



"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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Rotary Prayer: We are thankful for this day that You have given us, for its blessings, its opportunities, its challenges. May we appreciate and use each day that comes to us. We pray for strength and guidance for each day as it comes, for each day's duties, for each day's problems. May we be challenged to give our best always, and may we be assured of Your presence with us. Amen.

LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Membership
Pledge: Tim Gentz
4-Way Test: Janice Jacoby

Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Gonzalo Garza/Downtown
Sam Smith/Santa Fe Springs CA
John Hesser/Downtown
Tom Moore/Detroit Lakes MN

To-day's Speaker: Our own *Norm Peters*, a founding member of this club

Future Programmes:

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

Dates to Remember:

Tomorrow - - RYLA recruiting luncheon at Jarrell High School
February 8, 2014 District Rotary Foundation Dinner, registration deadline: FEB 4th
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown
March 6, 2014 *Mardi Gras evening* (no regular mtg on March 4th)
May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
Lake Conroe
June 23-26, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Club and Membership Mid-Rotary Year Foundation Giving Status:

Foundation Annual Fund:

Goal for Year = \$10,000
Given to date = \$5,869
% of Goal Reached = 59%

Every Rotarian Every Year:

27 of 64 members have donated to Annual Fund
13 of 64 member have reached Sustaining Membership (given \$100 or more)
(9 of the 27 donors will reach Sustain Membership level as they are donating monthly)

*The Board has agreed to let **February** be our Club's PolioPlus fund raising month to help eradicate Polio from this earth.*



*I like to listen. I have learned a great deal from listening carefully.
Most people never listen.*

..... Ernest Hemingway

Last Week by Harold Bergh

Speaker – Linda Mc Kenney, Life Coach and Motivational Speaker

People often say that they fear public speaking even more than death. Fear is a learned behavior. The only innate fears, those fears we are born with, are the fear of falling and the fear of loud noises. It is important to expose ourselves to our fears if we wish to reduce the power fear has over us. Linda Mc Kenney suggested five actions to take to be transformed into a BRAVE HEART.

Brand - Use imagination and specific actions to change your self image over time. This new perception becomes your compass. Negative thoughts and words have to be changed to positive thoughts and words. This moves us along a course of action as we re-BRAND ourselves.

Reflect - We need personal time and a place to REFLECT in silence. Solitude is not a waste of time. We must imagine and “daydream” in order to change the course of our lives.

Act the part – Linda gave an example from her own life of ACTING THE PART.

She revealed that she is introverted and shy. In spite of this, she decided to become an Avon representative. By acting the part of a successful door-to-door sales person, she was able to talk to people and achieved a measure of success beyond her expectations.

Volunteer – The Rotary motto of “Service Above Self” is more than just three nice words. VOLUNTEERs are 40% happier and likely to be healthier than people who do not do any volunteer work. She advises people to try volunteering in order to expand the mind. “Take a chance and volunteer,” she says.

Evolve - Confront your fear by exposing your fear. While some fears cannot be completely overcome, you should at least be aware of them. Keep an open mind, learn new things, and EVOLVE. We do not evolve when we become a “know-it-all.” We get stuck in a rut.

Fear can keep us in a rut. The BRAVE HEART can forge its own path. Strive to live a life of your own design. The caterpillar thought the world had ended. Then he became a butterfly.

POLIO News Around the World

Rotary's work to eradicate polio, our top priority, began in the **Philippines**. In 1979, Rotary funded the immunization of six million children with the oral polio vaccine. Based largely on the success there, the World Health Assembly authorized the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative* in which Rotary is a spearheading partner.

Rotary clubs in the Philippines have improved water and sanitation, led medical and dental missions, created literacy programs, and participated in reforestation plantings. When a 7.1 magnitude earthquake struck central Philippines last September, clubs were there to bring aid to those in need.

“Rotary members often are both first-responders and rebuilders when major disasters strike because clubs are present in every corner of the world,” Ron Burton, RI President, said. “We continue with recovery efforts long after international relief agencies have gone because Rotary clubs are part of the communities we serve.”

Membership Moment

with Harold Bergh

Harold noted how well we have done in recruiting more members into the club for the more members we have the more work we can achieve in Rotary. Harold reminded us he has M&M "medicine" pills available for anyone who needs some.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

Misc. etc.

John Scanlan reminded members about the RYLA luncheon on Wednesday (tomorrow) to be held at Jarrell HS; **Barb Pekar** gave us an update on Erica Hernandez to whom we gave a scholarship four years ago. Not only is she the first in her family to go to university, Erica has now been accepted at Harvard Law School; **Art Tragesser**, among several others, is happy not to be living in the north.

President **John Chenoweth** gave Rotary bumper stickers to: new member **Don Kaminki** who has already updated his information on the website; **John Scanlan** for his help during BWS, and **Bob Deffeyes** not only for his help during BWS but also for helping us raise money with his beautiful photographs.

Lost Photos

You lost an email I sent you? I did even worse than that. I lost some of my photos of Big Bend in fall colors. I sent them to someone by email and accidentally pushed the wrong button. The pictures were dumped and I had no way to recover them. I was really upset and desperate to try to get them back. I thought I would make one last ditch effort.

In my career, I had worked with NSA headquarters at Fort George Mead in Maryland. I called the secretary of the man that I worked with and asked if there was any chance that the NSA had intercepted that email along with the billions of others. The conversation continued like this:

RJD: ... so I would really like to get those photos back. Is there any chance that you can do that?

Secy: That is just a rumor started by some crazy anti-government activist. There is NO truth to the rumor that we read anyone's emails.

RJD: Oh, gee, I hate to lose them. I thought they were great photos.

Secy: Yes, particularly the one that showed the cottonwoods at the entrance to Boquillas Canyon. That was the best of the seven, a really nice shot.

RJD: Oh, you have them? Wow. Is there anyway you can forward them?

Secy: Heavens no. No one here has seen them. We don't read any one's emails. That is just a rumor started by some crazy anti-government activist. There is NO truth to the rumor that we read anyone's emails.

... **Bob Deffeyes**

Volunteers Needed:

Resolutions Hospice has many ongoing volunteer needs for our patients in Georgetown. We are looking for people who are willing to give 2-4 hours per month visiting with our patients in area facilities or in their home. We would also welcome anyone who would like to do music, art or other activities with patients. If you are interested, please contact:

Stephanie Draeken at 512-650-5236 or sdraeken@myhospice.us.

(There are several patients in Georgetown right now with no one visiting them.)

The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin:

Did you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

You probably thought the meticulous attention to the correctly folding the United States of America Flag was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but

The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defence of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are juppermmost reminding them of their Nation's motto, "In God We Trust".

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, the the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, and who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges, and freedoms they enjoy today.

