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CHANNEL CHATTER

Candidates' Fundraiser Jan 21

A Fundraiser kickoff for Candidates: For Mayor, Dawn Thompson Fisher, Council Pos. #1 Danny P. Simms, Pos. #2 Cruz Hinojosa Jr., Pos. #3 Marisela Serna and Pos. #4 Juan Flores will take place on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 from 6 pm - 9 pm at the Community Building, 1302 Keene St. There will be also a silent auction from 6 pm - 8 pm.

GET FREE TAX HELP

The Tax-Aide program sponsored by the IRS and AARP Foundation is again providing free federal income tax assistance this year. The program is designed to assist taxpayers age 60 and over but will also assist low and moderate income filers.

Location supported by the local volunteers:

- North Channel Branch of Harris County Public Library. Thursdays noon to 4 p.m.

Services will begin on Tuesday, February 2nd and conclude on Thursday, April 14th.

Taxpayers should bring the following items with them:

- Social Security cards for yourself and all dependents

- A copy of last year's tax return

- W-2 forms from each employer

- Unemployment compensation statements

- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits

- All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, etc.)

- 1099R forms if you received a pension or annuity

- All forms indicating federal income tax paid

- Child care provider information

- Receipts or cancelled checks if itemizing deductions

- Some type of picture ID

- Info about health insurance coverage for you and any dependents. If you purchased your insurance through the healthcare.gov site please bring any info and forms that they provided you including form 1095-A. Additional information can be obtained by calling 1-888-282-7669 or visiting the website at www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Gateway Monument work underway in Galena Park

GALENA PARK – Work is underway on the construction of a "Gateway" monument, marking the entrance to Houston through the Port.

This is one of nine similar gateway projects, paid for primarily by the EconomicAlliance, a consortium of Ship Channel industries. The Alliance provided each community with a \$125,000 grant, and a matching grant of \$25,000 was required.

Each gateway design is different, related to the community in which they are built. Design work was by Bryan Janhsen of Knudsen landscape architects. Also planned is a plaza with statues honoring Veterans, Firefighters, and Police.



ARTISTS RENDERING of the new Galena Park Gateway Monument. It will stand over 20 feet tall, and be lit with a blue light for the star.



Above, a conceptual plan of the new Gateway Monument, in front of City Hall, shows approach walks, a round seating area with benches, and the monument. The flagpole and veterans plaque are to be relocated. RIGHT, a view of construction activity to date, with a large concrete foundation poured for the monument.



Showtime for Sheldon FFA

SHELDON – The 59th annual Sheldon FFA Livestock Show was held last Saturday at the Ag Center on Beaumont Highway.

Students showed a total of 32 animals or projects, down from 36 the year before. The Grand Champion Steer, shown by Marc Chapa, was purchased for \$3600 by K & T Western Wear of Channelview, who were also the high buyer at the show.

The Grand Champion Swine was purchased by North Shore Rotary for \$2000. The exhibitor was Samantha Doerr. School advisors for the FFA are Chris Jones, Stephanie Jones, Amanda Langley, Robert Lewis and Bobby Locke. Denise Smesny is CTE Director.

A complete presentation of exhibits will be featured in an upcoming issue of the *North Channel Star*.



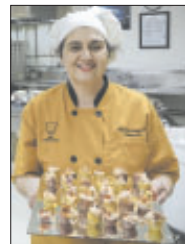
MARC CHAPA displays his winning Grand Champion Steer last Saturday at the FFA Auction. K & T Western Wear bought the steer for \$3600.

COMMUNITY PROFILE

GPISD instructor named Woman of the Year

The-National Association of Professional Woman (NAPW)-honored Vasso Espinosa, Culinary Arts Instructor at Galena Park High School,--as a 2015-2016 inductee into its VIP Woman of the Year Circle. This prestigious distinction was bestowed upon Espinosa for her leadership in culinary arts. She was one of 344 inductees nationwide and the only one from Texas.

