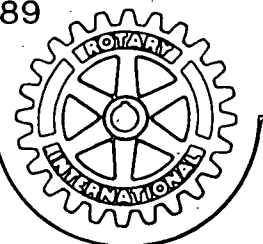


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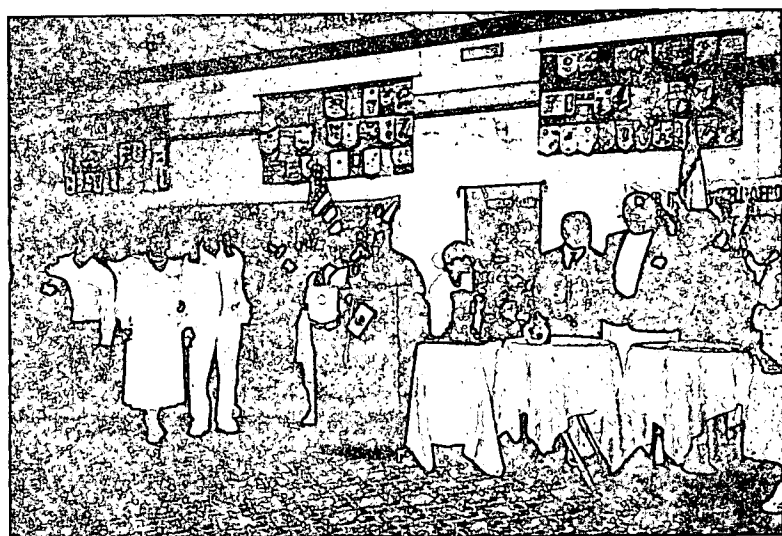
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"Put life into Rotary - your life"

April 30, 1990



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After a fantastic week of International Rotary fellowship, the Aeropuerto Rotary delegation and their Space Center Rotary Hosts gathered for a farewell brunch at the Hilton.



President John Watson presented Dr. Fustok a very uniquely designed award in recognition of his special medical care to several children from Mexico. It was fitting that the presentation was made near the lighted candle symbolizing our Rotary relationship with that of Aeropuerto Rotary.

Aeropuerto Rotary President Elect Rolando Linas, Space Center President John Watson and Aeropuerto President Carlos Mancinelli celebrate the growing international friendship between our 2 clubs.



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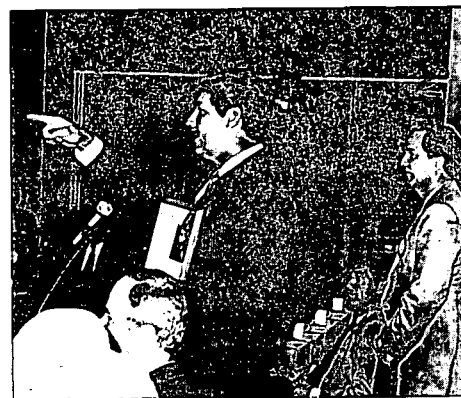
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"Now listen up folks!" as Jack Catron explains the auctioning procedure while Dr. David Taylor watches the group react. They certainly did, and with enthusiasm. Winnette Wimberly, Terry Hernandez, John Gar, Eddie Harris and Al Brady were the successful bidders for a piece of the infamous Berlin wall neatly encased and officially dedicated to the recipient by the signature of Dr. Taylor. The sum of \$1250 was generated to help fund the international growth exchange which has no other funding.



MORE PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS: (top left) Al Ligrani and John Watson welcome P.H.F. David Owen; (top right) Prez John congratulates PHF Jonathan Hall. (bottom left) PHF Wayne Young (3rd from left) was misidentified in our April 16th issue.



Rotary Foundation

The Space Center Rotary Club's Board of Directors has approved a gift of \$5,000 to the Rotary Foundation Committee to use towards Paul Harris Fellowships. Don Kirk, Committee Chairman, has announced that the money will be used to match members' gifts as long as it lasts. Many of our members are Paul Harris Sustaining Members and with their contribution of from \$168.40 to \$450.00 can become Paul Harris Members. Enclosed is a list of the club's sustaining members.

Over the past few weeks Al Ligrani has introduced 20 new Paul Harris Members to our club. There will be 12 more awarded on the evening of May 23, 1990, at a dinner at Bay Oaks Country Club. We encourage that you attend to honor your fellow members. During the life of the Space Center Rotary Club there have been 140 Paul Harris Fellowships awarded.

