



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON Cowan Creek
Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
August 30, 2011

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Last Week:

Presiding Officer: Rich Petro
Invocation: Al Cummins
Pledge: Harold Bergh
4-Way Test: Don Bender

Guest: John Harding/Lou Gibson

Members present: 33
Happy Bucks: \$ 38.00

This Week: **Doug Lowe** has invited the Jarrell School Superintendent, our own **John Rouse**, to speak to us.

Next Week: **Caroline Holloway** is bringing Judy Apel, chairman of Friends of Library, and also the Director of the Georgetown Library. Their topic will cover information about the new Bookmobile.

Strategic Planning Process:

. . . . will take place at different times over several weeks. Last week's meeting looked at SWOT : Strengths; Weaknesses; Opportunities; and Threats. Led by Vice President **Jamie Mattison**, the meeting (which was attended by just 53% of the membership – are any of you feeling guilty?) concentrated on SWOT and many very good thoughts and ideas have come to light. With help from **Doug Lowe**, those ideas will be collated and discussed and in a future meeting a Future Vision for the club will be created.

Taking the lead from Rotary International which has now completed its plan, Jamie believes it is important for us to have a long-term plan in order to keep our club active, motivated, and inspired; and as she said, there are **five core values** in a club to keep in mind:

Service
Fellowship
Diversity
Integrity
Leadership

and **three strategic priorities:**

To support and strengthen clubs
To focus on and increase humanitarian service
To enhance our public image and awareness of Rotary

News From the Boardroom:

The application for membership of **John Harding** was presented to the Board. John was first introduced to our Club by **Lou Gibson**. **Renée Mercier** made the motion, seconded by **Linda Roberts** and the vote for approval of this membership by the board members was unanimous.

LAST WEEK: by **Bob Deffeyes**

There is no more important activity in the club than the successful building of the plan. There is no more difficult activity in the club than the successful building of the plan. I am really proud of our leadership for launching on this project.

The Plan Is Nothing

“The plan is nothing, planning is everything.” according to Dwight Eisenhower. Ike emphasized that it is the PROCESS of planning that reaps the benefits, not the finished written plan. Sun City Rotary has launched into the process to develop a three-year plan. The resulting plan is not as important as the process of putting the plan together. You need to get involved in the process NOW. Implementing the plan will be easy and fun if we all have some piece of ownership in the planning effort.

Our first session listed the many strengths of our club and that was just skimming the surface to that topic. There are a lot more. We have a great Rotary club populated with some amazingly capable people and powered by generosity and fueled by our connection to the Rotary Foundation. In our club, we are all on the same boat and everyone is rowing vigorously in his own harbor. We can achieve great progress if we were to all start rowing toward the **same** harbor. The goal of the planning process is to be sure that we all know what harbor we are trying to reach we can all row together in the same direction.

We all listed recruitment of new members as important. Recruiting is sort of difficult because we have 60 different ideas of why we are Rotarians. If we had a clear-cut plan of where we are going and how we hope to get there, then recruiting would be much easier. Also, we would not have as many new members who come for a few weeks and drop out. They could get involved more smoothly and a lot sooner in the things that make our club great.

By failing to plan, we are planning to fail. So why do most Rotary clubs fail to plan? In the absence of a plan, everyone heads in his/her own direction. The toughest job is to try to put together a plan when there are 60 different directions. Studies have shown that companies with 12 strategic goals actually have no goals. People cannot focus on a dozen different objectives, so they focus on no objectives at all. As the plan comes together, *help the planning team pull together the objectives that are really important to the club.* What are the objectives that will really make a difference to help us succeed? There is no more important activity that you can do for the club as we prove that Eisenhower was right when he said “Planning is everything.”

