dreams.

RAMBLINGS

LAUREL MARTIN has been very active not just with CE '99, but also spiriting the Laurel's Lizards with a large last minute rush of new membership proposals. Her teammate, **ROBERT SWERDLOW**, submitted 12 proposals which could catapult the team into second place...Additionally Ms. Martin was active in noticing that this week's meeting was held under the West Beaumont Rotary Club banner...Numerous grumblings were heard throughout the room at the Houston Astros defeat in the first playoff game... **CHUCK HEARE** and **TOMMY LAMB** were discussing old items. It seems that Chuck has boxes that have been in storage from 11 years ago. It may be time to get rid of those items. Tommy said he still has his

old record albums and a record player... **JAMES MANN** was spotted taking pictures with his new digital camera. Beware and smile if you see him coming...**CHESTER WEBER** was excited that the District Governor is a fellow alumnus from Rice. **MARVIN DUNNAM** was also excited about the James Brown (Channel 6) book signing to take place at Kitchen Concepts... Remember that this week's meeting will take place at the Beaumont Civic Center in downtown Beaumont.

QUIGLEY FIELD SCOREBOARD

Quigley's Cleanup Hitters	36
Laurel's Lizards	22
Stanton's Sultans of Swat	20
Floy'd Flock	16
Beaulieu's Bandits	11
B.K.'s Bodacious Batters	10
Membership Wiz	8
The First Team	5
Ray Riley	4
The Chosen Ones	1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Oct 7 - 13

10/07	MIKE MCFARLAND	Beaumont
10/09	BILL DEMORE	Kansas City, MO
10/10	ROBERT ROBERTSON	Beaumont
10/12	SINA NEJAD	Tehran, Iran
10/13	TED MOOR, III	Lake Charles

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MONDAY		
So. Park	12 N, Holiday Inn-Midtown	
N. Port Arthur	12 N, Holiday Inn-Hwy 69	
Vidor	12 N, Old Faith Chapel	
TUESDAY		
West Bmt.	12 N, Beaumont Hilton	
Port Neches	12 N, Pompano Club	
WEDNESDAY		
Groves	12 N Pompano Club	
THURSDAY		
Port Arthur	12 N, Ramada Inn	
Bridge City	12 N, St. Paul Methodist Ch.	
FRIDAY		
Nederland	12 N. Schooner	

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