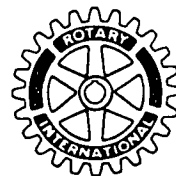




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ROTARY THEME FOR 1981-82... "World Understanding and Peace Through Rotary"

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PROGRAMS:

MONDAY, MARCH 22ND....MR. F. J. SPENCER will present a program on "International Development" which will include some discussion of the "Free Trade Zone" being created in this area under the sponsorship of the Houston Port Authority. Bring a guest to hear this important topic discussed.

MONDAY, MARCH 29TH....MAYOR TOM COMBS of Beaumont, Texas will be our featured speaker. His topic will be President Reagan's New Federalism Programs and the effects it will have on cities throughout the nation. Bring several friends to hear this timely discussion on the new federal regulations and the effect they will have on each of us.

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH....MR. DON PERKINS, Director of the Armand Bayou Nature Center, will bring us up-to-date on the projects and progress of the Nature Center. Bring several guests to hear this interesting and informative talk.

MONDAY, APRIL 12TH....MR. JOHN A. WRIGHT, President of the Independent Bankers Association of Texas, will be our guest speaker on this date. His subject will be, "Why Independent Banking?" Bring a guest along to hear this important topic discussed by one of the top Texas bankers.

VISIT FROM ROTARIAN FROM FAR AWAY...On March 15th, RYOJI KONIEDA from the Gifu Southeast Rotary Club of Gifu, Japan. (Tis a far jump from Toyota-land)

THANKS TO LOU RODRIGUEZ, our past Program Director and now living in Wichita Falls, for his two year subscription to our Club's Bulletin-THE BLASTOFF. It is good to find our ex-members subscribing this way because it means they wish to stay in touch with our membership and of course the reading of one of Rotary's finest Bulletins.

SCOOTERVILLE...Last Monday, March 15th, DAVE SINCOX missed out on \$15.00 by not being present when his name was called. The pot goes up another \$5.00 this week. Be there with your Rotary pin and button.

19 APRIL IS FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY. Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary International was born 114 years ago in Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A., on 19 April. An innovator, a man for all seasons, Paul saw, by the time of his death on 27 January, 1947, his organization grow from a small group of business friends to a worldwide alliance of men dedicated to service.

Next month, ask your club to make a special effort to increase its membership and share the benefits of Rotary with other men. This will honor the memory of Paul Harris, described by David Shelley Nicholl, editor of Rotary in GB&I, as "the man who, on an immortal impulse, put out with charming confidence the hand that a million hands now grasp." It will also help to ensure Rotary's future.

IN SYMPATHY:....JAMES E. COLOVIN, COL. USAF/RET, passed away on March 3rd at the age of 66. Funeral services were held at the Jack Rowe Funeral Home on March 11th and burial at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Houston. JIM was a real friend of us all and an outstanding Rotarian during his 12 years of active membership in our Rotary Club until 1979 when he resigned for poor health reasons. He retired from the USAF with many honors including Presidential Citations serving as a pilot of B-29's in the Pacific War II Theatre of Operations. Besides numerous Ribbons of Valor, Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Metals and 5 Oversea Bars, Jim retired with a Purple Heart. Together we extend deepest sympathy to his widow, Bobbie, their four sons and daughter and all other members of Jim's family. We will miss Jim's occasional visits to our club.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Happy Birthday, gentlemen, and we wish you many, many more.

QUIPS....The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the rest willing to let them....Looks like the sum total of our national debt is some total!....A survey in Hawaii reveals the hula dancers seldom catch cold. At the first sign of sniffles they shake it off... Women live longer than men because they do not have women to put up with....

IS THIS ANY GOOD REASON TO MOVE?????....from the bulletin of the Rotary Club of San Jose-West (California), we read the following:

Several moralists at the San Jose North Rotary Club have decided that the view toward the pool where they met at the Holiday Inn was too distracting to the Club membership. The program speakers felt uneasy too, since the head table and podium faced AWAY from the pool and the speaker did not always understand what the Rotarians were cheering for in mid-sentences. Of course there is a new trend in women's bathing suits. The suits that are in today tend to leave most of the wearer out. The president of the club didn't believe in the war on poverty until topless bathing suits started showing up and just how many underprivileged girls there are. He urged the board to approve moving their luncheon-meetings to another hotel where there are no windows in the meeting room. Once this move was made he cautioned the membership not to expect a credit 'makeup' when trying to make up at the 'old' Holiday Inn meeting room.

APRIL, AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO DESIGNATE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS. April, the month in which Paul Harris was born, is an appropriate time to honor Rotary's founder by enrolling Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members. An individual who contributes US\$1,000 or more within a 12-month period (or has that sum contributed in his behalf) is designated a Paul Harris Fellow. A person who agrees to contribute \$1,000 over an unspecified period of time with a minimum first contribution of \$100 will be recognized as a Paul Harris Sustaining Member; when the contributions reach a total of \$1,000, he or she will be designated a Paul Harris Fellow.

Each person who receives this recognition is presented with a commemorative certificate. A medal and lapel pin are also given to men so recognized and a medallion on a chain and a brooch are presented to women.

Paul Harris Fellow contributions account for almost two-thirds of the Foundation's contributions. In 1980-81, there were 11,691 new Paul Harris Fellows representing total contributions of more than \$11.6 million.

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It is well known that the basic needs of man is to be accepted and loved. All of life is said to be an effort to overcome separation and loneliness, to find someone whom we can be as one with us, and with all mankind.

This need caused Paul Harris to found Rotary. Soon it was realized that fellowship was not enough and that service to others brought the joy of a full life that filled that need. Rotarians who understand this meaning and fulfill this ideal are never lonely. Let us understand Rotary and do our best in home Rotary.

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Hear about the AGGIE who was such a poor reader he belonged to the Page of the Month Club?

Hear about the AGGIE who thought High Cholesterol was a religious holiday?

Police Captain: "He got away, did he? Didn't I tell you to cover all of the exits?"
AGGIE Cop: "Yes sir. I did, but I think he must have walked out through one of the entrances."

Many Rotarians criticize Rotary's attendance rule. They feel that it is unnecessary and surely mature adults do not require a regulation of this nature to maintain interest in the Club. Experiences over seventy-five years has proven that these people are wrong. One cannot maintain interest in a book unless he keeps reading it. Prolonged absences will change a person's feeling towards another individual and not attending Rotary meetings will definitely lead to a lessening of involvement and hence interest.

The attendance rule is part of Rotary's strength. It keeps a Club alive. It forces you to remain in contact with your club and it gives you an opportunity to visit other Rotary Clubs, thus spreading good will and international understanding.

"Rotary Record, Montreal"

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE NOW IN ITS 20TH YEAR. World Community Service was inaugurated as a special activity in Rotary in 1962. It continues as a noteworthy extension of Community Service between communities throughout the world. What is World Community Service? It is in its simplest form a Rotary club in one country working with a Rotary club in another country....helping people to help themselves.

Don't ask a person where they are from. If they're from Texas, they'll tell you. If they're not, there is no need to embarrass'em!

OLD CHINESE PROVERB. Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me and I'll understand. Just like Rotary--get involved and you will understand.

