

## THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

# 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*

Rotary International President, Rajendra Saboo  
District 5890 Governor, Bob Fitts  
Club President, Jack Lister

March 23, 1992

"LOOK BEYOND YOURSELF"



## All Here And Accounted For?

Let's all give those dedicated members of the attendance committee a big round of thanks. Each and every week, Ed Geissler and his committee track attendance of our 160+ members. And, we cannot forget Jim Wyatt and his crew. They are always there ready to take our lunch money. Thank you, Ed Geissler, Mike Porterfield, Bill Taylor, Sandy Sausley, David Cantu and Mike Brown. And--Jim Wyatt, Bev Stedman, John Rizzo, Ray Graham, A. B. Olson, Austin Frame, John Lee, Dennis Dillon, and Lisa Ehrler.

## Coming Events

### MARCH

- 23 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Jack Stell, Chairman  
Republican National Convention - Houston
- 30 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Judge Mark Davidson "Great Men in Texas History"

### APRIL

- 6 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Dr Darwin Winick
- 13 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Billy Weseman,  
Rotary Benefactor
- 18 Earth Day - Baybrook Mall
- 20 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Chan Royal, IYE
- 27 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: Carolyn Blacknall,  
Space Camp
- 23-26 District Conference -  
Corpus Christi

### MAY

- 4 Regular Noon Meeting  
Program: David Cordell,  
Rotary Excellence in  
Education Award

**Deadline** for submissions  
for next issue is **Mar 30.**

# Rotary Foundation

## ROTARIANS CONTRIBUTE TO SUCCESS OF GSE

Not every young professional person feels he or she can ask for a leave of absence from his or her job for four to six weeks to take part in the experience of Group Study Exchange. So Rotarians in District 5100 in Oregon are stressing the benefits of GSE not only to potential participants, but to their employers as well.

The district developed a brochure directed at corporations and businesses that explains how the vocational, cultural, and personal-growth experience of GSE increases the participant's value as a company employee. This information is now being revised for use by Rotary clubs and districts worldwide.

And clubs and districts will soon be able to share in a model orientation program for outgoing GSE teams created by Rotarians in **District 5890**. That District conducts an extensive orientation program during the three months prior to the team's departure. Team members become acquainted with each other by giving speeches about their education, family, hobbies and an overview of their profession. The team continues throughout the entire orientation program to develop friendships that will add to the excitement and act as a support system during their weeks abroad. The participants discuss the social and cultural aspects of their host country, to help prevent misunderstandings and lead to deeper bonds between the guests and their hosts. They also finalize the logistics of the trip, including travel arrangements and gift ideas.

The most time-consuming but creative aspect of the program is the preparation of a team presentation, which will be shared with the Rotary clubs and districts they visit. Each team member contributes his or her expertise to the project, and researches a specific aspect of their home and host countries, so that they may confidently express themselves even when their language differs from that of their host country. Participants also study their own district through field trips and readings.

The training program has proven so successful that an orientation manual, including the Houston model, will be available soon from The Rotary Foundation.

## INDIANA COUPLE GIVES ROTARY FOUNDATION MORE THAN \$1.6 MILLION

An Indiana couple's gift of more than \$1.6 million to the Rotary Foundation was announced Saturday (March 7) during the Rotary's 1992 International Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. Flanked by R. I. President Rajendra Saboo and representatives of those who have benefited from Rotary Foundation programs, William and Miriam Cable were warmly applauded for their gift to the Foundation's Endowment for World Understanding and Peace.

Announcing the gift to an audience of past and current Rotary officers from some 30 nations, President Saboo characterized the Syracuse, Indiana couple as people "of great vision, of great heart and of great generosity." In accord with their own record of human service, the Cables directed the funds to the Foundation's humanitarian programs.

A former farmer, Bill Cable founded MiGro Hybrid Seed Corn Company and served as its chairman until selling the firm in 1979. He has been involved in banking throughout his career and is now self-employed as both an agricultural and financial consultant. Among many offices, he has been a leader of the Elkhart County Extension Board for 20 years and has served on the governing council of Bethany Hospital in Chicago for more than 30 years. Both Bill and Miriam are active in their church and community.