To become a Paul Harris Fellow Member, you must have \$1,000 contributed in your name either by you or others. The money is contributed to the Rotary Foundation which funds Scholarships, Group Study Exchanges, Special Grants, Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants, Grants for University Teachers to Serve in Developing Countries, PolioPlus, Disaster Relief Programs, Rotary Volunteers, and Rotary Peace Forums. Your contribution can be as little as \$100 so that over a period of time you can build to your own Paul Harris Fellowship.

To make contribution or get additional information call Don Kirk 332-9595 or Hal Neely 486-1105.

PAUL HARRIS SUSTAINING MEMBERS REPORT

	Date Last Credited	Amount Accum.			
			Butler, Tom	3-16-88	100.00
Ainslie, Alton G.	4-22-88	100.00	Cannon, Bryan J.	4-22-88	100.00
Alber, Charles	6-11-89	200.00	Cantu, David	4-22-88	100.00
Allbritton, David L.	2-44-88	100.00	Carico, Donald C. Jr.	4-22-88	100.00
Andrews, Gordon	6-16-88	100.00	Catron, Jack	6-11-87	100.00
Aro, Raymond	6-11-89	200.00	Chaffin, Tom	4-22-88	100.00
Atwood, Dan	4-22-88	100.00	Chandler, Marie Siefe	2-3-83	100.00
Barnwell, Mikel	4-22-88	100.00	Chaney, Bailey	4-22-88	100.00
Batley, Shirley	3-16-88	100.00	Chaney, Bailey	3-16-88	100.00
Bechtel, Carl	4-22-88	100.00	Chen, Bill	4-22-88	100.00
Bennett, Bill	4-22-88	100.00	Chuoque, Robert C.	4-22-88	100.00
Bhagat, Mrunal N.	3-16-88	200.00	Clark, Gerry	6-16-88	100.00
Bleger, Jean-Pierre	4-22-88	100.00	Desobe, Gerald J.	4-22-88	100.00
Blilie, Ronald K.	4-22-88	100.00	Dillon, Dennis N.	6-16-88	100.00
Bolton, Stephen E.	6-16-88	200.00	Dougherty, Thomas R.	6-16-88	100.00
Boyd, Alfred A.	4-22-88	100.00	Dugan, Robert	6-11-87	100.00
Branscome, Jeff	3-16-88	100.00	Dusenbury, William	3-16-88	100.00
Brown, John	6-16-88	100.00	Dyess, Carl W.	4-22-88	100.00
Brown, Michael	12-30-88	300.00	Edge, J.T.	4-22-88	100.00
Burrow, Larry	6-11-87	100.00	Elton, Larry	4-22-88	100.00
Burt, Billy J.	6-25-86	100.00	Forshey, L.H.	3-16-88	100.00
Bush, Jeffery A.	4-22-88	100.00	Francis, Linda	1-21-88	200.00

