

SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB

BLASTOFF

The Space Center Rotary Club meets on Mondays, 11:45 a.m. at the Nassau Bay Hilton

Rotary International District 589

"Put life into Rotary - your life"

NOVEMBER 21, 1988

SPACE CENTER ROTARY EVENTS

MON., NOV. 21

* Noon at the Hilton. A representative from the Japanese
Consulate will speak to us about the good relations between our nations and people.

MON., NOV. 28

* Noon at the Hilton. Rotary
Foundation Scholars will present
our program. In addition, five Paul
Harris Fellows will be designated.

MON., DEC. 5

- * Noon at the Hilton. Scott Salmond, a Rotary Youth Exchange student will share with us some of the things he brought to us from Australia and some of the things he will take to Australia from us.
- * Noon at the Hilton. Collection of food and funds for the Inter Faith Caring Ministries.

TUES., DEC. 6

- * 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Board of Directors** meeting.
- * 8:00 a.m. Red Badge meeting.
- * 9:00 a.m. BLASTOFF goes to press

MON., DEC. 12

* Noon at the Hilton. **Dr. Neil Frank**, the renowned meterologist who is now the weatherman at Houston's Channel 13 will present our program.

MON., DEC. 19

* Noon at the Hilton. A **holiday mixer** for members.

TUES., DEC. 20

- * 7:00 a.m. at the Hilton. **Board of Directors** meeting.
- * 8:00 a.m. **Red Badge** meeting. **Note:** BLASTOFF will not go to press until after the holidays.

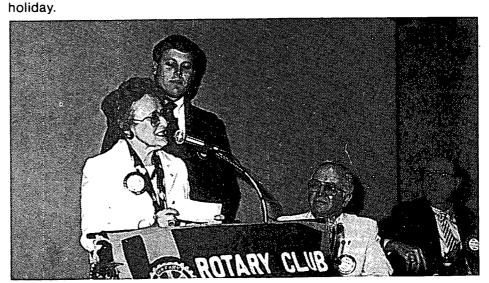
MON., DEC. 26 No meeting due to Christmas

MON., JAN. 2

No meeting due to New Years holiday.

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Youth Committee Member Carson Stephens presented a \$500 check to new Rotarian and Bay Area Symphony League founder Selma Newman, who explained that it will be used to help our schools meet the state mandate for 4th and 5th graders to be exposed to cultural enrichment. Our money will be used to transport local children to attend a concert.

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THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is Rotary's chief agency for international service. The Foundation is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions, yet it sends more than 1,300 scholars abroad each year. It also funds the Polio Plus program to immunize all the world's children against polio. It sends teams of young professionals and business people to study and explore business, professional life and institutions in other countries. It funds Special Grants, the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program, University Teacher Grants, and Disaster Relief. By the late 1980's, the Rotary Foundation had disbursed more than \$150 million in grants and awards.

Scholarships — the oldest of The Rotary Foundation's seven programs — cover all necessary travel and educational expenses for one academic year. Men and women who work, reside, or study in a country that has a Rotary club may apply. Applicants must have an outstanding educational (and, in some cases, a professional) record. They must also serve as effective "ambassadors of goodwill," both by studying in a country other than their own, and by later serving in their own way to build bridges of understanding and friendship between the peoples of their host country and those of their homeland.

Group Study Exchange — another of the Foundation's programs — enables teams of young business and professional persons in different countries to exchange visits of several weeks' duration to develop international friendships and learn differing ideas, ways of life, and business or professional practices. Over a one-year period, each of two paired Rotary districts in different parts of the world sends and receives a team. The Rotary Foundation pays travel expenses, and the team members are lodged in the homes of Rotarians in the host district.

Special Grants — Each year the Rotary Foundation makes a number of Special Grants to support various educational or charitable projects of Rotary clubs and districts to further international understanding. Some recent examples of funded projects include helping a "Handicamp" for physically disabled European youth; adding an agronomist to the staff of a vocational training school in Honduras; establishing eye clinics in villages in Bangladesh; and sending volunteer teachers from England to Kenya.

3-H Program — To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Rotary's founding in 1905, Rotary launched the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program, to improve health, alleviate hunger, and enhance human and social development worldwide. Examples of 3-H projects funded thus far include support for an integrated health care system designed to reach 300,000 people in Mali; a plan to prevent malnutrition in urban Guatemala; and the sponsorship of Rotary Volunteers to work in refugee camps in Asia.

Rotary Grants for University Teachers To Serve in Developing Countries — Beginning in 1985-86, the Foundation awarded up to ten grants annually of US \$10,000 each to selected faculty members in higher education to teach for six to ten months at universities in countries other than their own.

PolioPlus — Rotary International has pledged to promote and assist polio immunization worldwide, in partnership with governments and international health agencies working to eradicate vaccine-preventable childhood diseases.

Disaster Relief — Rotary is able to respond immediately to disaster situations wherever they occur through this Foundation program. The President of Rotary International may make a grant in any amount from the disaster relief fund, which is

replenished by Rotarians' contributions. Individual Disaster Relief grants are usually approved in amounts of not more than \$50,000.

