

# The Robot Companion

Newsletter of the Dallas Personal Robotics Group

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## MONEY TALKS

by Bev Bryant

With the deposit of membership checks accumulated over the last two years and interest earned since the account was opened (October 24), the current balance of the club treasury is now \$878.60. The \$100.00 donation to the club by the Bank of Unadilla (Georgia) has not been deposited as of this writing, but should be in the account by the next meeting. The account is currently earning approximately \$4.00 interest per month. We are set up as a non-profit organization and do not pay taxes on this interest. Current officers and candidates are urged to attend the next meeting because all four officers' signatures are required on the account's signature card before withdrawals can be made.

Next meeting's tentative Agenda (time allowing)

### Club Business

1. Elections
2. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Balance of Account
  - b. Annual Dues
3. Update Mailing List
4. Advertising club/buy newsletter software/FM Mike
5. Software Library (Stan)
6. VCR Library
7. Break

### Fun Stuff

8. On-Going Club Projects
9. Joe Rowe's Continuous Consciousness
10. Walter Bryant's HouseMapping Program
11. Ed/Bart's Electronic Keyboard

## Club News

by Greg Oliver

We welcome Gloria & Tony Dannolfo, of Whitestone, NY, Gary Taylor, of Irving, TX, and Stan Spielbusch, of Dallas to the club.

Can anyone tell me where I can contact John & Diane Sprague, formerly of Lewisville, TX or John Haynes of DeSoto, TX?

Both are on our mailing lists, but their newsletters were returned.

Due to the nearness of the Christmas holiday to the last meeting, only Ed Rivers and one other person showed up. Let's all try and be there this time! We are holding elections. January 17, at 3:33 at the Heath-Zenith store in Garland. The address is 12022C Garland Road. The phone number is (214) 327-4835. See you there!

#### Club Projects

A new feature that Walter and I discussed is that the club have some ongoing projects, like the Frankenbot exhibit that we are doing in conjunction with the Science Place. Among the ideas we have are:

- Rewriting the BASIC Rom to correct its faults
- Writing a BASIC to Robot Language converter
- Continual conscienceness program

Do any of the above ideas appeal to you? What other ideas do you have? Are there any projects that you are working on that need assistance? We will be looking for people to volunteer to head up each group. The newsletter would be an ideal place for a clearing house for these projects.

#### Club Library

We will also begin collecting the members' programs for our club library. Bring what you have, preferably on disk, for inclusion. Try and accompany each program with a document file that explains the program, it limitations, variables, etc.