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DISTRICT 589

BLASTOFF!

ROTARY THEME FOR 1974-75:

"RENEW THE SPIRIT OF ROTARY"

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In 1905 the world passed over two events, each of which was to leave an indelibly imprint upon the life of man. In that year German-Swiss physicist Albert Einstein first proposed his theory of relativity. On February 23 of that same year, **PAUL HARRIS** suggested to three Chicago friends that they form a club to combat the loneliness he found in the big city.

THIS was the beginning of Rotary, the first service club for business and professional men. Today -- 70 years later -- men who wear the Rotary emblem number some 758,750. The good works that Rotarians have accomplished for their fellow man in implementing the Rotary credo of "Service Above Self" are astonishing in their number and scope.

There is a good reason to join with the some 16,000 Rotary Clubs around the world in celebrating the 70th Anniversary of this proud union of men.

MONDAY, FEB. 24TH . . . BILL HARPER, speaks on "Explorer Scouting" Bring a scout!

MONDAY, MAR. 3RD . . . A program concerning **UNITED NATIONS**

MONDAY, MAR. 10TH . . . ROTARY INFORMATION PROGRAM

MONDAY, MAR. 17TH . . . ST. PATRICK'S DAY - It's a great day for the Irish! On this day there will be a gathering of the clan at our regular noon meeting to celebrate the birthday of our patron saint, Patrick. All Irishmen, green, orange or otherwise are invited. There'll be no black-guarding; shillelaghs must be left at home! **ERIN GO BRAGH!!!**



MONDAY, MAR. 24TH . . . A program concerning **ARMAND BAYOU**.

OTHER DATES:

SAT. MAR. 8TH . . . The Special Events Committee has arranged a gala affair for this date at **DEAN GOSS' DINNER THEATRE**. We will go by charter bus; we are being given a special group discount price - \$10.00 per person, which includes bus fare, dinner, theatre, tax and tip - a real bargain! The play, "The Girl in the Freudian Slip," is a comedy about a psychiatrist and his nymphomaniac patient; recommend cocktails prior to showtime! Tentative schedule: board bus at King's Inn at 5:30 PM; arrive at Deans at 6:30; buffet served 7 to 8 PM; play commences at 8:30 PM. Our group will be limited by size of the bus, so make reservations now - contacting Ed Samfield at 488-4005 or 483-6421. This event promises to be one of our best Rotary events of the year. Remember, March 8th for a real treat for you and your wife.

MAY 2-3-4 DISTRICT 589 ANNUAL CONFERENCE to be held at the Astroworld Hotel in Houston, (We regret giving the wrong dates for this event in last issue of Blastoff)

JUNE 8-12TH . . . "ON TO MONTREAL" for the R. I. Convention. Set your vacation plans now and join Maclyn and Don Kirk for this great trip.

HEAR THIS! . . . The District Nominating Committee has selected **MIKE GIBSON** of the Heights Rotary Club to be our Governor Nominee for Rotary year 1976-77. Without drawing a second breath they named our own "**CAP**" **LANDOLT** as Alternate in event Gibson would be unable to serve when that Rotary year term arrives. We commend the committee for this action.

SUBSCRIBER: "I demand you print a retraction to the story about my death!"
EDITOR: "I can't do that, but I'll put you in the next issue's birth column and give you a fresh start." (Brookings, Oregon Rotary Club Bulletin - "The Azalean")

VISITING ROTARIANS FROM FAR OFF: . . . On January 27th, **CARL APPLEBERG**, from the Sulphur (Oklahoma) Rotary Club, and also **GIB REVELEY** from the Smithfield (Virginia) Rotary Club. From the Tochigi (Japan) Rotary Club, Senior Active Member **TATSURO MATSUMOTO** on January 27th. . . . On February 10th **JOHN R. COLLARD, JR.**, from the Spearman (Texas) Rotary Club and **DALE WHITCOMB** from the Hopkins (Minnesota) Rotary Club. It is always great to have Rotarians visit with us - we hope for 100% recurrence! **MR. MATSUMOTO** is proud of his club and the accomplishments of Rotary in his native Japan. He should be! His club was chartered in 1954 and he served as its president in 1962-63. Today Japan has 1,250 Rotary Clubs and over 65,000 members in the country's 21 Rotary Districts. Matsumoto is 76 years of age and is a retired Pharmacist. Now y'all hurry back to **TEXAS!** Ya heah????

MEET OUR NEWEST ROTARIAN: . . . **DONALD R. CLINE** sponsored by Roy Iles was born in 'way-off' Seabrook (Texas). Don received his higher education at the University of Houston - Bates College of Law. He is manager of the American Title Company branch office located in the Webster Bank Building. His wife is **DIANE** and they live in Bacliff. Welcome Don into Rotary today!