NAPW is the nation's leading networking organization exclusively for professional women, boasting 850,000 members and



Vasso Espinosa, named Woman of the Year.

over 200 operating Local Chapters.

Channelview FD receives fire prevention grant

CHANNELVIEW, Texas—The Channelview Fire Department has received a US\$4,405 fire prevention grant from FM Global, one of the world's largest commercial property insurers.

FM Global representatives presented the award to Channelview Fire Department at Station 1 located at 16229 Market Street in Channelview Texas. The award will be used to assist with fire prevention activities in the community to help educate the community and reduce the number of fires.

Because fire continues to be the leading cause of property damage worldwide, during the past 35 years FM Global has contributed millions of dollars in fire prevention grants to fire service



Firefighters with the Channelview Fire Department received a more than \$4,000 grant for fire prevention. The grant will be used for education in the community on matters of fire safety, and to reduce the number of fires.

organizations around the globe. Locally, the company has awarded grants to a number of Texas-based organizations.

The funds will be used to purchase a Surface Pro Laptop, Overhead projector, and a Sparky the Fire Dog costume.

"At FM Global, we strongly believe the majority of property damage is preventable, not inevitable," said Michael Spaziani, manager of the fire prevention grant program. "Far too often, inadequate budgets prevent those organizations working to prevent fire from being as proactive as they would like to be. With addi-

See FIRE PREVENTION GRANT, p. 6

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-Constable Ken Jones

VOTE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION
EARLY VOTING: February 16 - February 26, 2016 ELECTION DAY: March 1, 2016

SCHOOL NEWS

GALENA PARK ISD: Board of Trustees recognize outstanding volunteers



Jay Netherly (left) and Kenneth Wimbley (right) make a positive impact on students and faculty at North Shore Senior High School.

At the Galena Park ISD January meeting of the Board of Trustees, Kenneth Wimbley and Jay Netherly were recognized for their outstanding service at North Shore Senior High School (NSSHS). These two gentlemen can be seen regularly at the school, greeting and setting a fine example for students. "Come rain or shine, Mr. Wimbley can be counted on to provide a warm greeting

to all students as they come in the front entrance [of the school]. He volunteers many hours to the Scarlets with fundraising activities and has built several portable stages for our theatre arts department. He not only encourages our students, but faculty and staff are inspired by his kind words as well," Dr. Coleman, NSSHS Principal said. When asked about Jay Netherly, Dr. Coleman replied, "If it's not

a school holiday, Mr. Netherly will be found at his post – the North Wing Entrance. If [we] lost the Mustang as a mascot, we would consider Mr. Netherly for the job! He is faithful and dependable. He assists from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each and every day. Mr. Netherly also assisted with summer school this past summer, and he loves to attend the senior field trip, project graduation, prom and many other student activities."



Channelview ISD's January Students of the Month

Channelview ISD recently honored their January Students of the Month by hosting a recognition luncheon in the top level of the press box at Ray Maddy Memorial Stadium. Students were treated to lunch, along with a tour of the press box and field. The Students of the Month include, back row, from left, Micah Micarandayo (Kolarik Ninth Grade Center), Lizette Yaca (Aguires Junior High), Paola Diaz (Channelview High School), Nury Villalta (Joe Frank Campbell Learning Center), Isiah Mottu (Alice Johnson Junior High) and Lizzy Morales (Gresham Elementary). Pictured in front row, from left, are Trenton Crews (Schochler Elementary), Jaden Slater (Brown Elementary), Julissa Moya (Hamblen Elementary), Heily Vanegas (DeZavala Elementary), Nathan Sommers (Cobb Elementary) and Gisselle Recio (McMullan Elementary).

ASK DIAMOND JIM

Diamond Jim: "What is the birthstone for January?"

JANUARY BIRTHSTONE Garnet

Garnet, the birthstone for January, signifies eternal friendship and trust and is the perfect gift for a friend. Garnet, derived from the word granatum, means seed, and is called so because of the gemstone's resemblance to a pomegranate seed. References to the gemstone dates back to 3100 B.C., when the Egyptians used garnets as inlays jewelry. Garnet is the name of a group of minerals that comes in a rainbow of colors, from the deep red of the pyrope garnet to the vibrant green of tsavorites. Today, the most important



sources for garnet are Africa, Sri Lanka, and India. Diamond Jim is a diamond dealer and precious metals broker of NTR Metals.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Galena Park ISD sends seven All-Staters

The highest honor a Texas music student can receive is "All-State." Each fall more than 65,000 high school students begin the audition process vying for a place in one of the Texas All-State Bands, All-State Orchestras and/or All-State Choirs. This year seven students will represent GPISD at the Texas All-State gathering, three from Galena Park High School and four from North Shore Senior High. They will spend three days participating in intensive rehearsals during the Annual Texas Music Educators Association convention held February 10-13 in San Antonio, Texas. The convention culminates with concerts by each All-State group on Saturday.



Pictured from Galena Park High School (l/r): Salvador Flores - All State Band 2016 Saxophone (2nd year in a row to earn this honor); Michelle Sanchez - All State Choir 2016; Jesus Guerra - All State Choir.



Pictured from North Shore Senior High School (l/r): Corbin Mason - All-State Choir; Viveca Richards - All-State Choir; Taryn Surratt - All-State Choir (third year in a row to earn this honor); and Kevin Rosacia - All-State Choir.

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OPINION PAGE

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NEWS COLUMN

By Texas Attorney General
Ken Paxton



What employers should know about child support

More than 1.6 million Texas children are being raised by a single mom or dad. In most instances, one parent is obligated by court order to provide financial and medical support to the parent with primary custody. By deducting child support from employee paychecks, Texas employers play a key role in improving the economic security of children who rely on child support to cover their basic needs.

For the state fiscal year that ended Aug. 31, the Attorney General's Child Support Division served more than 1.5 million families and collected a record-breaking \$3.9 billion in child support.

Achieving that milestone would not have been possible without the help of Texas employers. Money that employers withheld from employee paychecks accounted for 78 percent of the \$3.9 billion collected. In addition, employers responded to 157,039 National Medical Support Notices. With the help of employers, 63,814 children on the child support caseload were enrolled in employer-sponsored health plans.

Deducting child support payments quickly and regularly has a direct and significant impact on child and family well-being. The process helps paying parents in assuming responsibility for their children, and reduces the likelihood of falling behind on payments. Children avoid economic hardship because their ongoing needs are being met.

To facilitate the timely processing of wage-withholding orders, employers are required by federal law to report the names of all newly-hired individuals to my office's Child Support Division. All employers, from small "mom and pop" operations to big box stores, are required to report newly-hired and rehired employees within 20 calendar days of the date the employee begins working for wages. All employees must be

reported, including seasonal, part-time, temporary and contract labor.

The reports we receive from employers are critical because they help us locate working parents who owe child support and send wage-withholding orders to their employers. The efficient processing of wage-withholding orders gets payments to families more quickly, which is especially important during the holiday season.

New-hire reporting also aids the Child Support Division in locating parents for the purpose of establishing paternity, setting child support and taking enforcement actions for noncompliance.

The regular reporting of new hires not only benefits children and families, but also improves the bottom line for employers and taxpayers. The state of Texas cross-matches new-hire data against workers' compensation, unemployment and public assistance claims to detect unintended overpayment and fraudulent receipt of benefits. Overpayments are recovered and returned to the state.

To ease the administrative burden placed on employers, the Child Support Division offers a variety of electronic methods for responding to income-withholding orders, reporting new hires and complying with other legally mandated duties. Most employers who use online reporting methods incur little or no significant costs to their operations. For more information, call (800) 850-6442 or visit the Texas Employer Website at www.employer.texas.attorneygeneral.gov.

