

The EARTH AWARENESS FOUNDATION, A SERVICE PROGRAM which has now reached national proportions and is a direct outgrowth of a project initiated by our SPACE CENTER ROTARY CLUB. The BLASTOFF salutes this young and purposeful organization for a remarkable record of accomplishment; and the example it has set for all of us in living our motto - "SERVICE ABOVE SELF." Rotary means fellowship and opportunity to serve; an opportunity to build lasting friendships and to serve the needs of others. Above all, it means SERVICE ABOVE SELF, and this most often means a sacrificial commitment which may ease the suffering of others and lead to a better life. No better example of Rotary in action can be found in our own community than the EARTH AWARENESS FOUNDATION! Let us briefly tell what this young organization has accomplished in the past twelve months:

- 1 - Opened offices in Washington, D.C., Somerville, N. J. and the Clear Lake area of Texas for the purpose of developing solutions in such complex and debilitating problems as drug abuse, waste management and air and water pollution. There are 10 full-time employees and scores of volunteers working for the EAF.
- 2 - Obtained a \$50,000 grant from the Moody Foundation of Texas. These monies are being used to develop model study programs to supplement classroom curriculum in environmental education. Work is now beginning in Harris, Chambers and Galveston Counties, Texas.
- 3 - Provided a dozen fellowships of \$500 each to high school students of the Clear Lake area to devote 10 weeks of their summer vacations to an in-depth analysis of pollution both man and nature caused, affecting the Clear Lake Basin. EAF also financially supplied student training at the University of Houston.
- 4 - Engaged the services of the nation's most widely known cartoonist to develop ecology and drug posters for distribution in the United States and foreign countries. Drug posters are being displayed in military encampments in Europe and Southeast Asia, as well as aboard ships at sea.
- 5 - Initiated student EARTH I CARE chapters in Texas, Florida, New Jersey, New York, California, Oklahoma and provinces of Canada.
- 6 - Developed a newsletter on ecology which is now enjoying a distribution to some 20,000 opinion-makers and conservationists.
- 7 - EAF directors have given unselfishly of their time, appearing before thousands of people at some 50 locations in the U.S. and Canada. They have also prepared several hours of video taping in color for distribution in the nation's school districts as 30-minute segments entitled, "Current Social Issues." Astronauts Rusty Schweickart and Walt Cunningham, along with Eugene Horton and Dr. Charles Berry, all Rotarians, are participating in this important series.

The EAF is showing rapid expansion, having already been featured on NBC's "TODAY'S SHOW", several national and foreign magazines and in the U.S. Congressional Record. Letters galore are reaching the local office at "1730 NASA Blvd from as far away as Australia and South Africa. If you want to belong to a cause that has direction, purpose and leadership from some of Rotary's best, then support the EAF by joining it.