



Gunda Davis - Pumpkin Soup and Shrapnel : Growing up under the Third Reich



Ms. Davis was born in Germany in 1935 and grew up during the time of Hitler's empire. She wrote the book *Pumpkin Soup and Shrapnel* in 2005 to chronicle her life and teach the readers a moral lesson (later in these notes).

Her memories include, in her earliest years, living with her Grandfather (an illustrator by profession ... also a Nazi follower). Her school training began each day with the singing of the Nazi Anthem and saluting a picture of Hitler in the front of the room.

Her Father was educated as an engineer ... studying a method to eliminate gravity. He was also a Nazi and worked in Prague for the Party. He did not support their extermination policy.

He was arrested in Berlin and spent ten years in jail. When he was released, he returned to the profession of engineering, but by this time computers were on the scene and his path changed a bit.

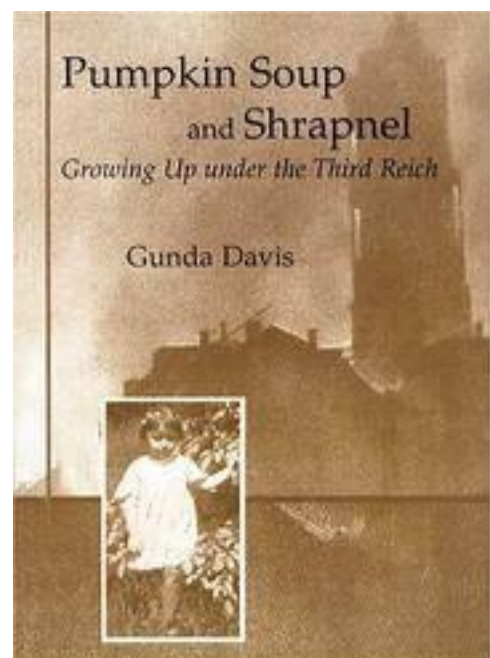
At the end of the War, she lived with her Sisters in Berlin. From there she lived in Schleswig- Holstein in northwestern Germany; and moved to Brandenburg for middle school. Then to West Berlin.

She remembers walking across a line to a different world. University of Berlin was her advanced studies home.

Following college, she resided in Heidelberg until 1960, when she moved to the United States.

At a point, she realized a great message that followed her through her life ... How easy it is to teach a child to hate.

Gunda reminded us that the United States is the land of the free ... but we all still have great responsibilities!



Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio

Audrey Carl: Rotary.org



EVANSTON, Ill. (Jan. 25, 2018) — With 22 confirmed cases in 2017 to date, and just one case in 2018, the world is on the brink of eradicating polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

Rotary gives \$53.5 million to help eradicate polio and challenges the world to continue the fight to end the disease.

Rotary is giving \$53.5 million in grants to support immunization and surveillance activities led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

More than half of the funds will support efforts to end polio in two of the three countries where polio remains endemic:

- Afghanistan: \$12.03 million
- Pakistan: \$19.31 million
- Further funding will support efforts to keep 10 vulnerable countries polio-free:
 - Cameroon: \$1.61 million
 - Central African Republic: \$428,000
 - Chad: \$2.33 million
 - The Democratic Republic of Congo: \$6.48 million
 - Ethiopia: \$1.82 million
 - Iraq: \$2 million

- Niger: \$1.71 million
- Somalia: \$3.29 million
- South Sudan: \$835,300
- Syria: \$428,000

An additional \$731,338 will fund research to be conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO), and another \$518,000 will go toward technical assistance in West and Central Africa.

While significant strides have been made against the disease, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas and conflict zones. Despite a historically low case count, as long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and political commitment to eradication.

Rotary has committed to raising \$150 million over the next three years, which will be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, yielding \$450 million for polio eradication activities, including immunization and surveillance.

Rotary started its polio eradication program PolioPlus in 1985, and in 1988 became a partner in the GPEI, along with WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation later became a partner. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to just 22 confirmed cases in 2017 (as of 25 January). Rotary has contributed a total of more than \$1.7 billion — including matching funds from the Gates Foundation — and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio.

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world.

GUESTS:

Bettendorf High School

Students: Jackson Stamper & McKenzie Rice

Pleasant Valley High School

Students: Elle Fietsam & Max Royer

Todd Harris

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Board members are needed for the 2018-2019 Rotary year. Please contact **Emily** if you are interested.
- There was a unanimous vote for a joint fund-raising event with the Davenport Club for Miracle Field ... The goal is \$100,000. \$72,000 has been raised so far!!
- **Doug P** will be attending the District 6000 Training Assembly in March. A Grant Writing Workshop will also be held in March
- Rotary District 6000 Conference will be on April 12 th at the Davenport Steeplegate.
- **Emily S-D** will be attending PETS (President-Elect Training Seminar)
- A golf outing, partnering with the Davenport Rotary Club, is being planned.
- Photos are needed for several members for the directory.
- Please contact **JD** if you have ideas for programs.

SARGE:**Happy/Sad Dollars:**

- **Deb G** – New Grandson!
- **Alex S** – Late Uncle's birthday ... TPC Agronomy won an award
- **Jeno B** – Mother-in- Law in China

**50/50:**

- C'mon **Mike**: You can give your two-cents' worth. A penny for your thoughts ... Who gets the other penny? With 10 cards and \$1,688 in the pot, **Alex S's** ticket was drawn ... he guessed he would draw the three of spades ... **unfortunately he did!!!**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

Feb 22 – Lisa Caffery, Genesis Health (Deadly Flu Season)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mar 8-10 - PETS

Mar 23 - Grant Management Seminar in Newton

Mar 24 - District Training Assembly

Apr 12 - Toast to Rotary—Davenport Steeplegate
(NO MORNING MEETING)

May 30 - Applications for Community Service Grants due

**BIRTHDAYS!!**

Feb 29 – Matt Rednour

CLUB ANNIVERSARIES!!

Feb 8—Tim Schlicksup (12 years)

Feb 9—Dave Barnhart (**10 years**)

Feb 11—Sigrid Zaehring (9 years)

ANNIVERSARIES!!

None

Presidential Trivia, Fun Facts and Firsts


- John F. Kennedy was the first president to hold a press conference on television.
- George Washington was the only American president to be unanimously elected.
- Chester A. Arthur was nicknamed "Elegant Arthur" because of his fashion sense.
- Franklin Pierce was the first president to have a Christmas tree in the White House.
- William McKinley was the first president to campaign by telephone.
- Franklin Pierce gave his 3,319-word inaugural address from memory, without the aid of notes.

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Club Service
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 New Generations Service
 International Service

NEED TO MAKE UP?

Mon. noon	Davenport—The Outing Club
Mon. 5 p.m.	Davenport—(Mini) Lunardi's
Mon. 6 p.m.	Illinois Quad Cities—HyVee (John Deere Rd)
Mon. noon	Moline—Trinity Lutheran Church
Tue. 7:15 a.m.	River Cities—The Brothers, Rapids City
Tue. noon	Rock Island—Botanical Center
Wed. 7 a.m.	Valley Sunrise—Holiday Inn, Moline
Wed. noon	Bettendorf—Tanglewood Pavilion
Wed. 4:30 p.m.	North Scott (Mini)—Ridgecrest Village
Thu. 7 a.m.	Iowa Quad Cities—Holiday Inn Davenport
Thu. noon	Milan—Pinnacle Country Club
Thu. 12:15 p.m.	East Moline/Silvis—Christ UM Church
Fri. noon	North Scott—Steeplegate Davenport

Make ups count two weeks before or after a meeting.
 You can attend another club or make up online at
<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

CLUBRUNNER ACCESS:

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrg/Home/login.asp?cid=1647&lgValMem=0>

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- **FIRST.** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- **SECOND.** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- **THIRD.** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;
- **FOURTH.** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

EVERY
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 EVERY
 YEAR