Employers are to be commended for the role they play in ensuring children receive court-ordered financial and medical support. My office's successful partnership with Texas employers has generated billions of dollars in increased support for children and helped make their lives more secure.



Paxton files brief supporting religious non-profits

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 11 filed a friend-of-the-court brief with the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of 20 states supporting the right of religious nonprofits to exercise religious beliefs.

A news release from Paxton said the brief filed in regards to the case, *Zubik v. Burwell*, results from a consolidation of several cases before the court. The Texas attorney general's office previously had filed briefs in two of those cases. Paxton argues that the contraceptive mandate in the U.S. Affordable Care Act, widely referred to as Obamacare, infringes upon the right of religious nonprofits to exercise their sincerely held beliefs.

"The principles of our nation, not to mention federal law, provides that the government must respect the closely held religious beliefs of its citizens," Paxton reasoned. "These nonprofits, driven by faith and sincere convictions, serve our communities in important ways, from education to health care to caring for the elderly. It's paramount that that they continue their contributions to society and Texas will continue to fight any impediments imposed upon these organizations by the Obama Administration."

Texas was joined in the brief by Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Safety campaign continues

The Texas Department of Transportation's statewide "Plan While You Can" campaign reminds football fans to make a sober ride part of their game-watching plans for the NFL playoffs. The campaign runs through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7.

"Crashes caused by drinking and driving are 100 percent preventable," said Carol Rawson, director of TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division. "Before you drink, make a game plan to get home safely. It's a decision that could save a life."

During the 2014 football season (Sept. 4, 2014 - Feb. 1, 2015), there were 10,676 alcohol-related traffic crashes in Texas. Those crashes resulted in 492 fatalities, an increase of 7 percent over the previous year.

Central to the campaign is a multicity tour featuring an interactive dodge ball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol can face up to \$17,000 in fines, legal fees, impoundment and other costs. TxDOT recommended that citizens visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving.

Airdrops target rabies

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Jan. 11 said its Oral Rabies Vaccination Program "again takes flight this week to prevent two strains of rabies from making a comeback in the state and to resume a study of whether the same approach can effectively fight rabies in skunks."

The program was launched in 1995 in the middle of a massive outbreak of rabies in coyotes and gray foxes in Texas. Each winter since, the department has dropped doses of rabies vaccine from aircraft over wildlife habitat in the state. When wild animals eat the vaccine packets, coated in tasty fishmeal crumbles, they become immune and can't spread rabies to livestock, pets or people.

"We've been able to eliminate the coyote and gray fox strains of rabies from Texas but need to continue to distribute vaccine along the Rio Grande to prevent wild animals that migrate across the border from reintroducing the disease," said Dr. Laura Robinson, director of the vaccine program.

"We also continue to evaluate whether the same method can help eliminate rabies in skunks in our test area of east-central Texas," she continued. "If it does prove effective, it could be used elsewhere." The department said the vaccine "has proven safe in more than 60 species of animals and is not a danger to humans, but people should avoid handling the vaccine baits because human contact makes it less likely wild animals will eat them. Dogs, cats and livestock that eat the vaccine baits are not considered vaccinated against rabies."

Special election is set

Gov. Greg Abbott last week issued a proclamation announcing May 7 as the special election date to fill the House District 139 seat recently vacated by state Rep. Sylvester Turner.

Turner, who was elected mayor of Houston in a December runoff, was sworn into office on Jan. 4. Turner served some 25 years as a member of the Legislature.

What to ask your Tax Professional

(NAPSI)—Long before April 18th rolls around, it's smart to invest some time in looking for a reliable tax preparer. Before hiring anyone, however, it can help to ask him or her these four questions.

1. How much experience do you have with my type of return? As with any other professional—doctors, lawyers, architects—you want to work with someone who's familiar both with the business in general and with your sort of case in particular. Ask preparers how long they've been doing tax returns and what kinds.

