



"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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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Rotary Prayer: We are grateful, O God, for the privilege of offering ourselves for service. Give us open minds, a clear understanding, a steady purpose to make the most of our talents, and lead us into the fields of work where we can best serve you. Amen.

LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth

Pledge: Ron Ferreri

Invocation: Membership

4-Way Test: Harold Bergh

Members attending: 43

VISITORS: Ray Quigley/Lou Gibson

VISITING ROTARIANS: Jay McNemzr/Downtown

This Week: Pete Frendenburg, Head Coach, Mary Hardin Baylor

Future Programmes:

Feb 25: Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place

Mar 4: No meeting

Mar 11: Liz Stewart, Senior University

Mar 18: The Honourable George Carver, Mayor of Georgetown

Important Dates:

March 6, 2014 *Mardi Gras evening* (no regular mtg on March 4th)

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
Lake Conroe

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

Rotary Moment: with Lou Gibson

Lou said how proud we should be of our generosity to the **Endowment Fund.** The Fund was established in June 2010 (a year in which Lou was President) with a donation of \$25,000 and since that time another \$38,792 has been added. Because of the excellent management of the money at Chisholm Trail, the earnings have totalled \$16,841 (fees were \$1,700). At the present time we have \$10,125 available for grants.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance,
everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat who will ignore him.

Last Week:

President John Chenoweth welcomed everyone present in the Sun City ballroom and thanked **CJ's** for a delicious meal. During Happy Bucks, members gave with **Bill Harrah's** and **Lou Gibson's** challenge in mind. **John Skannal** said there were 11 students who are interested in attending Camp RYLA; he and his team will do interviews this week and come up with two finalists. The camp is very popular and there are far more students who want to attend than are places available. **Bob Derse** donated a cheque to Happy Bucks in the amount of his birthday years!

As today was Club Assembly day, there was much discussion about finances. Treasurer **Doug Lowe** presented a recap of the club's financial situation and a copy of the breakdown can be seen on the club's website.

R.I. Has changed some rules and so we are obligated to change our by-laws to adhere to their recommendations and standards. Clubs must follow the R.I. Standard Club Constitution and so the Board will review our by-laws and advise club members of any amendments. There will be a vote on them after 10 days' notification, a quorum must be present at voting and then a majority is needed for adoption. President John Chenoweth hopes to have any changes ready for our perusal by April 1st and then have a vote on the 15th to be ready to follow our R.I. obligation to have them in place by April 30th.

The Final Three Polio Endemic Countries

Pakistan - 77 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 57 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on Nov. 26, 2013 in North Waziristan. The situation is critical in the North where local leaders have suspended Polio immunizations since June of 2012.

Afghanistan - 11 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 35 on this date in 2012. All 11 cases have been linked to cross-border transmissions with neighboring Pakistan. So, when we wipe out Polio in Pakistan, it seems likely that Afghanistan will follow!

Nigeria - 50 Polio cases recorded in 2013 compared to 118 on this date in 2012, with the most recent cases (from Kano) reported on Sept. 10, 2013. Polio is increasingly geographically restricted in Nigeria. Despite this being the rainy (high transmission) season, only 4 Polio cases have been reported in the last month and they have all come from the Kanod & Borno States.

Importation Countries

Syria - 17 Polio cases recorded in 2013. A large-scale immunization drive targeting 1.6 million children with vaccinations for Polio, Measles, Mumps, & Rubella started on Oct. 24. Large-scale SIA's targeting 22 million children in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, and Palestine, will continue for 6 -8 Mo

Israel - Although no paralytic Polio cases have been reported, environmental samples continue to indicate the presence of Type 1 Polio virus.

Somalia - 183 Polio cases recorded in 2013, with the most recent reported on Oct. 9 in Lower Shabele.

Kenya - 14 Polio cases reported in 2013, with the most recent case reported on August 14.

Ethiopia - 6 Polio Cases reported in 2013, with the most recent case reported on October 20.

Cameroon - 4 Polio Cases reported in 2013, with the most recent on Oct. 30.

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

. . . Charles M. Schulz

DID YOU KNOW?

Humans, as a whole, sleep less than other primates.

Nearly half of everyone snores

New parents lose between 400 to 750 hours of sleep during the first year.

