



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 441, Georgetown 78633

APRIL 15, 2014

Last Time:

Presiding: Treasurer Doug Lowe

Invocation: Rev. Gordon Bishop

Pledge: Tom Minor

4-Way Test: Doug Lowe

Members Present: 45

Visitor: Kathy Endebrook

Visiting Rotarian: PDG Tom Moore/Minnesota

Today: Bios from *Tom Minor* and *Barbara Pekar*

Next Week: Stephanie Draeken, Resolutions Hospice

Future Programmes:

April 29 Ms. Dianne White Delisi, Civilian Aid to Secretary of the Army

May 6 Special programme to salute our club's veterans

May 13 Ms. Candace Boccock, Probate Attorney

May 20 Temple Railroad Museum speaker

May 27 Ms. Chrystle Swain, Media Consultant

July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, and Author.

Important Dates:

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference, La Torretta del Lago Resort & Spa, Montgomery TX

June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

June 24, 2014 President's Night

July 26, 2014 1st Annual Rotary Fest Fundraiser (Dinner Dance)

Matching Grants

Among the programmes of The Rotary Foundation are the Matching Grants that assist Rotary clubs and districts in conducting International Service projects. Since 1965 more than 6,200 grants have been awarded for projects in about 165 countries, totalling more than US\$56 million.

A club or district must contribute an amount at least as large as that requested from The Rotary Foundation with at least half the funds that the Foundation will match coming from a country outside of the country where the project will take place. Grants have been made to improve hospitals, develop school programmes, drill water wells, assist the disabled or persons requiring special medical attention, provide resources for orphanages, create sanitation facilities, distribute food and medical supplies and many other forms of international community service in needy areas of the world. Some grants are for projects in the magnitude of from US\$15,000 to US\$50,000, but most are in the range of US\$5,000 to US\$10,000.

The Matching Grants programme is a very significant part of The Rotary Foundation and provides an important incentive for clubs to undertake worthwhile International Service projects in another part of the world. They certainly foster goodwill and understanding, which is in keeping with the objectives of The Rotary Foundation.

Last Week: by Greg Barber

Annunciation Maternity Home

Our guest speaker, Alyssia Woods, who is development director at Annunciation Maternity Home, spoke about the scope and mission of the home. Alyssia's roles include:

Fundraising, Communications, Grant Writing, Event Planning, Donation Development

Background: Annunciation maternity Home was founded in 2006 with the vision of "helping mothers choose life." The home is a free, full service home for young women experiencing crisis pregnancies. The home offers long term care that begins when the resident arrives and lasts for up to two years after delivery. There are no religious demands placed on the residents. There are two groups of mothers housed in separate buildings: teens, and adults. This is because the two groups have different needs. The average age of the mothers in the teen house is 16. The average age in the adult building is 19. The home is staffed by caring professionals.

Mission: The mission of the home is to address and alleviate several social issues facing our community by providing:

Safe housing in a nurturing environment for teens struggling with an unwanted or unplanned pregnancy.

Texas school districts report that 60% of teens who become pregnant experience homelessness at some point during their pregnancy.

Education (The home contains a fully accredited high school)

Access to health care, pre-natal education, parenting skills, life skills, counseling and job assistance.

Statistics indicate that young women given these opportunities, young women are less likely to turn to abortion as a solution.

Adult residents receive career counseling, access to 2 and 4 year colleges and placement assistance

Adoption counseling and referral

Funding: Funding sources include: HHS, Local churches, Individual Donors

Upcoming Fundraising Event

What: Annunciation Maternity Home Banquet When: May 8, 2014

Where: St. Helen Catholic Church, St. Rita Activity Center, Georgetown

6:00 PM - Registration and silent Auction 7:00 PM - Dinner and Program

Register On-line at www.thematernityhome.org

Ticket Prices: Single \$40, Couple \$75

News From the Boardroom:

1) The Board received a report from Adaire Wolf, Donna Taylor and Don Kaminky (Fundraising Committee) about our Club's fundraising project to be held on **July 26, 2014**. After a few details are worked out., the Fundraising Committee will present the details of this project to our membership.

2) The revised Club constitution was considered for adoption. John Schwebke made the motion seconded by Gary Sandercock that the new constitution be approved and sent to the membership to be voted on for adoption. Six members voted in favor of this motion while one member abstained because that person had not read the proposed constitution. The proposed constitution for our Club is a prototype mandated by Rotary International and if approved by our membership will become effective July 1, 2014.

3) The new proposed bylaws were next presented for discussion. The bylaws that were presented to the Board are mandated by Rotary International and supplemented by the bylaws that specifically apply to our Club. Most of the discussion by Board members surrounded Article 6 - Fees and Dues. John Schwebke made the motion seconded by Tom Minor that our dues be increased \$5 per month to help cover the cost of the increase in our Club's operational costs. Also, members will only pay for the meals they eat at a per-meal-rate established by the Board. The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

A copy of the proposed Constitution and a copy of the proposed Bylaws will be distributed to our Club membership for consideration and for final approval at our Rotary meeting on May 22, 2014. The approved constitution and bylaws will become effective on July 1, 2014.

