



"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 7, 2014

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Rotary Prayer:** As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.

**LAST TIME:**

Presiding: Bob Elam  
Invocation: Membership  
Pledge: Bob Elam  
4-Way Test: Membership

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Moore/Detroit Lakes/MN  
Jeff Parker/Downtown  
PDG Bill Bryce/Honorary member

Visitors: Randy O'Dell/Herman Knodel  
Tom Duffe/Herman Knodel  
Joel Walton/Lou Gibson  
Dick Clark/Mike Oglesby  
Jim Whittaker/Mike Oglesby  
Betty Calcote/Byron Calcote  
Lynda Peters/Norman Peters  
Laura Spradlin/SA Svc. Ctr. Director

**To-day's Speaker:** Mr. Jon Shaughnessy, former Boston homicide detective, and baseball scout for Boston Red Sox.

**Next Week:** Mario Serra: What you should know about to-day's automobiles.

**Dates to Remember:**

January 2-18, 2014 International Assembly – San Diego, CA  
February 8, 2014 District Rotary Foundation Dinner  
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown  
March 6, 2014 Mardi Gras evening  
May 16-18, 2014 District Conference  
Lake Conroe  
June 23-26, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia



## **December 17<sup>th</sup> Speaker: by Stephen Brown**

Lt.Col. Henry Gonzales gave an interesting and informative talk about the Salvation Army with which he has been associated for over 40 years. Founded in the UK by Wm. Booth, the S.A. has a 124 year history and Lt.Col. Gonzales gave us a brief synopsis of its history:

William Booth embarked upon his ministerial career in 1852, desiring to win the lost multitudes of England to Christ. He walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute. He helped improve working conditions for women and children taking his message to the people. His fervor led to disagreement with church leaders in London, who preferred traditional methods. As a result, he withdrew from the church and traveled throughout England, conducting evangelistic meetings.

In 1867, Booth had only 10 full-time workers, but by 1874, the number had grown to 1,000 volunteers and 42 evangelists, all serving under the name "The Christian Mission." Booth assumed the title of general superintendent, with his followers calling him "General." Known as the "Hallelujah Army," the converts spread out of the East End of London into neighboring areas and then to other cities.

Converts became soldiers of Christ and were known then, as now, as Salvationists. They launched an offensive throughout the British Isles, in some cases facing real battles as organized gangs mocked and attacked them. In spite of violence and persecution, some 250,000 people were converted under the ministry of The Salvation Army between 1881 and 1885.

President Grover Cleveland received a delegation of Salvation Army officers in 1886 and gave the organization a warm personal endorsement. This was the first recognition from the White House and would be followed by similar receptions from succeeding presidents.

The Salvation Army movement expanded rapidly to Canada, Australia, France, Switzerland, India, South Africa, Iceland, and local neighborhood units. The Salvation Army is active in virtually every corner of the world, including Russia where some of the work is done underground.

Lt.Col. Gonzales said the Salvation Army's ministry is part of the solution to Austin's homelessness situation. Between October 1, 2011 and September 30, 2012, 787 people left the streets, participated with the Social Services Team in case management and left the shelter with a safe and stable place to live. We assisted 416 people to improve their employment status. We provided 110,990 shelter nights. Yes, there is more... We served 332,918 meals. 8,109 children received toys for Christmas through the Angel Tree Program. The Austin Salvation Army Shoe-In program distributed 756 pairs of tennis shoes. Additionally, each child received 2 pairs of socks.

Lt.Col. Gonzales mentioned the Salvation Army has been in the Georgetown area since 1950 and while not an overt religious group, it was founded on Christian principles.

92% of all donations go towards the Salvation Army's work, the remaining 8% to administration – the lowest of any charitable organization.

## **News From The Boardroom:**

A motion was made to make **Bob Selman** an Honorary Member of our Club. This in response to (Bob's wife) Effie Selman's request that this membership change be made for Bob due to his current health condition. Bob has served our Club for such a long time and in such extraordinary ways. We miss seeing Bob at our Club meetings; the vote by the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

The applications for membership of **Jim Whittaker**, sponsored by **Mike Oglesby**, and **Jack Walker**, sponsored by **Lou Gibson**, have been accepted by the Board.