The Cables' dedication to Rotary began in 1973 when Bill joined the Rotary Club of Syracuse-Wawasee, Indiana. He served that club in a number of capacities, including president, and was governor of district 6540 in 1982-83.

In 1984, the couple traveled to Cali, Colombia, where Bill served as a Rotary Volunteer, helping develop a course in seed enterprise. Later the Cables went to Nigeria to witness events in Rotary's PolioPlus program and to Ghana where Bill shared his agricultural expertise with Rotarians conducting a development project funded by a 4-H Grant.



# Officer's Corner

I would like to reflect briefly on Rotary's global impact. It seems all global influences are rooted in a good idea at a local place.

In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright flew a heavier-than-air machine 852 feet along a windswept North Carolina beach. Also, in 1903, Albert Einstein published a thesis on the theory of relativity in Zurich, Switzerland. These ideas could not remain a local phenomenon because they would influence the entire world.

Certainly the world has had a steady progression of such global ideas. But when the New Year began in 1905, some of the global ideas which people had never heard of were:

1. a radio program
2. a "talking" motion picture
3. a television show
4. computers
5. travel on an airplane
6. space travel!!
7. nuclear war
8. The United Nations
9. a Boy Scout Jamboree
10. a service club

Rotary began as a local idea of Paul Harris, a lawyer in Chicago, in 1905. Like all great ideas, it took some collaboration and development to give birth to the ideals in Rotary today. It sprang from "Each one of us would be having some thought for the welfare of the other fellow." Granted the first Rotarians had in mind acquaintanceship as a means to improve business, but if that had been the purpose of Rotary, it would neither have survived nor become global.

By 1910, it was a national organization, as well as in other countries. In 1911, the idea of Rotary was clearly in focus, and for the first time the guiding mottos we follow today were used: "Service above Self" and "He profits most who serves best."

There was not another service organization until Kiwanis formed in 1915. By 1913, Rotary was into disaster relief, Code of Business Ethics (1915), Boys work (1916), Crippled children (1917), International Goodwill and Peace Objectives (1921), Community Service Policy (1923), and the 4-way test (1932). Rotary Foundation funding at the death of Paul Harris in 1947 created resources for most of the really global projects which we have come to expect. Rotary's beginnings in youth exchange began in 1951 when 58 boys from war-torn Europe were hosted by the Netherlands. Inter-country exchange visits of Rotarians began in 1927, and continue in various forms today. Rotary has spread globally to over 170 countries, with about 24,000 clubs and over one million members.

So what has been Rotary's global legacy? The idea of ethical business people uniting together in the ideal of service above self, and world peace through understanding and fellowship. Rotary has impacted the earth's people as dramatically as any other global idea. Indeed, it is Rotary's global impact that is the most amazing.

It has raised over 230 million dollars to eradicate polio world-wide. Just last year Rotarians planted over 35 million trees to focus on the environment. Rotary is reaching the estranged people behind the iron curtain, giving them hope, guidance, and principles for service to live by, and so on, and so on.... And who is this amazing Rotary? YOU ARE!!

*-David Taylor, Treasurer*

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<b>Monday</b>		Galveston	12:15 p.m., Wentletrap Restaurant
Angleton	12:00 noon, Villa Motel	<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>		Alvin	12:00 noon, Park's Restaurant
Ellington/South Belt	12:00 noon, Mexico Lindo	Gulfway/Hobby	12:15 p.m., Hobby Hilton
Galveston Island	12:00 noon, San Luis Hotel	La Marque	12:00 noon, Elks Lodge
La Porte	12:00 noon, St. John's Episcopal Church	League City	12:00 noon, South Shore Harbor
Pearland	12:10 p.m., Golfcrest Country Club	Seabrook	7:30a.m., Lakewood Yacht Club
Texas City	12:00 noon, Nessler Center	<b>Friday</b>	
Harrisburgh	11:45a.m., Brady's Landing	Pasadena	12:00 noon, First United Methodist
<b>Wednesday</b>		W. Galveston County	12:00 noon, La Marque Holiday Inn
Dickinson	12:00 noon, Methodist Church		
Friendswood	12:15 p.m., Camp Manison		

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