Franz, David	4-22-88	200.00	Paschetag, Lee A.	4-22-88	100.00
Gardner, Rollin J.	4-22-88	100.00	Pawlikowski, Raymond	3-16-88	300.00
Gay, John F.	4-22-88	100.00	Pennington, Jerome J.	4-22-88	100.00
Geissler, Edwin D.	3-16-88	100.00	Persson, Lars	4-22-88	100.00
Golden, Joe	4-22-88	200.00	Porterfield, Michael	4-22-88	100.00
Gregg, Dick	4-22-88	100.00	Post, Charles H.	6-25-86	100.00
Gresco, William	4-22-88	200.00	Powell, William E.	7-6-83	100.00
Griffin, Sandra	5-12-89	100.00	Predmore, Bill J.	4-22-88	100.00
Gupta, Vijay	4-22-88	100.00	Robison, Dixie	6-30-88	100.00
Hamblin, David	3-16-88	200.00	Roof, Randy F.	4-22-88	100.00
Hanssen, Viet	4-22-88	100.00	Rosenhagen, Rick	4-22-88	100.00
Harlan, James E.	1-21-88	200.00	Schwartz, Louis	4-22-88	100.00
Headrick, Roger D.	1-21-88	200.00	Sexton, Hirschel A., Jr.	3-16-88	100.00
Henkel, Joseph M.	4-22-88	100.00	Shaffelt, Donald	6-30-88	100.00
Hesse, Michael William	4-22-88	100.00	Shows, Betty	6-11-87	100.00
Hill, William L.	4-22-88	100.00	Shows, James	1-21-88	100.00
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Hopkins, Randall	6-11-87	100.00	Skelly, Joe	4-22-88	100.00
Johnson, Donnie P.	6-16-88	100.00	Smith, Gerald P.	4-22-88	100.00
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Lyons, Roger	4-22-88	100.00	Taylor, Frank W.	4-22-88	100.00
Maas, James W.	8-10-87	400.00	Tenini, John W.	11-6-86	663.20
Marullo, Sam	4-22-88	100.00	Thompson, Thomas C.	3-16-88	200.00
Mayfield, Charles W.	4-22-88	100.00	Towner, John B.	4-22-88	100.00
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Micelli, Ernest M.	4-22-88	100.00	Welch, Jay N.	4-22-88	100.00
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Mitchell, Margaret	4-22-88	200.00	Wettling, Richard E.	3-16-88	100.00
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Montoya, Gonzalo	3-16-88	100.00	Wilkenfield, Allen D.	3-16-88	100.00
Moore, Gregory K.	4-22-88	100.00	Wyatt, Mary Ellen	1-21-88	500.00
Niksich, Ronald J.	4-22-88	100.00	Yarbrough, Max	6-16-88	100.00
Novotny, Dick	1-21-88	200.00	Zamora, Peter	4-22-88	200.00
Nugent, John C.	4-22-88	100.00	Zehentner, Robert J.	6-30-88	100.00
Olbrecht, Marcel	1-21-88	200.00	Zwick, Sandra	6-30-88	100.00
Owen, Will	5-14-86	200.00			



Three years ago Dr. David Taylor of the Space Center Rotary Club was the District chairman of the short-term youth exchange program. He had pressed that committee from one exchange with England to exchange with 12 countries that year - each of which had been negotiated by him personally through mail and telephone calls to over 40 candidate countries. Two years ago he decided to turn that negotiation experience towards Eastern Europe and announced he was going to step aside to go on this special assignment. At that time there was an iron curtain, complete with walls, guards and barbed wire all along Eastern Europe. His point was that Rotary youth exchange's message of "world peace through understanding" had to be taken to the "other camp," where it especially needed to be heard.

The story of how Rotary works in the most unexpected ways once the goal is identified is interesting. Dr. Taylor is a children's dentist and the mother of one of his patients had a distinctive accent. He discovered she was from Hungary. Then as now, Hungary is one of the more progressive countries in the Eastern bloc. He explained his mission was to locate some group associated with youth which could assume the responsibilities of a Rotary Club in arranging an exchange for the summer of 1989. Marta Bahlo said her sister still lived in Hungary and she could write her. Some time later the message came back that the sister's pastor, the minister of the largest Presbyterian church in Hungary, would take on the task of being Hungary's first "Rotarian."

Zoltan Lisik selected seven students and arranged all of the travel and activities. He

became a one-man committee. Dr. Taylor applied to the Samantha Smith Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C. for financial assistance with travel expenses. (Samantha Smith was the little blond girl who visited Yuri Andropov and later died in a plane crash. Her fund is for fostering exchanges with the Eastern bloc. The Smith Fund repaid the Hungarians over \$1000.00 a piece. A significant amount for a country that may have an annual income of \$1200.00 or less. And the Hungarian exchange with District 589 was the first ever Rotary home-to-home youth exchange with a communist country. And now Zoltan Lisik will be visiting Houston April 20-May 8 as the guest of a Presbyterian church here which wants to develop an exchange of choirs. Lisik is also sending District 589 six students again this year and is trying to organize a Rotary Club back home in Cegled.

Also in 1988, Dr. Taylor began making contact with the Soviet Union. They had been largely unproductive until the U.S.S.R.'s Committee of Youth Organizations placed an item in Yunost Youth Magazine about Dr. Taylor's proposals. Despite a circulation of 3 million only one party stepped forward. This has produced another District 589 first - a home-to-home stay with Moscow this summer. This exchange firmed up too late to get Smith funds so the District is being asked to support these pioneering exchanges financially.

Gert Bahlo observed his wife Marta's involvement with the Hungarian exchange and joined the Pearland Rotary club that year. He is from East Germany, and when the Berlin wall was breached this year he asked if he could try to set up a similar exchange in East Germany. He is now in charge of an exchange of 12 students. He even flew over to visit his homeland and brought back some historical pieces of the wall to sell as a fund raiser to youth exchange.

