

ROTARY SEMINAR TEAMS

PROJECT AMIGO

PURPOSE AND GOALS

This is the fifth Rotary Seminar Team of free enterprise and small business speakers which Rotary International has ever had. It is the vision of the Rotarians in Houston that this idea will be adopted by other Rotary districts around the world -- whereby one district forms a seminar team on some topic and visits another district to share their experience and knowledge on the subject. It could be on agriculture, public health, environment, or whatever. These seminars have been on business practices because the project started out sending teams to Eastern Europe after the Berlin Wall fell. The Rotary districts in Mexico City and Houston decided small business principles are a good topic for them as well.

The fees paid to attend this seminar are low and designed to cover the cost of the meeting facility and lunch. Commercial versions of seminars from the United States on business recently charged \$700 to attend in Mexico City. This is a Rotary service project.

The speakers were interviewed and selected for their abilities and none of them are here to promote themselves or business. The speakers paid their own way to travel here and the cost of the presentation by fundraising in Houston.

Their mission is to share their experience in a free enterprise economy in the hope that the world will be a better place for us all. Presentations are made by practicing, successful people, using audio visual material developed from authoritative and personal sources.

The presentations are in Spanish. The translations were accomplished by Jose Valentin of Panama, President of VALCOMMS Translation Group. Using the internet, we have received tremendous support from Jose and Julie Valentin, his crack translators Dave Church, Larry and Roxanne Sorianno, and Venus Kilgore. They translated the speeches and this brochure.

Your local Rotarians arranged for the meeting facilities, publicized the event, and provided host homes for the visiting team members. Your local Rotarians are also aware of other resources which may be available to you.

Rotary is comprised of outstanding leaders and business people in your community and this seminar is just one small service they undertake in an attempt to improve the community for everyone. In the case of this Project Amigo, heart felt thanks goes to Humberto Orozco of the Mixcoac Rotary Club. Humberto and Dr. David Taylor of Space Center Rotary have been the main coordinators and the point of contact through which all of the Rotary members in each city who have worked on this project were able to have their efforts materialize.