



"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

January 21, 2014

JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Invocation As we enjoy our fellowship, help us to remember how fortunate we are to be able to serve our brothers and sisters around the world through our great organization, and its astonishing Foundation.
That we are prosperous, enables us to give of our material wealth.
That we are free, enables us to work together on projects.
That we are generous, enables us to work together to achieve amazing successes.
And that we are dedicated, brings us together so that we may continue with these efforts.

LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Jeff Smith
Pledge: Lou Gibson
4-Way Test: Gary Sandercock
Members Present: 54

Visiting Rotarians:

D.G. Rich Kaye/Killeen Heights
John Goodrich/Natchez MS
Nelson Barrett/Downtown
Bob Smith/Sun Rise

To-day's Speaker: Linda McKenney, Personal Life Coach & Motivational Speaker
"Brave Heart: Expanding the three "R's" (Risk, Resiliency and Relationship)"

Future Programmes:

Jan 28: Norm Peters (club founding member), financial advisor, basketball official.
Feb 4: Tom Moore: Rotarians and the Boy Scouts of America
Feb 11: Club Assembly
Feb 18: To be announced
Feb 25: Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place

Vaccination Campaign Failure

The director of the U.N. Humanitarian operations said efforts to vaccinate 165,000 children against POLIO in Sudan's troubled South Kordofan and Blue Nile states has failed.

All technical arrangements for the campaign during one week last November announced by the government of Sudan had been agreed to between the government and the rebel SPLM-North. However, at the last moment, the SPLM-North and the on-going fighting resulted in nullification of the agreement.

New Member Inductions:

District Governor Rich Kaye very kindly inducted new members last week:

*Joel Walker, sponsored by Lou Gibson, and
Don McKinky who is transferring his membership.*

Welcome to both Joel and Don

Dates to Remember:

January 29, 2014 **RYLA** recruiting luncheon at Jarrell High School (tentative date)

**February 8, 2014 District Rotary Foundation Dinner
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown

March 6, 2014 Mardi Gras evening (No regular meeting on Tuesday 4th)

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
Lake Conroe

June 23-26, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

****** 2014 Foundation Dinner: The registration for the 2014 District 5870 Foundation Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, at the Omni Austin Downtown Hotel.

The cost is \$70 per person and event parking is free in the hotel's underground garage.

The dress is Business Attire.

Making it most special is that **RI President Ron Burton** is scheduled to join us as our guest speaker!

The club with the highest number of members in attendance, and the one with the highest percentage of members attending, will EACH win a Paul Harris Fellow to give to any member of their club. And, yes, a club can win both if it qualifies!

Last Week: by **Keith Goudy**

In the introduction it was mentioned that Mario always wanted to do automotive repair. When he would see a car stopped along the road, he would leave them a note indicating he could repair it. Repair today is primarily done by computer. There are 60 or more sensors on cars emitting signals to the car's computer. When looking for a repair shop for today's cars, be sure to look for those that have current computer analysis abilities.

Auto repair industry is not licensed so anybody can work on cars. Best mechanics will be Automotive Service Excellence (ASC) certified. There is continuing schooling and testing to be ASC certified. Industry is changing rapidly. Most diagnosis is done by computer so computer programs need to be kept up-to-date. In modern cars, many repairs are done by modifying the car's software instead of mechanical work.

Most fluids are synthetic so there is less exchange needed. Be sure to get proper fluid since tolerances are closer.

Many of the problems he sees are misdiagnosis by others.

Regarding having dealers do the service, they usually have parts readily available so are quicker to replace parts when it may not be necessary.

Most routine service now is oil and filter changes.

Most shops pay commission to repair techs based on the business they generate.

Marioshop can't do manufacturer warranty. However they are able to do the work for extended warranties.

Be sure to read any extended warranty as they usually have limited coverage and do not cover routine maintenance items.

If buying a used car, Marioshop will do a review of the car for you.

Main problems he sees:

Chevrolet - fuel pump; Ford - timing chain, spark plugs

Fewest repairs he see:

Dodge Ram pickup; Toyota; Honda

Misc etc.

*President **John Chenoweth** gave Rotary bumper stickers to:*

Alex Munson for his continuing contributions to the Endowment Fund; and

Harold Bergh, Ron Ferreri, John Scanlon, and Janice Jacoby for their great work during Breakfast With Santa.

