



"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 ROTARY WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Invocation: Dear Lord, being in Rotary allows us to serve others. We ask that You help us remember always the Four Way Test as we work today and everyday. Help us to serve humbly and willingly as we focus on the needs of our community. Thank You for our gifts and help us to use them wisely. Amen.

LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Jeff Smith
Pledge: John Rutan
4-Way Test: Art Tragesser
Members Present: 45

Visitors: Pat Bender

Visiting Rotarians: Jeff Parker/Downtown
Sam Smith/Santa Fe Springs
Asst.Gov. Ron Swain/Downtown

To-day: Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place

Future Programmes:

Mar 4: No meeting
Mar 11: Liz Stewart, Senior University
Mar 18: The Honorable 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



RYLA Update: by John Skannal

All the interested students have now been interviewed and most are very active in their school and in the community.

Special thanks to: **Barbara Pekar, Carolyn Holloway, & Don Kaminky** for offering their time & talents for the interview process.

(FYI – for several years now John has been the leading light in the process of finding students to go to the annual RYLA camp. A lot of work goes into finding the best candidates and John is to be congratulated for his hard work.)

Thousands of years ago, cats were worshipped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.

RECOGNITIONS:

Your generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. We recognize donors to express our gratitude for your commitment and offer individual and club recognitions, as well as naming recognitions that let you honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITIONS

Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, when you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.

Benefactor, when you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.

Paul Harris Fellow, when you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. You are recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of \$1,000.

Paul Harris Society member, when you give \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Bequest Society member, when you give \$10,000 or more via your estate plans. All society members receive recognition from the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and donors can choose to receive an engraved crystal recognition piece and a Bequest Society pin.

Major Donor, when your cumulative donations reach \$10,000. You can choose to receive a crystal recognition piece and a Major Donor lapel pin or pendant. Recognition items commemorate giving at these levels:

Level 1: \$10,000 to \$24,999

Level 2: \$25,000 to \$49,999

Level 3: \$50,000 to \$99,999

Level 4: \$100,000 to \$249,999



Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle - keep away from children.

.... Phyllis Diller

PAUL HARRIS AND WHITE HAT SOCIETIES

WHAT ARE THEY?

Paul Harris Society:

The Paul Harris Society is made up of those Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 or more in cash each year to the Annual Programs Fund. Membership is *voluntary* and can be terminated upon notification of the District's Chair. Paul Harris Society members are given a certificate and "wings" to wear with their Rotary or Paul Harris pin.

White Hat Society:

The White Hat Society is those Rotarians who give \$5,000 cash in any one year to any fund in The Rotary Foundation. This could be a cash donation to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent (Endowment) Fund, the Peace Center Initiative, the Polio Campaign or in support of a Global Grant.

If a White Hat Society member donates another \$5,000 in another Rotary year, a concho will be added to the white hat pin. White Hat Society members are given a certificate and a white hat pin to wear.

Misc. etc:

Lou Gibson has just celebrated his birthday; members are still contributing to the **Bill and Lou** polio challenge; **John Schwebke** praised the Georgetown Girls' basketball team for their 1000 wins (only 8 coaches in the USA can match that wonderful effort); **Dick Will** is pleased to be a part of the Georgetown school system mentoring project and encouraged others to do the same; **Harold Bergh** is ecstatic to add another word to his lexicon; **Carolyn Holloway** noted **Norm Peters** is in the news again; **Barb Pekar** has five family members with birthdays this month; **Bill Harrah** encouraged members to see the latest Palace Theater production; **Alex Munson** has donated to the "anti-polio" campaign.

John Chenoweth gave **Carolyn Holloway** a bumper sticker for her work in co-sponsoring the symphony orchestra; **Bill Chapman** also received one for his pizza runs during the RYLA lunch; the caterers, **CJ's**, have left surveys on the tables and John asked members to fill them in; John said the club has received a *Thank You* note from **Richard and Jeanette Nemeč**;

Stephen Brown, our local Mardi Gras representative, reminded us about the **Mardi Gras evening on Thursday March 6th at 6PM** during which there will be a jazz band, cajun food, wine, etc. Members are encouraged to wear masks, costumes, and wear the Mardi Gras colours – purple & green. A king cake will also be here.

Membership Matters:

Harold Bergh mentioned the Mitchell School and how they recite the 4-way test with such enthusiasm. Williams Elementary School also recites the test. Both the Downtown and the Sunrise clubs are involved in those schools and as Harold said, we can't let those clubs get ahead of us!