4) John Schwebke made a motion seconded by Bill Miller that a Financial Oversight Committee be formed to review our Club finances and to assist in the budgetary process of our Club. The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

World's most populous region certified polio-free

On March 24th, Southeast Asia – home to 1.8 billion people and including Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, & Timor-Leste – was declared polio-free by the WHO Regional Certification Commission for Polio Eradication.

Declaring this 11-country region polio-free is an historic milestone. This means that nearly 80% of the world's population is now living in polio-free countries. In 2007, nearly 70% of the world's polio cases were found in Southeast Asia. In the last 20 years, at least 189 nationwide polio campaigns were conducted in the region, and more than 13 billion doses of the oral polio vaccine were administered. The region has not reported a case since 2011.

Rotary International, the WHO, and the U.S. Centers for Disease are working to build on this achievement and make the rest of the world polio-free. The remaining polio-endemic countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan – are steadily at work to achieve success, too, despite tremendous challenges. Our solidarity and continued support of a polio-free world is key to helping these areas cross the finish line.

MISC ETC:

Members were happy to see some rain at last; several gave to Happy Bucks with thoughts of **Lou Gibson**; **Caroline Holloway** is pleased to be back from California; **Doug Lowe** noted that this weekend in Killeen the Leadership Training sessions are scheduled.

*A memorial service for **Sing Gibson** will be held at The Worship Place, 10:30 on Saturday.*

Visitor, Kathy Endebrook, spoke for a few minutes about the National Day of Prayer which is coming up shortly on May 1st. Although the idea of a national day of prayer was established in 1952, it wasn't until 1988, at the behest of President Reagan, that the 1st Thursday in May was designated as the official National Day of Prayer during which time Americans are encouraged to pray for our leaders and our country.

There will be two events in Georgetown on the 1st: in the morning (9:30-11:00) at The Worship Place; and in the evening (6:30-7:30) at the Georgetown High School Football Stadium.

To me, old age is always fifteen years older than I am.

. . . **Bernard Baruch**

Some Rotary "Firsts"

- The first Rotary club meeting was in Chicago, Illinois, on 23 February 1905.
- The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, California, chartered in 1909.
- The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of the USA was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, in 1910.
- The first Rotary club outside of North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland, in 1911.
- The first Rotary club in a non-English-speaking country was in Havana, Cuba, in 1916.
- The first Rotary club in South America was chartered in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1918.
- The first Rotary club in Asia was chartered in Manila, Philippines, in 1919.
- The first Rotary club in Africa was chartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, in 1921.
- The first Rotary club in Australia was chartered in Melbourne in 1921.

Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?

Do You Know What Doug Lowe, our Treasurer, does for our club?

He is responsible for adhering to the budget created in the previous Rotary year. This duty involves managing and tracking incoming and outgoing funds.

Incoming funds include but are not limited to:

- Club dues payments
- Donations
- Money raised from club activities
- Rotary Foundation grants
- Sponsorship funds

Outgoing funds include but are not limited to:

- District and RI dues payments
- Charitable expenses
- Office supply and equipment costs
- Meeting expenses (e.g., facilities, meals)
- Promotional expenses
- Committee activity costs
- Miscellaneous fees

Doug also ensures that all collected funds and expenses are accurately documented. Provides members with receipts for their dues and donations, and records any transactions, including club purchases, in a ledger.

“Three-legged Willie”

“Three-legged Willie” was born in Georgia in 1804. Willie got sick when he was fifteen years old and lost the use of his right leg. The knee could not be straightened and so Willie had a wooden peg leg. He read a lot and passed the Georgia bar exams at age nineteen. He practiced law in Georgia and in 1829 moved to Texas and became a legend. He edited a newspaper and became a proponent of Texas independence. Willie was sent to the “Consultation” as a representative. The provisional government made him a Major in 1835 to organize a company of Texas Rangers. He fought in the Battle of San Jacinto.

The first Congress elected Willie as judge of the Third Judicial District. Shelby County had never had a court before and it was in Willie’s district. When the locals heard that the court was going to meet, they got a resolution against it and presented it to Willie. Three legged Willie looked at the resolution and asked “By whose authority is the resolution presented?”

The presenter took out his Bowie knife, laid it across the document and said, “This is the law in Shelby County.” Willie whipped out his Colt and laid it across the Bowie knife and said, “This is the Constitution that overrides the law.” And he then called the court to order. Oh, I forgot to tell you that “Three-legged Willie’s” given name was Robert McAlpin Williamson. As a legend and hero in the early days of the Republic Of Texas, he had a county named in his honor.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

To write with a broken pencil is . . . pointless.

A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , . . . U.C.L.A.

A will is a . . . dead giveaway.

A boiled egg is . . . hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping center . . . you've seen a mall.

A bicycle can't stand alone; . . . it is two tired.

When a clock is hungry . . . it goes back four seconds

He had a photographic memory . . . which was never developed.

When she saw her first strands of gray hair, . . . she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture: . . . a jab well done