Another Rotarian on Mayor Kathy Whitmire's Sister City committee got word of these exchanges and contacted Dr. Taylor about receiving some students from Houston's sister city in the U.S.S.R., Baku, a city of one million on the Caspian Sea. Dr. Taylor and Alex Gabriles of the River Oaks Rotary Club have arranged to host some teenagers from that strife torn region.

Asked where Dr. Taylor's next special assignment is going to be, he responds: "Japan." Why? "World Peace through understanding."

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 5/15 Terry Stock
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 5/18 Vann Jones
 5/20 Carlos Villagomez
 5/27 Donnie Johnson
 5/29 Bill Predmore
 5/29 Sandra Zwick

\$1000 to Send Kids to Camp

Sorry - no photo - but Chris Christmon, a Boy Scout volunteer leader for over 30 years, received \$1000 that will be used to send 40 boys to camp from the troop that provides parking direction and setup services every year at the Shrimporee.

Thank You, Hosts

Hosts of the Aeropuerto Rotary families and youth: Roger Lyons, Vann Jones, Mike Porterfield, Mike Dennard, Gary Stremel, Al Jowid, Jr., Bob Zehentener, Karen Birchenough, Alan Wylie, Dixie Robison, Pete Zamora, Carlos Villagomez.

Space Center Rotary Attendance Report as of February 28, 1990

Please review the following list of members with perfect attendance as of February 18, 1990. If you find that your name has been omitted or that the years are incorrect, please call Anne Weseman at 488-2244.

	Anniversary	
	Years	Date
Baldwin, David	1	8/29/88
Bowles, Lamar	4	11/28/88
Boze, Floyd	41	6/30/90
Brady, Al	3	11/7/88
Carrette, Ed	1	8/15/88
Cordell, David	2	5/22/89
Dillon, Dennis	1	4/25/88
Fleming, George	1	6/30/89
Geissler, Ed	1	6/30/89
Hammack, Jerry	16	7/11/89
Harris, Eddie	2	3/27/89
Hartman, Charles	13	6/27/89
Johnson, Donnie	1	6/30/89
Karraker, Ralph	31	8/21/89
Kirk, Don	2	12/31/88
Kyle, Don	1	6/30/89
Ligrani, Al	10	6/30/89
Lipovsky, Vince	2	9/26/88
Maria, Victor	4	10/10/88
McDonald, Jim	3	11/14/88
Morgan, Frank	25	6/30/89
Neely, Hal	18	12/31/88
Olsen, A.B.	7	12/31/88
Pawlikowski, Ray	4	12/12/88
Smith, Billy	7	7/11/89
Veth, Richard	24	3/27/89
Watson, John	9	6/30/89
Welch, Jay	8	6/30/89
Weseman, Anne	1	9/26/88
Weseman, Billy	7	6/30/89
Williams, Woody	15	6/30/89
Wren, Bob	9	6/30/89
Young, Wayne	3	12/12/88

From Russia with Rotary

Word has not yet reached this desk indicating that a host has been selected for Natalia, a 31-year-old female and Adamov, a 34-year-old male, both from the Soviet Union.

This could be a very significant experience for both the host and the visitor as well as Space Center Rotary. Better give this some thought and discussion with your household members. Also, remember the Pan Am receipts.

Call Dr. David Taylor at 332-6513.

Calendar Items

Tuesday May 1: 7 am at the Hilton: Rotary Board of Directors.

Saturday, May 12 at George Brown Convention Center: Rotary District Awards Banquet for the Drug Abuse Prevention Essay Contest. Call Sammye Massey at 333-9700 for details.

Monday, May 14: 1:00 pm at the Hilton: deadline for submission of written articles and photos for the next Blastoff.

Tuesday, May 15: 7 am at the Hilton: Rotary Board of Directors.

Wednesday, May 16, 4 pm at the YMCA: final writing and preparation of the next Blastoff.

Thursday, May 17: 8:30 am-1:30 pm - District Assembly/Training for all incoming officers and committee chairmen at the Holiday Inn-Hobby. If you have the time, our club will pay for your registration and lunch.

Wednesday, May 23: 7:00 pm at Bay Oaks Country Club: Paul Harris Fellowship Dinner.



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