2. How do you determine your fees? Ask for billing and payment terms in writing. Many preparers charge a flat fee based on the complexity of your tax return. Don't work with anyone who wants a percentage of your refund or tells you what the refund will be before looking at your financial information.

3. Have you represented many clients in IRS audits? On the one hand, you want someone who has had enough experience with audits to help you if your return is scrutinized. On the other, you don't want someone who has too much audit history. It may signify someone who claims a lot of questionable deductions.

4. Do you have any professional designations? Preparers who are enrolled agents (EAs) must fulfill continuing-education and licensing requirements and are bound by ethical standards. They're also authorized to represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters, including audits, collections and appeals. EAs must pass a comprehensive exam administered by the IRS that covers the broad range of tax issues that affect individuals and businesses and how to represent clients before the IRS.

EAs who are members of the National Association of Enrolled Agents (NAEA) must complete 30 hours of continuing professional education each year to maintain membership in the National Association of Enrolled Agents—more than the IRS licensing requirement of 24 hours a year. EAs are also subject to vigorous background checks before they can be licensed and they're required to abide by U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230.

EAs prepare millions of tax returns every year and are an excellent resource for anyone seeking the latest information on any tax issue. The EA designation is the only professional designation that indicates a person has demonstrated competence specifically in the field of taxation.

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Janis Lee Cox

Janis Lee Cox, born November 11, 1949 in Jacinto City, Texas. Entered into eternal rest on January 13, 2016 in Crosby, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her son, Brandon A. Cox, her father, Edward Wilburn Anderson, her mother NathaLee McCoy, mother -in-law Rudene Cox, Father in Law, Preston Audie Cox, and many Aunts & Uncles

Left to cherish her memory is her loving husband, Don Cox and her daughter, Carly Cox. Jan and Don were Married on June 30, 1970. Jan held a Real Estate Agent's license and managed and owned Century 21 Life Changers, Inc in Crosby. She was a member of the Crosby Huffman Chamber of Commerce where she won the "Amador Award" in 2014. She was very active in her Church and Community.



Jan was baptized at an early age and was a member of the Crosby United Methodist Church.

Jan was a Graduate of Furr High School and a member of the Matador Twirling squad.

A funeral service was held at Forest Park Lawn-dale Funeral Home in Houston, Texas on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

...He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear; but with righteousness He will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth...

ISAIAH 11:3,4

Detail of "Christ and the Adulteress" by Lucas Cranach the Elder (1532)

LITTLE BIDDY BITS By Danny Biddy

The Head Bone Connected to the Jawbone

As I was going through the food line in the cafeteria my freshman year in college, I overheard a conversation between two ladies who were serving the food. It concerned the son of one of them whose mouth was getting him into trouble. That mother told the other lady, "I said to him, 'You need to put your mind in gear before you put your mouth in motion!'"

"Teach me, and I will be quiet; show me where I have been wrong." (Job 6:24).

BIBLE TRIVIA by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Joshua in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What animal did God provide Abraham to sacrifice in place of Isaac? Dove, Calf, Ram, Camel
3. From Joshua 14, to whom did Joshua give a blessing? Jacob, Caleb, Esau, Himself
4. The word "ball" is mentioned how many times in the Bible? Only once, 6, 41 113
5. From Job 39, what bird is cruel to her young? Sparrow, Eagle, Ostrich, Raven
6. In the Bible, how many men are/were named "Dodo"? 2, 3, 4, 5

ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Ram; 3) Caleb; 4) Only once; 5) Ostrich; 6) 3

Houston welcomes Multiple Grammy Winner, Bill Gaither & Gaither Vocal Band

Alexandria, IN - On Friday, January 22 at the Second Baptist Church, multi-Grammy Award-winner Bill Gaither will host a spectacular evening of music, laughter and encouragement featuring the talent of the prestigious Gaither Vocal Band.