Going 17 hours without sleep is the neuro-equivalent in cognitive impairment of a blood alcohol level of .05%

OUR STRUCTURE:

Rotary is made up of three parts: at the heart of Rotary are our clubs, that are supported by Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation.

Rotary clubs bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and take action.

Rotary International supports Rotary clubs worldwide by coordinating global programs, campaigns, and initiatives.

The Rotary Foundation uses generous donations to fund projects by Rotarians and our partners in communities around the world. As a nonprofit, all of the Foundation's funding comes from voluntary contributions made by Rotarians and friends who share our vision of a better world.

Together, Rotary clubs, Rotary International, and The Rotary Foundation work to make lasting improvements in our communities and around the world.

OUR PARTNERS

When Rotary partners with other organizations, we multiply the impact made by either group on their own. We call this "the Rotary effect." From local food banks to global humanitarian organizations, we work with a wide variety of partners, including:

Aga Khan University

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Global FoodBanking Network

Goodwill

Mercy Ships

UNESCO-IHE

UNICEF

Shelter-Box

United Nations

World Health Organization

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.

The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually. Today, only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are endemic, and in 2013, the combined incidence of polio in those countries fell to a record-low 157 cases.

Last month, India reached a three-year milestone without polio, paving the way for the entire Southeast Asia region to be certified free of the disease.

Our Club was well represented at the District 5870 Foundation Dinner at the Omni Hotel in Austin by the following members and spouses:

John & Deanna Chenoweth
Bob & Nancy Elam
Doug & Marcy Lowe
Mike & Phyllis Oglesby
Carolyn Holloway
Janice (Jacoby) & Jeff Parker

Also, congratulations to the Georgetown (downtown) Rotary Club and the Georgetown (Sunrise) Club for winning the District 5870 prizes for having the highest number of Club members and guests in attendance (32) and the highest percentage of Club members in attendance (79%), respectively (each Club received a Paul Harris Fellow award for them to give to a member of their choice).

Although RI President Ron Burton was unable to attend, the Keynote Speaker, Monty J. Audenart delivered an excellent and inspiring message about Rotary Service.

OUR Club is playing a major role in the expected record-setting year for District 5870 when you look at the collective and special Rotary Foundation support from these members who were specifically named as well as many, many other contributing Club members who continue to make OUR Club one of the leaders, year after year.

On behalf of Rotary and our Club, thank you very much: **Alex Munson, Dick Will, Bill Harrah, Susan Ward, Stephen Brown** and Harold Downey (*former member and President of our Club 1998-99*).

Remember – February is being dedicated to Polio Plus.

When the programme began in 1985 there were 1,000 diagnosed cases of polio per day around the world but now there is a total of 389 - around the world. Our club has donated \$39,634 over the last three years – a wonderful effort for a club our size.

How Lucky Can You Get?

Wow, some people have all the luck. I spent my career years chasing after the bitch goddess called success. Results were highly variable. Results seemed to come in three types *Good, Bad, and Horrible*. I got my share of all three. Other people rely on plain old good luck.

Well how lucky can you get? Ask Maureen Wilcox. In 1980 Maureen turned to the lottery to boost her income. What could it hurt to buy a couple of lottery tickets and maybe lady luck will smile on you. So she bought a ticket for the Massachusetts State Lottery. Then, for good luck, she bought one for the Rhode Island Lottery. Lady Luck was in a good mood, actually a GREAT mood. Maureen wound up holding the winning numbers for both the Massachusetts and Rhode Island lotteries. Wow, some people have all the luck. Can you imagine that? What would you do if you held the winning numbers on two lotteries?

I remember one lady in California who bought a winning lottery ticket for several million dollars. She called her hubby at work and told him that she had won the lottery and said, "Come home and start packing." He asked, "What should I pack? Do I need Hawaiian beach stuff, or suits for London? What?" She replied, "Pack everything. I want you out of the house by midnight." Ooops.

Well, Maureen, did not get excited. She did not kick her husband out of the house. She did not quit her job. No, instead of excited, she was really depressed. Her ticket for the Massachusetts Lottery had the winning numbers for the Rhode Island lottery and the Rhode Island ticket had the winning numbers for the Massachusetts lottery. Other than that little detail, it was a pretty remarkable event. Wow, some people have all the luck, but maybe it wasn't Maureen.

. . . Bob Deffeyes