



**"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  
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**April 8, 2014**

## **Last Time:**

Presiding: John Chenoweth  
Invocation: Jeff Smith  
Pledge: Glenn Coward  
4-Way Test: John Chenoweth

Members Present: 51

## **Visitors:**

Stan Brandenburg/Bill Harrah  
Wynn Mabray/Don Mabray  
Michael Bell/Lou Gibson  
Don Kelley/Charles Heald  
John Miles/Ray Bergman

**Visiting Rotarians:** PDG Tom Moore/Minnesota  
Jeff Parker/Georgetown  
Barbara Garland/Georgetown

**To-day:** Ms. Alyssia Woods, Development Director, Annunciation Maternity Home

**Next Week:** Biographies from Barbara Pekar and Tom Minor

## **Important Dates:**

May 16-18 District Conference  
Lake Conroe (online registration now open)  
June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

## **ROTARY'S AREAS OF FOCUS**

R.I. has identified specific causes to target to maximize our local and global impact. At the same time, we understand that each community has its own unique needs and concerns. Through [global grants](#) and other resources, we help clubs focus their service efforts in the following areas:

### **PROMOTING PEACE**

Today, 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution. Through our partnerships with several leading universities, Rotary Peace Fellows develop the skills to strengthen peace efforts, train local leaders to prevent and mediate conflict, and support long-term peace building in areas affected by conflict. We provide up to 100 peace fellowships per year at Rotary Peace Centers.

### **FIGHTING DISEASE**

More than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs. We aim to improve and expand access to low-cost and free health care in underdeveloped areas. Our members educate and mobilize communities to help prevent the spread of major diseases such as polio, HIV/AIDS, and malaria. Many of our projects ensure that medical training facilities are located where the workforce lives.

## PROVIDING CLEAN WATER

More than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.

## SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Our projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

## SUPPORTING EDUCATION

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

## GROWING LOCAL ECONOMIES

Pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.



## **Noah's Ark:**

### **Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.**

- ONE: Don't miss the boat.
- TWO: Remember that we are all in the same boat!
- THREE: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .
- FOUR: Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- FIVE: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- SIX: Build your future on high ground.
- SEVEN: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- EIGHT: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- NINE: When you're stressed, float awhile.
- TEN: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

## **Club By-Laws**

President John Chenoweth stated the proposed amendments to the by-laws have been prepared and will go to the Board next week. After that, a 10 day notice of the amendments will be sent to all members for their perusal. It is expected that a vote by the membership will occur at the regular meeting on April 28.

## **5 Ways to find HAPPY:**

Our speaker Jim Gentil, aka “Mr. Positive,” taught us 5 ways to be HAPPY.

Jim shared with us some magic tricks, stories, and thoughts on how to make every hour in your life–HAPPY Hour !

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. Each day gives you an opportunity and another chance at life.

- 1) Health– you need to exercise and eat right each day, if you look better you feel better. A win/win!
- 2) Attitude– you can control your attitude. You become what you think about. These are 6 important words to live by each day – You Have To Believe In Yourself!  
Don’t ever say negative things about yourself–only positive ones.  
I feel fantastic, I am a winner, I am important and I love myself!  
Try saying this out loud for 30 days when you get up each morning and it will become a habit. Just remember– You Are A Miracle!!
- 3) Passion– Find something you are Passionate about in your life. Have goals and look forward to something rewarding.  
Rotary’s motto “Service Above Self.”
- 4) Persistence– Power of your thoughts. Everything is a thought before it becomes a reality.
- 5) You– You are in control, you are happy, you have a sense of humor, you have a passion and you are persistent.

Most important of all, Believe in Yourself!

Here are the 5 ways to be HAPPY!

Health, Attitude, Passion, Persistence, and You...

You can make yourself HAPPY!

. . . . Adaire Wolf

## **Membership Moments:**

**Harold Bergh** recited the **Object Of Rotary:**

**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 people united in the ideal of service.

## **NEW MEMBERS:**

PRESIDENT **JOHN CHENOWETH** SUMMONED PAST PRESIDENTS **RICH PETRO** AND **TOM MINOR**, PDG **TOM MOORE**, AND **BILL MILLER** TO THE FRONT TO ASSIST IN THE INDUCTION OF:

**MICHAEL BELL**

**JOHN MILES**

WELCOME TO BOTH

*According to Herbert Hoover, retired Presidents  
“spend time taking pills and dedicating libraries.”*

## Do you know what Secretary Herman Knodel does for our Club?

Here are some of the Secretary's duties:

**Weekly** Distribute mass emails as directed by Club President and as requested by other Club officers. Process proposals for membership as received. Insure dues and initiation fees are received prior to induction. Maintain club files and corporate records.

**Monthly** Report attendance to District no later than the 10th of the month for the previous month. Take minutes at the Board of Directors meeting. Order supplies – for secretary (i.e., badges, New Member Package) and for club.

**Annually** Prepare annual dues statement and distribute to membership for July 1 dues payments. Prepare Semi-Annual Report to Rotary International (SAR), adjusting as necessary for adds and drops not already made on the Member Access. Make copies for District and your files and send original with check to RI.

**Prior to December 31** – Prepare election forms for Club Nominating Committee to select Club officers for following Club year. Publish names of newly-elected officers and directors. Transmit New Officer information for the RI Official Directory

**January** - Prepare Semi-Annual Report to Rotary International (SAR) Make copies for District and your files and send original with check to RI.

**Spring** – Attend District Assembly – Secretary Class. Submit policy changes made by the Board of Directors to the Policy Committee to be implemented into the Club's Policy Manual. Take/supervise attendance at weekly meetings. Sign/distribute visiting Rotarian make-up cards. Mail to home clubs as requested. Post make-ups.

## I Am Now Great!

What an inspiration came over me after our motivational speaker visited us. I learned some great positive thinking and now think I am really GRATE, er, ah, GRAET, er ah, sumpin'. I learned that the real secret of positive thinking seems to have people around you who are positive thinkers.

I now realize that my shortcomings are all the fault of you guys that I have lunch with every Tuesday. I am super, but you guys are dragging me down. Unless, of course, it is I who am dragging you down. Have I ruined your life, or was it ruined already? However, if you don't like my opinion of you, you can always get busy and strive to improve. Hold on to me because someday I may be quite valuable.

Every now and then, I do the right thing, just to try to confuse everyone. Anyway, with my new positive self, I can advise you to start admiring me NOW because soon you will probably have to stand in line for that. Seeing that coming, I have ordered a "take-a-number" machine to help control the lines. My problem has been that I get complete control of my positive attitude and then lose it every night when I dream.

Whoever selects my dreams is doing a really sloppy job. I am sure they are NOT selected by the motivational speaker that visited our club. I guess that life is an incurable condition and the only known treatment is to try to keep the patient comfortable. So eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow Reality may return.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

April is set aside as Rotary's Magazine Month. Throughout the month, clubs arrange programs and activities that promote the reading and use of THE ROTARIAN magazine and the official regional magazines of Rotary.