*It's nice to have four years between elections.  
It takes people that long to regain their faith.*

## **POLIO ERADICATION NEWS:**

*Polio cases have declined rapidly since 1985, but the fight isn't over. Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, and for as little as **US\$0.60**, a child can be protected against the virus for life. If we don't finish the fight right now, more than 10 million children under the age of five could be paralyzed by polio in the next 40 years.*

*However, efforts to vaccinate 165,000 children in part of **Sudan** last November failed because of fighting rebel forces.*

*In Nigeria polio cases dropped 50% in 2013 but it *is one of just a few countries where children are still at risk of paralysis or death from polio.* The government and aid organizations are working furiously to vaccinate as many children as possible. But even though the country's worst-hit regions remain inaccessible to health care workers, Nigeria has come a long way against polio and the country has had only 49 cases so far this year --- half the number from the same period in 2012.*

*The Nigerian government and a host of aid organizations are trying to vaccinate as many children as possible. But convincing parents that a vaccination will protect children is difficult; in some parts there is a strong belief that the polio vaccine causes infertility in girls.*

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living.

The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

..... Mark Twain

## **Who Are We Rotarians?**

We are 1.2 million neighbours, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

### **What Makes Us Different?**

Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages:

We see differently: Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.

We think differently: We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.

We act responsibly: Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.

We make a difference at home and around the world: Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

## **News From Rotary International**

CLUB PRESIDENT: Mr. John M. Chenoweth

CLUB GOALS SET: 100%      CLUB GOALS ACHIEVED: 12%

SERVICE GOALS SET: 100%      SERVICE GOALS ACHIEVED: 17%

FOUNDATION GIVING GOALS SET: 100%      FOUNDATION GIVING GOALS ACHIEVED: 13%



THEORY is when you know everything but nothing works.  
PRACTICE is when everything works but no one knows why.

### **Breakfast With Santa**      update from Gary Sandercock

The results of our 2013 Breakfast with Santa were very successful. We provided:

Gifts for 155 children,  
HEB Cards for 57 families,  
Money for Jarrell underprivileged children, and  
\$75 worth of gift cards for 20 students at the Nest.

We continue to receive donations and we estimate our donations to amount to approximately \$28K. Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we fed at least 1067 people and distributed all the gifts.

None of these things can happen without a lot of effort on the part of the club members who have been unselfish with their time and volunteered to make our 2013 Breakfast with Santa project successful. I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to the entire club for the outstanding efforts on this great project.

Gary noted that the latest copy of *Focus* has an article about the BWS effort. **Ron Ferreri** reminded us how hard **Donna Taylor, Adaire Wolf, and Barb Pekar** worked; and Barb noted that putting out barrels to collect toys (Donna's idea) was not only very successful but an overabundance of toys was collected some of which will be kept for next year's BWS. Adaire's brother lent us his truck to carry all the presents – thus saving the cost of renting one.

### ***EREY***

Every Rotarian, Every Year aims to engage every Rotary club member in the life-changing programs of our Rotary Foundation. The purpose of the EREY initiative is to:

- Encourage every Rotarian to participate in a Foundation program every year, and
- Encourage every Rotarian to personally contribute to the Foundation's Annual Fund every year.

With their volunteerism and generous philanthropy, Rotarians are at the heart of The Rotary Foundation's mission to eradicate polio and further Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs worldwide.

Financial support for the Annual Fund from every Rotarian is the key to helping rebuild suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe water, feeding the hungry, educating children and adults, and alleviating poverty. Every Rotarian, every project, and every contribution makes a difference every year.

Only 20.6% of our members have made contributions as of last month.

### **Misc etc.**

**Bob Elam** told us the reason he was presiding at the meeting was because President **John Chenoweth's** father died a few days ago and John is with his family; a condolence card for John was passed around for members to sign if they wished; Bob suggested individual memorials can be made to the Chisholm Trail Foundation in memory of John's father who had also been a Rotarian.

**Norm Peters** called **Richard and Jeanette Nemec** to the front and presented them with a gigantic *Thank You* card along with \$600 donated by members of the club – to go with the Paul Harris Fellow award presented last time; Rick & Jeanette will be sorely missed.