

FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Club organized and sponsored its eighth annual "Rotary National Award for Space Achievement" which attracts ranking dignitaries from all over the U.S.A. This is one of the most prestigious of national Rotary Award ceremonies.

The most emotional event this year was the formal dedication of the Space Center Rotary Club memorial marker at Cap Landolt Park. Many family members of deceased Space Center Rotarians were in attendance and expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the club for holding this event. Another such moment was the recognition of thirty years of membership by our four club charter members. 1964 - 1994.

Were we successful? Yes!!



Reread the above club activities and accomplishments and all will agree we had another outstanding year. Space Center Rotarians can be very proud of their contributions to the community, to the district and to Rotary

International. And guess what? We started the year with a zero cash balance and a few outstanding debts. We ended the year with a cash surplus to start the new year.

Let's "all" be positive and face the coming year of new challenges and opportunities with the desire to put forth our very

best efforts. Let each Rotarian feel that he/she has the right to say "I served".

THANK YOU DR. FUSTOK

The following is a letter received from Mrs. Cristina Hernandez Garcia, mother of Genero who was a patient of Dr. Abdel Fustok during the months of April and May 1994.

"Dear Vic Maria (Taxco, GRO.,
June 27, 1994

I expect on receiving this letter you and your wife enjoy a good health. We arrived Taxco without any problem, but nevertheless my son and me were so sad and happy at the same time because we met the most generous and wonderful people in the world, especially you and the Doctor.

I have no words to thank all your help, and that's why I pray to our Lord to bless you all forever and I pray Him to give you enough resources for helping to all the people who need it like me in this case.

Please say to all the Rotary Brotherhood we send them our best wishes, love greetings for your support and please go ahead because I'm sure GOD knows what you have done and he will reward you.

My husband and my children are really happy, too. We have talked about this experience. Believe me please, we are all really thankful. As you know there is a great crisis in Taxco and there isn't any kind of work for paying those so expensive surgeries.

Please Mr. Vic Maria say to the Doctor (Fustok) we love him and Genarito remembers him every time specially when he looks at his hands. Kisses, hugs and thankfulness with love Cristina"

Genero and his mother were housed and cared for by Carol & Bob Kuhl of clear Lake City and their neighbors Lydia & Frank Martinez. Genero had his 6th birthday with the Kuhls. Three years ago, at his home in Taxco, Mexico, Genero tripped. His arms went into a vat of boiling solution up to his elbows. Both of his lower arms and hands were very badly burned and disfigured. Dr. Fustok did extensive repair to Genero's hands and arranged for the Houston Hand Rehabilitation Center at Bay Plaza 1 to build custom splints and braces to hold Genero's hands in their proper positions.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Abdel Fustok for his compassion and miraculous operations and to Susan Gaynor, O.T.R., C.H.T., of the Houston Hand Rehabilitation Center for her gentleness and patience while working on Genero. I want to recognize Gary Chaney who was there when needed to care for and transport this child and his mother to their many appointments. My thanks to Chairman Charles Hartman for his constant support of the program.

As so aptly said by Genero's mother. "I'm sure GOD knows what you have done and He will reward you."

Vic Maria, World Health
Committee /s/ Vic Maria