ARE YOUR DUES PAID? . . . Semi-annual club dues were due January 1st. The By-Laws state all dues must be paid within 30 days from due date. The board has directed the names of those not having paid be herewith listed:

Dick Allen	Lamar Chandler	Dick McSheehy	
	Bailey Chaney	Pete Miller	Dave Smith
John Brinkmann	Al Jowid		Bev Steadman
Jack Brown	Dick McCreary	Dave Poteet	Dean Woodruff

NEW OFFICER-DIRECTOR NOMINEES: . . . Following are the 1975-76 slate of officers and directors selected by the club's nominating committee of Bob Scott, Frank Morgan and Rex Bailey, Chairman:

OFFICERS

President	Don Kirk
Vice President	Lionel Garcia
Treasurer	Jim Wyatt
Secretary	Harry Jennings

DIRECTORS

*Chuck Jacobson	Randy Hall
*Marvin F. Matthews	Phil Fisher
Alfred Neumann	Pete Gist
Ace Gotcher	
* - Carry Over	

WHY MUST THINGS HAPPEN (to us)? . . . Like **REX** and **NANCY BAILEY** moving from our area to San Angelo just because **REX** was recently made Vice President for Revenue Requirements for the General Telephone Company of the Southwest. Space Center Rotary will miss the very . . . (censored) . . . out of his absence, but he promises to return and be among us whenever the "Revenue" needs a lift. In all seriousness, **REX**, we congratulate you for being so honored by your firm and we wish you and **NANCY** many years of happiness and always a standing invitation to be with us when you can. For the thousands of readers of the **BLASTOFF** we are proud to inform them that **REX** was our club's past president, and a . . . (censored) . . . good one!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

LLOYD GARLAND
BILL WEAVER
BILL TUIE
BOB SCOTT
HUGH MCAFFEE



MAR 2
MAR 8
MAR 13
MAR 16
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QUICKIES: . . . Father's Day is from eight to five with yard privileges on weekends . . . Never sell this country short except when it comes to oil, meat or budgets! . . . Col. Sanders now runs a bucket shop! . . . The best way to keep up with the Jones' is by correspondence! . . . Movie Cowboys are really shooting stars! . . . Some fathers moonlight to keep the son going! (Jim Goodwin, Forth Worth, Texas)

THE ROTARY TREAT OF THE YEAR was going to Austin on February 4th to meet and hear Rotary International President **BILL ROBBINS** at Districts 587 reception and dinner honoring president Bill and Mrs. Robbins, and also R. I. Vice President and Mrs. Don Strickland. Making the trip were Dick Chandler, Don Kirk, Al Lagrani and Gene Lindquist. It would be impossible for anyone attending to repeat the words of the great talk given by this great Rotarian from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but in substance called on all Rotarians to lead a return to the "basic American values" of ethical and moral standing and get out and provide leadership for higher standards. He urged Rotarians to go beyond the market place and in effect lead a return to the basic values. President **BILL** said, "Rotary has no monopoly on these values, but I think we can be a forceful voice advocating them." What President **BILL** was telling us is that . . . **ROTARY** is men of good will joined together to share the expression of good will with others throughout the world. Rotary changes casual contacts into glowing friendships; transports dull duties into inspiring privileges. Rotary is worldwide fellowship of service-minded men who accept their responsibility as individuals to promote high standards in all vocations, to improve their communities and to promote understanding and good will among peoples of all nations . . . What a **TREAT** it was for the four who made the trip!

SITTING HERE THINKING: . . . If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen 'em mall! . . . The trouble with growing old is that there's not much future to it! . . . There is nothing like a little soft soap to remove a dirty look! . . . Friendship is a chain of gold, shaped in God's all-perfect mold; each link a smile, a laugh, a tear, a grip of hand and a word of cheer.

A ROTARY CLUB is like a great power dam. It has no power itself but within it are all the forces, talents, abilities, intelligence and experience of its membership, helping to direct them into channels of service to give life to a desert and bring forth fruit in the arid lives of men. (reprint from The Scandal Sheet)

YOUNGSTER: "Mommie, why does Daddy bring all that stuff home with him?"
MOTHER : "Well, Daddy has so much to do that he can't finish it all at the office, so he brings it home to do."
YOUNGSTER: "Well, then, why don't they put him in a slower group?"

A JOB APPLICANT filling out an employment application tried his best to give honest, complete answers. One question asked, "Length of residence at present address . . ." His answer was, "About forty-five feet, not counting the garage!" (reprints from **SELAH**, Rotary Bulletin, Marshall, Minn.)

DEFEATISM! . . . Defeatism is the pesky little imp that stands back of every human attainment and keeps repeating "It can't be done." Defeatism is what crawls under an athlete's sweat-shirt and whispers, "You can't win. The opposition is too strong. Give up!" Defeatism crawls up your spine, lights on your shoulder, cups its hands and whispers in your ear, "Today is not your day. **KNOCK OFF AND GO FISHING!**"

ROTARY MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WOULD MAKE A GOOD ROTARIAN?

QUIZ CORNER: . . . The first Rotary Club was founded in **CHICAGO**. Where was the second club founded? . . . **SAN FRANCISCO** in 1910.