



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

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FEBRUARY IS ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Invocation: We thank Thee for this opportunity to meet with friends in the name of Rotary.
Guide us as we help to serve this community. Amen

LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Membership
Pledge: Boyd Johnson
4-Way Test: Byron Calcote
Members Present: 50

Visitors: Ray Quigley/Lou Gibson
Barbara Hallmark/Lou Gibson

To-day: Club Assembly

Future Programmes:

Feb 18: Pete Frendenburg, Head Coach, Mary Hardin Baylor
Feb 25: Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place
Mar 4: No meeting
Mar 11: Liz Stewart, Senior University
Mar 18: The Honorable George Carver, Mayor of Georgetown



Last Week:

PDG Tom Moore, visiting from Minnesota, was slated to present the programme today, but he is unwell and at home recovering from heart problems. In his place President John Chenoweth showed a portion of a video from PETS. The video featured Rev. Dr. Mouzon Biggs Jr., a long time Rotarian from the Tulsa Historical Society. Rev. Biggs spoke about the enjoyment he has derived over the years from his association with fellow Rotarians and he also mentioned the Rotary Wheel with its 6 spokes that symbolized the six objects of Rotary (this was in 1918). During the early years there were many manifestations of the wheel – some with 16 cogs and some with as many as 27 but in 1928 the exact specification of 6 spokes and 24 cogs was adopted at the 1929 Dallas Convention. It has been featured on postage stamps of more than 100 countries.

Paul Harris Upgrade:

As the Rotary Foundation chairman, **Bill Miller** presented **Dr. Alex Munson** with the Major Donor 1 recognition and an engraved crystal to accompany it.



President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U. S. Agency for International Development.

Dates to Remember:

March 6, 2014 **Mardi Gras evening**
May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
 Lake Conroe
June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney Olympic Park,
 New South Wales, Australia

Misc. etc:

As **Bill Miller** mentioned, the Gates Foundation has matched Rotary's Polio fund raising efforts 2 for 1 and our club has been one of the District's top leaders in fund raising since we started in 2007.

February is the month during which an extra effort is made to raise funds and once again **Lou Gibson** has stepped up and said if all members will donate at least \$15 each he will put in \$1,000. Not only that, but **Bill Harrah** is joining him in that effort. A very big *Thank You* to you both. So . . . all February donations to Happy Bucks will go towards PolioPlus.

NOTE: These donations will not only go towards PolioPlus, but they will also count as points towards one's Paul Harris fellowship pin.

Carolyn Holloway is still trying to find a home for the exchange student from Argentina during his 3-month stay and she noted funds are also being raised to help him get a phone so he can ring his family. **John Chenoweth** has agreed to put an article about him on our website.

John Chenoweth thanked **John Skannal** and **Bill Chapman** for setting up the pizza luncheon last week at which a very enthusiastic bunch of students was present. Also lending support were **Don Kaminki**, **Carolyn Holloway**, and **Lou Gibson**.

Polio is Eradicated in India.

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. This is a landmark achievement for global public health and the worldwide effort to eradicate polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

Experts had often believed India would be the last country to stop polio in view of the high population density, hygiene, sanitation and health conditions, which presented major challenges to eliminating the disease. The progress in India is a great credit to the strong commitment of the Government of India, seamless partnership comprising of the Government, **Rotary**, WHO, UNICEF and the Gates Foundation, and above all the tireless hard work of the millions of frontline workers – the vaccinators, social mobilizers and community and health workers – who continue to implement innovative strategies to KEEP India polio free.

Since 1988 - Rotary's Highest Priority.

It's 25 years since the 79th RI Convention in Philadelphia, PA USA (May 1988) when RI President Charles C. Keller announced that Rotarians raised \$247 Million dollars for their rallying and initial PolioPlus fund raiser, which was the first of many fund raisers to follow. Keller's theme that year was "Rotarians -- United in Service- Dedicated to Peace".

At the June 2012 convention in Bangkok R.I. President Sukuji Tanaka gave us a similar rallying cry (Peace Through Service) and Rotarians today are still diligently working towards eradicating polio. Although the world is close to eradicating Polio, recently a rise in cases of Polio with civil unrest and strife and some funding shortfalls have placed a barrier, which is blocking certification of eradication.

IN PAKISTAN— 22 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ATTACKS ON THE VACCINATION PROGRAMME.

The border regions between Pakistan and Afghanistan are wracked by violence, and their rural hinterlands are largely under the control of a diverse array of militant groups. The Taliban in Afghanistan

have been mostly cooperative with the polio campaign—in the south of the country, where their writ is strongest, they even help point out areas missed by vaccine teams— but in 2012 Taliban leaders in Pakistan began banning vaccinations in their areas, condemning the campaign as an American plot.