Last Week: Pete Frendenburg Head Football Coach, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Coach Frendenburg came to the school in 1998 to establish a football program. His initial hurdle was the fact that the school offers no athletic scholarships. So, Pete had to reach out to young men who love football and had strength of character. His original goal was to recruit 60 players: he got 214 players for his first class. Today the team averages about 200 players with 65 on the varsity and the balance on the junior varsity. The team has an exceptional graduation rate. Only two players have left school without a degree. One player is now in the NFL.

After the first two years, the team has had two or fewer losses each year. The Crusaders now enjoy a new football stadium that seats 9,000, which was part of a \$100,000,000 school expansion. Pete Frendenburg has received many honors. In 2013 he was named Division III Coach of the Year.

..... **Nathan Cabannis**

The Beginning:

Our 1.2 million-member organization started with the vision of one man: Paul P. Harris. The Chicago attorney formed one of the world's first service organizations, the Rotary Club of Chicago, on 23 February 1905 as a place where professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form meaningful, lifelong friendships. (109 years ago)

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member.

Polio Update

Fresh cases of polio - traced through genetic sequencing to the Pakistani strain of the disease - are showing up in countries that were previously polio-free, including Syria and Egypt, as well as in the Gaza Strip, said Ban Khalid Al-Dhayi, the spokeswoman for UNICEF in Pakistan.

There have been five new polio cases in Pakistan in just the first month of this year. Last year, Pakistan recorded 92 new cases, beating Nigeria and Afghanistan - the only other polio-endemic countries - by almost 2 to 1, the World Health Organization said.

Pakistan's beleaguered battle to eradicate polio is threatening a global, multi-billion-dollar campaign to wipe out the disease worldwide. Because of Pakistan, the virus is spreading to countries that

were previously polio-free, U.N officials say. Pakistan's neighbors are particularly vulnerable. The same genetic sequencing found that 12 of the last 13 new polio cases in Afghanistan originated in Pakistan. Just recently, a 3-year-old was diagnosed with polio in the Afghan capital of Kabul, the first case since 2001. Neighbouring India, with a population of 1.2 billion, has been polio-free for three years. Fearful that Pakistan could wipe out that achievement, India is demanding that Pakistani visitors provide proof of vaccination.

"The largest polio virus reservoir of the world," is in Peshawar, in northwestern Pakistan near the border with Afghanistan, according to WHO. Underlining the danger that Pakistan poses, there are 350,000 Pakistani children in just one small area of the country who have not been vaccinated - and it takes only one child left unvaccinated to reverse global gains against the disease.

The first attack against a health worker occurred in June 2012 and since then, 40 people participating in vaccination campaigns have been killed in Pakistan and another 39 injured, according to UNICEF figures. There are parts of Pakistan that are so volatile that vaccinators can't go there.

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

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 has 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 vaccination 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.

Of God And Sudoku

The famous mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707 – 1783) studied the math games that lead to modern Sudoku. He also wrote a famous equation that proved the existence of God. Let's start with Sudoku and work our way up. Euler studied puzzles called "Latin Squares". These are puzzles like magic squares and Sudoku. In a magic square, if you add the numbers in all the rows, columns and diagonals they total the same number. In a Latin square, each row and column contains all the numbers in the puzzle, but never the same number twice. Sudoku is a special case of Latin square. Euler would have loved it.

In 1979, there was a Sudoku like puzzle called *Number Place*. This puzzle came to Japan is about 1985 and morphed into "single number" in Japanese, written as ***Sudoku*** in English. In 2004, the puzzles were widespread enough that the *London Times* began to print it. Then it really caught on as U. S. papers began to print it. The Austin Statesman prints an easy puzzle each Monday and Tuesday, a moderate puzzle on Thursday and difficult puzzles on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Now on to the Euler proof of God. He was blind by 1776, but continued to do mathematics. Catherine the Great invited him to live in St. Petersburg. Blabber mouth Denis Diderot, the French philosopher visited and was trying to convert the Russians to his form of atheism. Catherine asked Euler to put a cork on this guy. Euler went to him and gave him an equation that proved the existence of God. He gave him this message,

" $A+b^n/n = x$, therefore God exists. Please respond if you do not agree". The equation was meaningless, however Diderot did not know anything about math, so he shut up and brooded over the meaning of the equation that proved the existence of God. So Latin squares were not the only puzzle that Euler studied. Shutting up philosophers was a complex puzzle that he solved quickly and easily.

... **Bob Deffeyes**