The Gaither Vocal Band, with the all-star line-up of David Phelps, Wes Hampton, Adam Crabb, Todd Suttles, and Bill Gaither, will share timeless gospel classics, as well as refreshing, inspiring new favorites embraced by audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Few events have the ability unite individuals from all walks of life the way Gaither concerts do.

Year after year, Bill Gaither has brought the Homecoming Tour into cities worldwide, performing to packed houses with collective attendance figures exceeding 1.1 million people and being ranked among the top concerts for tickets sold worldwide in any music genre during the past decade. Each concert showcases gospel music's finest talent and draws new listeners with every city. This Tour stop will feature the multi-award winning Gaither Vocal Band, and showcase many of the songs included on their latest, Sometimes It Takes A Mountain recording. Joining The Gaither Vocal Band for



Gaither Vocal Band

this special evening will be talented female vocalist, Charlotte Ritchie and powerful male vocalist Gene McDonald, as well as guitarist and comedian, Kevin Williams.

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Named ASCAP's Songwriters of the Century, Bill and Gloria Gaither have written more than 700 popular gospel songs throughout their multi-decade career, including favorite standards "He Touched Me," "Because He

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This Gaither Vocal Band concert at the Second Baptist Church will celebrate timeless themes of faith, unity and eternal hope through a variety of music the whole family will enjoy. The concert will begin at 7:00pm. Complete information, including ticket pricing, is available by calling 713-465-3408 or visiting www.gaither.com or www.premierproductions.com. Tickets are available for purchase in person at the Second Baptist Church. To charge tickets by phone call 1-888-795-5355.

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The winners of the Stephen F. Austin Elementary All-School Spelling Bee were recently announced. Pictured (front row, 1 to r) are: 1st place, Hanna Coker, 4th grade; 2nd place, Persia Broussard, 5th grade and 3rd place, Aeson Baumbach, 5th grade. Also pictured (back row, 1 to r) are Spelling Bee Coordinator Jackie Brown and SFA Principal Laura Smith.

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By Edward Jones

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• Which of these payment methods is best? There's no one right answer for everyone. Your choice may ultimately depend on several factors, such as how involved you want to be in choosing your own investments, how frequently you plan to trade, how often you'd like to consult with an advisor, and so on. In any case, before you start working with a financial advisor, make sure you clearly understand how he or she is paid.

Apart from whatever costs are connected to working with a financial advisor, you may incur other expenses while investing. Some types of investments carry fees and expenses, which may or may not be included in the compensation your financial advisor receives. Your advisor should clearly explain the costs associated with all investments and investment programs.

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MOD Members: Eddie Lewis, III, Javon Craft, Jordan Fite, Brandon Griffin (Not pictured: Andrew Turner, Tristan Mathews, Jordan Raspberry, and Gilbert Thomas)

The Ladies and Men Distinction at C.E. King High School proudly welcomed 11 new members to their organization during the Fall Induction ceremony. These young men and women are committed to good character, community service and academic excellence.

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-Wed., Jan. 27, Baby Time, 10:30 am; ESL Class, 12:30 pm.
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Rotary 5890 All-Club meeting draws 500 from district



Districts 5890 and 5910 held their All-Club meeting at the Sheraton Hotel near the NRG Stadium on Tuesday January 12th. Almost 500 Rotarians and wives of the 3000 in Houston attended the event. District Governors Nick Giannone of 5890 and Doris Lockey of 5910 were the official hosts. Honored guest was Rotary International President K. R. Ravin-Dran and his wife. The president is a native of Sri Lanka. Entertainment for the evening included two dance numbers by the Ratini Dance Company of Sri Lanka.



NORTH SHORE PARTICIPATES

The North Shore Rotary club sent a delegation to the Rotary District 5890 All-Club dinner. Seen above are Rotarians John Painter, Amir Khan, president Mike Williams, Derrill Painter, and Bill Busey. Also present was District Governor Designate Bill Palko. Galena Park/Jacinto City Rotary was represented by Maria Rodriguez, who was also asked to be the official photographer for some of the activities.

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