EVOLUTION OF RI FOUNDATION PROGRAMS

1947: The Foundation established its first program, Fellowships for Advance Study, later known as Ambassadorial Scholarships.

1965-66: Three programs were launched:

Group Study Exchange,
Awards for Technical Training, and
Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

1978: Rotary introduced the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants. The first 3-H Grant funded a project to immunize 6 million Philippine children against polio.

1985: The PolioPlus program was launched to eradicate polio worldwide.

1987-88: The first peace forums were held, leading to Rotary Peace Fellowships.

2013: New district, global, and packaged grants enable Rotarians around the world to respond to the world's greatest needs.

Since the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, the Foundation has received *contributions totaling more than \$1 billion.*

January

As you read at the head of the 1st page (you **did** notice it didn't you?) January is Rotary Awareness Month.

This is the month for us to consider how our Rotary values - and our own actions - influence public perceptions of Rotary.

Rotary's strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

Service is reflected in our primary motto, Service Above Self.

Fellowship is the reason Rotary was founded over 100 years ago.

Diversity is an aspect of Rotary that becomes more important with every passing year.

Integrity is fundamental to Rotary's identity and when we maintain the highest of ethical standards, we strengthen the trust that allows us to serve more effectively.

Leadership, the 5th core value, should remind us that we are Rotarians and by choosing to accept that honor, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization.

When we are known as Rotarians, then everything we do reflects upon us all. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

News From the Boardroom:

- 1) *The date of the next Club Assembly will be on February 11th.*
- 2) *Proposed agenda items for the Club Assembly will be:*
 - a) *Explain our Club dues structure*
 - b) *Report on proposed changes to our bylaws mandated by Rotary International*
 - c) *Report on our Club meeting locations other than Cowan Creek Amenity Center*
 - d) *Report plans for Club's participation in Polio Plus to be held in the month of February*
 - e) *Report on our participation in the District's Vocational Scholarship Program at Jarrell High School*
 - f) *Give a final recap of the Breakfast With Santa Program held in December, 2013*

Membership Moment

Gary Sandercock recently received a very nice letter from Leslie Janca, Executive Director of The Georgetown Project, thanking the club for our donation of \$1,500 at Christmas time. As Leslie pointed out, the money has helped enhance services for homeless and transitioning youth as well as the recent expansion of THE NEST.

Information about THE NEST

Over 200 students in GISD each year are qualified as homeless under the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act. Legislation defines the term "homeless" as children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes students whose families live in doubled-up situations due to economic hardship, as well as older teens who live in a state of transition without the care of a legal guardian.

Approximately 75 GISD students each year are 9th-12th grade students who meet the definition of homeless. This is the target population for The NEST.

The NEST is a program of The Georgetown Project and is a safe haven after school for teens living in transition with access to an evening meal, snacks, hygiene essentials, clothing, showers, laundry facilities, tutoring, counseling (individual and family), job readiness training, college prep, credit recovery, Drivers Education Online, Enrichment/Summer programming and other support services in a positive environment with caring adults.

The NEST is located in very close proximity to Georgetown High School; however, all 9th-12th grade students, Eagles and Patriots alike, qualified as homeless by GISD, have access to services.

The NEST Goals:

Provide a safe, nurturing environment of dignity and respect during out of school time that encourages a positive view of the future.

Provide basic needs and linkages with local resources to stabilize daily life.

Provide counseling for family reunification if practical and safe.

Provide support services needed to complete high school and prepare for a self-sustaining and healthy lifestyle.

Provide opportunities for serving others and for building positive connections with caring adults in the community.

Tentative Date for the RYLA Pizza Recruiting Lunch**

Wednesday, January. 29th @ Jarrell High School

Our club traditionally sponsors & awards 2 Jarrell High School students (1 boy / 1 girl) with a fully paid camp tuition (by our club).

Our club also financially sponsors a meal; several Rotarians from our club travel to the camp and prepare & serve the meal on our designated date.

Recruiting, Camper Selection, & Registration for camp will all take place over the next 6 - 7 weeks. Dates for Camp RYLA are Sunday, June 29th - Friday, July 4th, in Bastrop.

Last year our club sent 3 Jarrell students to Camp RYLA. All 3 students had a great time and reported it was a life changing experience for them at the week long leadership camp.

****RYLA** = *Rotary Youth Leadership Activities.*

I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully.

Most people never listen.

. Ernest Hemingway