

# The Rotarian

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Venezuela:  
land lush, oil rich,  
and keen on Rotary

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Cross-country:  
the other way to ski



Sky-high  
excitement  
in Oshkosh



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Mike Sullivan (left) receives keys and bill of sale for new airplane for the "Wings of Hope" organization from B.T. McManus (right), and Wyoming Governor Ed Herschler (center).

### The Spirit of Wyoming— and a generous Rotarian

Governor of Wyoming (U.S.A.) Ed Herschler was on hand in February 1983, when B. T. McManus (a member of the Rotary Club of Lander) and his wife, Marie, presented a \$52,000 (U.S.) single-engine Maule airplane to the "Wings of Hope"—a U.S.-based, aviation-oriented organization which provides planes and pilots to ferry personnel and supplies in undeveloped and inaccessible areas in Asia, Africa, and Central and South America. B.T.'s contribution, *The Spirit of Wyoming*, (see photo) currently is in ambulance service in Belize.

In December 1982, B.T. and Marie celebrated his then almost 50 years as a Wyoming businessman by donating a 24-hectare (6-acre) tract of land, a favorite habitat of deer and moose, to Lander's parks.

From pharmacy to banking to savings and loan associations, B.T. has launched dozens of businesses, all successful. A pilot for over 35 years, he operated a free flying ambulance service in conjunction with his drug store chain, and flew many of these missions himself. His current venture, a company that mints its own silver coins, is flourishing.

The McManuses recently presented a permanent pharmaceutical tuition fund to the University of Wyoming. As to *his* future, B.T., at age 74, has no plans to slow down. He has "retired" so many times he refuses to say the word anymore.

"I never have any spare time," he says, "and I never go anyplace without learning something."



Aelyas Kassab

### Aelyas Kassab— a century of service

A man of this century, born in the last, in Damascus, Syria, Dr. Aelyas Kassab (photo above), a member of the Rotary Club of Chester, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., celebrated his 100th birthday on 31 July 1983. Rotarian Kassab is a voracious reader, does his own grocery shopping, helps care for his invalid wife, and prepares Sunday lunch for his family (as many as 11 "drop in"). There's always a pie he has made or a delicious Middle Eastern pastry. His hobby is woodcarving, and his works include busts of Paul Harris and

Egyptian Queen Nefertiti, as well as a collection of graceful animals.

Aelyas came to the U.S. alone at the age 15. The few English words he knew were Irish accented because he learned them from his Irish Protestant missionary school teachers in Damascus. By the time he was 20, he had graduated from high school and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, and had started a dental practice in Chester, which he continued for 70 years.

Aelyas joined Rotary in 1921. He served as club president in 1944, and continues to serve on the club's induction committee. He has a perfect attendance record of 49 years. In a recent speech he encouraged Rotarians to take an active role in establishing world peace.

Aelyas believes that the only honor or reward that accrues to a member of any profession is the inner satisfaction derived from the knowledge of a life of service to others. And to that goal he is unswervingly faithful.

### In memoriam . . .

With deep regret, the organization reports the deaths of Past Vice-President *Leroy H. Williams*, Swainsboro, Ga., U.S.A., who served R.I. in 1965-66; past district governor (1959-60) and former fiscal agent (1974-83) *Magozaemon Kashiwabara*, Tokyo, Japan; and the deaths of the following past district governors who have served R.I.: *Dr. Julio Terrazas Orellana*, Traiguén, Chile, 1950-51. *Don L. Harding*, Council Bluffs, Ia., U.S.A., 1953-54. *Carl Oscar Agell*, Norrköping Västra, Sweden, 1956-57. *Jose Umberto Lovecchio*, Coronel Suárez, Argentina, 1959-60. *Laurence E. Fullerton*, Peterborough, N.H., U.S.A., 1961-62 and 1976-77. *Harry C. Voss*, Council Bluffs, Ia., U.S.A., 1961-62. *Dr. T. Lawrence White*, Edinburg, Tex., U.S.A., 1963-64. *Ahmad Husain Khokhar*, Lahore Sharqi (East), Pakistan, 1965-66. *Dr. C.H. Yeang*, Penang, Malaysia, 1968-69. *Leonard C.V. King*, Amersham, England, 1975-76. *Leonard Parry*, Chippenham, England 1975-76. *Dr. Yeshwant S. Bhorgay*, Poona North, India, 1977-78. *Robert A. Burghart, Jr.*, Colorado Springs, Colo., U.S.A., 1978-79.