The Foundation's programs have had a profoundly positive impact on the attitudes of the recipients who, by all available measures, fulfilled their duties as international ambassadors of goodwill. Many recipients have, in fact, carried this spirit into their professional lives and embarked upon careers devoted to public service. Some Foundation Scholars who have achieved positions of prominence include Rogelio Lura Arias, judge, Supreme Court of Justice, State of Jalisco, Mexico; Sir William Deane, Q.C., high court judge, Federal Court of Australia; David J.G. Johnson, president of McGill University, Quebec, Canada; Sadako Nakamura Ogata, minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations; the late Carlos

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Nat Eisenberg, the "Main Street Economist," zapped us with predictions about the Houston and national economies. According to Eisenberg "the light at the end of the tunnel -- toot! toot! -- may be a freight train, and that freight train is a downturn in the national economy."

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Alberto Da Mota Pinto, prime minister of Portugal; Jane Raphaely, editor of Fairlady, South Africa; the Right Reverend Keith Rayner, bishop of the Church of England; Dr. Paul Volcker, former chairman of the Federal Reserve Board of the United States; and Bill Moyers, journalist and television commentator.

From 1947 to the late 1980's, The Rotary Foundation awarded funds for more than 17,000 Scholarships, as well as more than 2,100 Group Study Exchanges, 800 Special Grants, 57 3-H projects, and 33 polio immunization projects.

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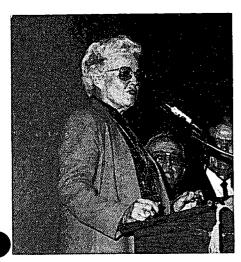
POLIOPLUS REPORT

The Rotary Foundation's unaudited year-end report for 1987-88 shows the PolioPlus immunization program grew rapidly in the year. Expenditures by the Foundation to honor its PolioPlus grant commitments were 391 percent higher than in the previous fiscal year! In other words, the amount spent in 1987-88 was \$16,052,589 compared to \$4,103,041 in 1986-87.

PolioPlus grants have been awarded to provide polio vaccine for children in 70 countries. When all of these grants have been spent, the total will amount to \$79,748,250. As of 30 June, the amount spent since PolioPlus began was \$23,963,561 — approximately 30 percent of the total commitment. Expenditures during the 1987-88 fiscal year represent about two-thirds of all the PolioPlus money spent since the program began.

As of mid-August, more than 522 million doses of oral polio vaccine have been purchased — enough vaccine to immunize approximately 130 million children. In addition, about 19 percent of the funds spent have paid for items other than vaccine — equipment to maintain and transport the vaccine at the proper temperature, materials and opportunities to publicize immunization events, and other "social mobilization" work.

The Foundation staff noted evidence that PolioPlus immunization is increasingly global. During the past 12 months, the balance of PolioPlus expenditures tipped from the Western Hemisphere to the Eastern Hemisphere. In prior years, more than half the funds for vaccine purchases were channeled through the Pan American Health Organization for projects in **Central and South America and the Caribbean**. In recent months the majority of the funds have gone through UNICEF to purchase vaccines to immunize children in **Asia**, **Africa**, and the **Middle East**. From the PolioPlus Reporter, Vol. 1, No. 1





(Left) Harris County Clerk Anita Rodenheaver gave us the inside scoop on the inner workings of the electoral process and predicted a 1,000,000 Harris County vote total. She also implied that she expected a victory for Constable Bill Bailey (Right). Constable Bailey joined Ms. Rodenheaver in urging us to "vote early but not often."

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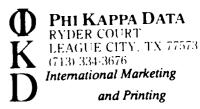
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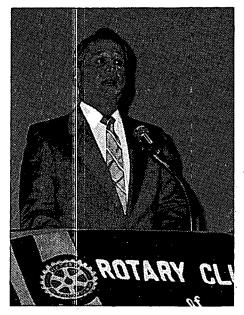
WHERE AND WHEN TO MAKE UP. A handout showing the times and places in our area to make up Rotary meetings is available at the secretary's desk today. Our club also has a book which lists the times and places for Rotary Club meetings worldwide. Check with an officer or board member if you will need to make up while traveling outside our area.

YOUR BLASTOFF STAFF NEEDS JUST A FEW GOOD MEN... AND/OR WOMEN to be volunteer reporters about once a month. The reporter's job is just to get "the facts, mad'm" on the people in the many fine photos taken by Don Carico. (And let us take this opportunity to salute Don for being there every week to take all those great photos!) PLEASE CONTACT JOHN BROWN OR STEVE BOLTON IF YOU CAN HELP.

DELTA DOWNS TRIP RESCHEDULED. The Delta Downs trip has been rescheduled to late winter or early spring.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES. Career Information
Chairman Don Kyle needs Rotarians to
volunteer to be available for career
counseling with high school students
and others and to make one presentation
per semester to Junior Achievement
groups or high school economics classes.

ATTENDANCE. Our attendance rate for October was 86%.



Rotary district leader Sonny Nichols, congratulated our club for all our lovely new lady members and for a job well done hosting the recent District Conference on "Rotary Information."

GOALS

It is easier to achieve a challenging, stretching goal than a small, unchallenging goal. If your goal is small, you will almost always quit before you reach it, but if your goal is great, the drive to achieve it and the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment that are its reward will give you the courage to reach that goal.

If your goal is to attend 80% or 85%, 90% or 95% of Rotary Club meetings, you will almost certainly fail to reach your goal. After all, when it's inconvenient for you to attend or to make up, you don't have to worry because you've given yourself at least one pass. And after you miss one meeting - well, it's easy to miss two.

But if your goal is 100% aftendance and if you commit yourself to always go or to always make up, your chances of achieving that goal are excellent.

There is a lesson in this. Think about it.



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