Dates to Remember:

Sept 9	GSE Team Member application deadline
Sept 15	Matching Grant applications due to District
Sept 29 – Oct 1	Bi-District Reunion, South Padre Island
Oct. 15-16	Chisholm Trail Days
Nov. 4-6	Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair
Jan 13, '12	District Roll of Fame nomination deadline
Feb 11, '12	Foundation Dinner, Lost Pines Resort
May 6-9, '12	R.I. Convention, Bangkok
May 16 – June 16, '12	GSE Team here from Australia

Future Programmes:

Sept 6	Carolyn Holloway	Al Cummins
Sept 13	Lou Gibson	
Sept 20	Bill Grusy	
Sept 27	Susie Ward	
Oct 4	Bill Harries	
Oct 11	Harold Lawless	
Oct 18	<u>Anniversary Dinner</u> (to be held at The Oaks)	

Future Recorders:

NEWS ETC: **Harold Bergh** celebrated his birthday while he was away in cooler climes; **Alex Munson** has (still another beautiful) granddaughter who has ended a semester with straight A's in her P.A. training in Philadelphia; **David Leas** is happy the Boy Scouts are conducting an appropriate ceremony to retire some American flags; members were happy football is resuming

NOTE: **Bob Selman** has been admitted into the Georgetown Hospital for rehab.

and - **Bob Weimer** fell and broke his hip a couple of days ago.

Polio Plus News:

A Message to Polioplus Warriors by Terry Ziegler, PolioPlus Chair District 5890

This week for the first time in a year, the final four polio endemic countries, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India & Nigeria, did not report a single new case We really are this close.

The number of cases of polio is only one indicator of progress, but it says something of value. Comparing the first half of 2011 to the first half of 2010, three countries have achieved a decrease in their number of cases whilst four have seen an increase.” Independent Monitoring Board of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

POLIO ERADICATION UPDATE FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 6, 2011

	Year-to-date	Thru this date in	
Total paralysis cases	2011	2010	Total in 2010
Globally	291	576	1,349
- in endemic countries:	96	73	232
- in non-endemic countries:	195	503	1,117

New polio cases reported during the past week: Pakistan, Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, all zero. Burkina Faso, one. Chad, four.

Here is an recruiting opportunity for our members to invite veterans to attend a meeting. On September 13th Lou Gibson is bringing Charles Lance who is an authority on Veteran’s Benefits.

Please plan to attend – and bring a veteran with you!

ET CETERA:

Dumb Texas Laws

When two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing, each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone.

A city ordinance states that a person cannot go barefoot without first obtaining a special five-dollar permit.

It is illegal to take more than three sips of beer at a time while standing.

You can be legally married by publically introducing a person as your husband or wife 3 times.

It is illegal to drive without windshield wipers. You don't need a windshield, but you must have the wipers.

It is illegal for one to shoot a buffalo from the second story of a hotel.

It is illegal to milk another person's cow.

A recently passed anticrime law requires criminals to give their victims 24 hours notice, either orally or in writing, and to explain the nature of the crime to be committed.

It is unlawful for a person to consume an alcoholic beverage while operating a motor vehicle upon a public roadway, if the person is observed doing so by a peace officer.

The entire Encyclopedia Britannica is banned in Texas because it contains a formula for making beer at home.

Abilene: It is illegal to idle or loiter anyplace within the corporate limits of the city for the purpose of flirting or mashing.

Austin: Wire cutters can not be carried in your pocket

Borger: It is against the law to throw confetti, rubber balls, feather dusters, whips or quirts (riding crop), and explosive firecrackers of any kind.

Clarendon: It is illegal to dust any public building with a feather duster.

Houston: Beer may not be purchased after midnight on a Sunday, but it may be purchased on Monday. It is illegal to sell Limburger cheese on Sunday.

Jasper: Dogs must be on a leash at ALL times. Fine of 100 dollars.

LeFors: It is illegal to take more than three swallows of beer while standing.

Lubbock County

It is illegal to drive within an arm's length of alcohol - including alcohol in someone else's blood stream.

Mesquite: It is illegal for children to have unusual haircuts.

Port Arthur: Obnoxious odors may not be emitted while in an elevator.

Richardson: It is now illegal to place a "for sale" sign on a car if it visible from the street. It is illegal to do "U Turns".

San Antonio: It is illegal for both sexes to flirt or respond to flirtation using the eyes and/or hands.

Texarkana: Owners of horses may not ride them at night without tail lights.