They also started targeting campaign workers for assassination: Since the ban started, 22 people have been killed in attacks on vaccine teams. Pakistani militants have been living nearby, and they refuse to let the vaccine teams in. The result is a pocket of unvaccinated children and a reservoir for the virus—one that threatens to spread to the entire region if unchecked. Indeed, seven months earlier, one of the few cases of polio paralysis in the country was reported here.

I Fear I Have Bad News For You

The scientists are messing around again. I fear that this news may upset a couple of our members who are geneticists. The genetics guys have done a great service to mankind by showing that stuff like height, eye color, and dimples are all inherited. Our parents, grandparents, and all those folks passed on just a whole lot of stuff to us. Our club's corn geneticist helped make great strides in feeding our world. But, like all scientists, they just can't leave well enough alone. I read in the December 1 issue of *Nature – Neuroscience* journal that geneticists have now found that fear can be inherited. That is like throwing an anchor to a drowning man. We just didn't need that bit of scientific messing around.

These guys took some poor little mouse parents and goofed them all up. With all the things to worry about, they made these mice afraid of the smell of orange blossoms. When I was in college, we had lots of oranges growing on campus. I loved the smell of orange blossoms, but I am not a mouse (although I like some types of cheese.) Anyway they would give these mice the smell of orange blossoms and then give them an electric shock. These mice hated the smell of orange blossoms. They then had little mice. Their kids were afraid when they smelled orange blossoms even though they had never smelled blossoms before. They also never got shocked. Then the next generation was born and they were also afraid when they smelled orange blossoms. They also found that they had more neurons that could smell orange blossoms than normal mice. Mice whose ancestors did not fear orange blossom smell thought it was just great. So researchers Dias and Ressler did more work and found that it was dear old dad that passed along the DNA for orange blossom fear, not mom. Mom just wanted her kids to grow up as normal little mice. In an exclusive interview with Mom Mouse, a Sun Light reporter found that she hoped her kids would grow up to find a cure for cancer, not just run around looking out for orange blossoms. So I was afraid to tell you that the scientists messing around with genetics have messed up a bunch of little mice. My dad was afraid to tell you that, too.

. . . . **Bob Deffeyes**

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.

. . . . Nicholas M. Butler

Membership Moments: with **Harold Bergh**

Early Act First Knight: Harold spoke about the EAFK, a groundbreaking character education programme for elementary and middle school children that is sponsored by Knights of the Guild and by ROTARY clubs. Mitchell Elementary School here in Georgetown is one of only two in our area that use this programme. Next Thursday February 13th at 9AM there will be a "knighting" service to recognize those students who have completed assigned projects and with exemplary behaviour to become civil and service oriented.

Interestingly, they begin each morning reciting **and** working the 4-way test! All who wish to attend the occasion can get further information from Harold.

PEACE FELLOWSHIPS

Each year, Rotary funds some of the world's most dedicated and brightest professionals to study at our Rotary Peace Centers. These fellows are committed to the advancement of peace, and often go on to serve as leaders in national governments, NGOs, the military, law enforcement, and international organizations such as the United Nations and World Bank.

WHAT ARE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS?

Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses.

Two types of peace fellowships are available:

1) **MASTER'S DEGREE**

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. Programs last 15–24 months and require a practical internship of 2–3 months during the academic break. Each year we award up to 50 master's fellowships from these institutions:

[Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), US

[International Christian University](#), Japan

[University of Bradford](#), UK

[University of Queensland](#), Australia

[Uppsala University](#), Sweden

2) **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE**

For those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields, we offer a 3-month program in peace and conflict resolution at [Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok, Thailand. This program incorporates 2–3 weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.

Rotary Peace Center Alumni - Post-Fellowship Employment

(Statistics are for all alumni through the 2011-13 class.)

Since the first class of peace fellows graduated in 2004, there are 781 living alumni: 512 from the master's program and 273 from the certificate program. Four took part in both programs. Here are the rates at which peace fellows keep in contact with Rotary.

Of the 750 of 781 Peace Fellows who have reported their current positions:

289 (39%) work for NGOs or other peace-related organizations

109 (15%) work for a government agency or the military

67 (9%) are teachers/professors

61 (8%) are pursuing additional advanced degrees in peace-related fields

51 (7%) work in research or academic support positions

41 (5%) work for United Nations agencies

21 (3%) work for police or are involved in law enforcement

18 (2%) are lawyers

14 (2%) are journalists

11 (1%) work for the World Bank

45 (6%) defy easy categorization; these include: bankers, human resource professionals, business owners, and people on leave from regular positions.

23 (3%) reported they are actively looking for work in the field.