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ROTARY MOTTO
Service above self. He profits most who serves best.

FOUR-WAY TEST

- First Is it the TRUTH?
- Second Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third Will it build GOOD WILL And BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth Will it be BENEFICIAL to all CONCERNED?

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TODAY'S PROGRAM

Daniel McMullen
Special Agent in Charge
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Calendar/Future Speakers

- September 16 Colby Lane, Deputy Chief of Staff for Governor Barbour.
- September 23 Trudy Fisher, E.D. MS Department Of Environmental Quality

2 New Proposed Members

- **Brian Ramsey**, Home Builder and Inspector proposed by Shelia Jackson.
- **Mitchell Holloway** with Telepak Networks proposed by Sharon Moulder

Star struck

By Maureen Vaught
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Even as a small child, Japanese astronaut and former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar Naoko Yamazaki found outer space fascinating. From her home in Matsudo City outside Tokyo, she spent evenings stargazing. As she grew older, movies like *Star Wars* and TV broadcasts of shuttle launches fueled her growing interest.

"Based on these shows, I assumed we would all go to space," says Yamazaki, who is only the second Japanese woman to become an astronaut.

Yamazaki has logged more than 360 hours in space as a crew member on the space shuttle *Discovery*. In April, she served as mission specialist on the STS-131 *Discovery*'s resupply mission to the International Space Station. The trip held special meaning for Yamazaki.

"I was part of the project team that developed the space station," she says. "It's very impressive, especially when you consider more than 15 countries, including Japan and the United States, helped build it."

The chance to work on internationalas a 1994-95 Rotary Scholar contributed to Yamazaki's career choice.

She studied space robotics at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, USA, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Matsudo Chuoh, Chiba, Japan. Working with students from around the world, she was surprised to learn that they knew more about Japan and Japanese culture than she did. The experience taught her more about not only her own country but also the value of an objective viewpoint, which she believes is relevant in her work as an astronaut.

"You can learn so much more about the earth by studying it from a distance," she says.

Read the rest of the story online at:

http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/100830_news_yamazaki.aspx



Top: During *Discovery*'s voyage to the International Space Station, Naoko Yamazaki and Soichi Noguchi demonstrate the effects of weightlessness in the Japanese experiment module, Kibo. The flight marked the first time two Japanese astronauts have traveled together in space. Bottom: Yamazaki. Photos courtesy Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency