



The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rotary Prayer: As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of 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.

Today's Programme: A Club Assembly led by President Jamie Mattison who will present proposed changes to our Club's By-Laws that will be voted on in a fortnight's time (two weeks).

Next Week: Bill Chapman is bringing Jarrell H.S. Students who participated in RYLA last year and who will talk about their experiences.

Future Programmes:

Jan 22	Bob Deffeyes
Jan 29	Mr. Mel Penland on the TX Life-Sciences Collaboration Center
Feb 5	Mr. Gene Davenport, Past District Governor
Feb 12	Special Mardi Gras meeting at 6PM here at Cowan Creek

Special Dates: May 31 – June 2, 2013 District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs will be held in Bastrop

From the Boardroom:

Our club will participate in four international grants – the details of which will be given by **Jamie Mattison** today.

The following members have been appointed by Jamie Mattison to form a committee to devise a process for the nomination of officers for future years: **Adaire Wolf; Norm Peters; Bob Weimer; Doug Lowe;** and **John Chenoweth.**

Connie Clark has made application to become a member of our club. Motioned by **Bill Miller** and seconded by **Doug Lowe**, the motion passed unanimously.

Along with funding from Rotary International; District 5870; Rotary Club of Ciudad Victoria, Mexico; Cinco Ranch Rotary Club; the Georgetown Rotary Club; and our club, BiG (Brookwood in Georgetown) will receive \$56,00 to go towards a van to be used to transport their citizens some of whom are not ambulatory.

The Board agreed that a charge of \$10 – in lieu of \$12 – will now be charged for guests.

Last Time: December was a busy month for some: **Harold Berg, Bill Chapman, Bill Miller, Bill Bryce, David Stuetelberg, Barb Pekar, and John Harding** all had cause for various celebrations – birthdays, anniversaries, or graduations!

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ELECTION OF 2013-14 CLUB OFFICERS

Norm Peters, in a gravelly voice, talked a little bit about the nomination of future officers, and noted our club hasn't always necessarily used the "official" way of nominating members. Nevertheless, for the last 15 years of our being, we have been successful due in no small measure to the outstanding members in the club. Being comprised of Sun Citians and of "townies", the club is most diverse. Norm then called for nominations from the floor for next year's officers. There being none, he then called for acclamation for the list of officers as presented by the nominating committee. All members voted "aye" and there being no "nays" the following members will be the 2013-14 officers:

President: John Chenoweth
President Elect: Bob Weimer
Vice President: Bob Elam
Secretary: Herman Knodel
Treasurer: Doug Lowe

Directors:

Membership: Lou Gibson
Rotary Foundation: Bill Miller
Public Relations: Tom Minor
Service Projects: Gary Sandercock
Strategic Planning: Jamie Mattison
Club Administration: Adaire Wolf

New Member Induction: As inductor **Bill Bryce** noted, **Janice Jacoby** was a Rotarian in Missouri and so she already knows about the organization. Bill gave us an example of the motto of Rotary International by telling us about Maximillian Colby, a prolific writer and speaker and staunch anti-Nazi, who was a doctor of Theology in Poland in 1941 where he was arrested and sent to a concentration camp. After an attempted escape, the Nazis selected 10 men to kill as retaliation for the attempted escape; Maximillian Colby stepped forward and took the place of another prisoner, a young father. This incredible action illustrates the ultimate in **Service Above Self** that, as Rotarians, we all strive to emulate in our own ways.

Paul Harris Award: *Alex Munson* was called forward by **Bill Miller** to receive his Paul Harris +8.

Rotary Moment: *with Lou Gibson*

The Rotary Club of Western Australia raised US\$6 million for a cord-blood bank to help patients with life threatening illnesses.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown – Sun City funded a project in India to provide cleft palate surgery for children in India.

Breakfast With Santa:

John Chenoweth brought us up to date on provisional numbers re BWS. At the breakfast itself, we took in about \$1,200. It was a record year serving 1,000 people and buying gifts for 130 kids. And because of the super duper help of volunteers from the Georgetown Fire Department and our club, the kitchen and room were all cleaned up and we were gone by 12:15! The new plan of distributing gifts from the fire station worked perfectly and none of the presents had to be delivered separately. The wrapping sessions held the previous week took far less time than ever before and Walmart shopping for the 130 children took only 1 ½ days - another record!

John stated we have spent approximately \$25,500 and enough funds are still expected in so the estimations are we will have raised enough without having to resort to other avenues. The beautiful clock that **Richard Nemec** made raised \$312 and the winner was thrilled since he missed out winning it last year.

This year we cobbled together only 50 envelopes (last year we did 70 envelopes) for the Eagles Nest. Each envelop will have three vouchers for food and a movie.

The 130 children for whom we bought presents came from 42 families - including one family that lost their mother in June and whose father is raising their 6 children; and another family that is currently living in a barn.

And not to be left out, Jarrell was the recipient of \$2,000.

John then handed out "thank you" movie passes to **Bob Deffeyes, Harold Berg, Adaire Wolf, Barb Pekar, Bob Elam, Herman Knodel, John Rutan, Lou Gibson, Tom Minor, Carolyn Holloway, Gary Sandercock, Bill Miller, and Janice Jacoby** - for their extra special help.

Donna Taylor gave her bio to-day – Donna is a Texan who was born and grew up in the Hill Country before moving to Corpus Christi and then Houston where she began her community banking career. Starting as a teller, Donna worked her way up the ladder and moved a number of times including a stint in Chicago as a regional manager for six years. After her husband's retirement they moved to Tucson for four years where Donna started working in the "big" banks. But eventually Texas called them back and they moved to Georgetown where once again Donna found work in a community bank.

John Schwebke also gave his bio today. He was born in Milwaukee and as he said, was weaned on beer! After graduating from University of Indiana in Valparaiso, he entered the insurance world and began his career in Cincinnati but moved to Vermont in 1972. He also worked in New York in management positions before moving to a position in New Mexico from which he finally retired. John found his most interesting area was working in the agricultural insurance field. As well, John served on school boards for 26 years in two different states and was also a Rotarian in two different states. As a firm believer in the Service Above Self motto, John is looking forward to working for Rotary here in Sun City.

WELCOME TO BOTH DONNA AND JOHN !

Always remember you're unique...Just like everyone else.

(Bumper sticker)

Jihadis murder five anti-polio health workers

Last summer a Pakistani Muslim cleric said that polio vaccinations were un-Islamic. And you know what happens to un-Islamic things in Pakistan. "Gunmen Kill Anti-Polio Workers in Attacks in Pakistan," by Salman Masood and Declan Walsh for the New York Times, December 18th.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Five Pakistani women and a man were killed on Tuesday in separate attacks on health workers participating in a national drive to eradicate polio from Pakistan....

The attacks forced health officials to temporarily suspend a large polio vaccination drive in Karachi, the country's most populous city, where the disease has been making a worrisome comeback in recent years....

The shooting represented a brutal setback to polio immunization efforts in Pakistan, one of just three countries in the world where the disease remains endemic. Pakistan accounted for 198 new cases last year — the highest rate in the world, followed by Afghanistan and Nigeria.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but Taliban insurgents have repeatedly vowed to target anti-polio workers, accusing them of being spies. In the tribal areas along the Afghan border, Taliban leaders have issued religious edicts declaring that the United States runs a spy network under the guise of vaccination programmes.

January 2013 letter from Sakuji Tanaka, 2012-13 President of Rotary International

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I am a Japanese businessman, and I wear a suit almost every day. The Rotary pin is always on my lapel. It is there because I am proud to be a Rotarian. Anywhere I go, people will see the pin and know who I am. Other Rotarians will see it and know that I am a friend, and people who are not Rotarians will see it as well. I want to be sure that all of them also understand the meaning of this pin. This is why I am asking all of you to wear your Rotary pin and to raise awareness of what the pin means. I believe having that pin on your lapel changes you. It makes you think more before you speak and before you act. It makes you remember, all the time, that you are a Rotarian — and that as Rotarians, we are here to help.

All of us should be ready to talk about Rotary. When someone asks you about that pin, you should be ready to answer them. What is Rotary? What does Rotary do? These are questions that each of us should always be prepared to answer.

We cannot go to prospective members and ask them to join Rotary only because we want more members. We have to show them that Rotary is a wonderful organization, and that they will be happier because they belong to a Rotary club.

When we ask people to join Rotary, we are doing this to help them as well. I think all of us are grateful to the person who asked us to join. I know that my life is much happier, and has been much more productive, because of Rotary. It is clear to me that the day I joined the Rotary Club of Yashio was a day when I took my first step down a different path in life — a path of greater connection, greater satisfaction, and a deeper sense of fulfillment and peace.

This is a feeling that I want to share with others. And I know that one way to do that is through bringing in new members. But we must also do it by raising awareness of Rotary and Rotary's work, by focusing on our public image and wearing our Rotary pins every day.

Peace Forums:

This Rotary year, Rotary International is hosting three Peace Forums; the first was last month in Berlin and the next one will be held in Honolulu from January 25-27. Anyone who is fortunate enough to be able to attend will hear the remarkable key note speaker:

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate **Aung San Suu Kyi**.

Rotary Peace Centers were created to:

~To help mend international relationships that were damaged during two world wars, Rotary established intercountry committees, which facilitate humanitarian and peace efforts between countries. Today, nearly 250 intercountry committees are working to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace.

~ Through The Rotary Foundation's Peace Fellowships, more than 700 Rotary Peace Fellows have earned master's degrees or professional certificates that enable them to pursue careers in peace-building and conflict resolution.

~ Because of the efforts of Rotary and its partners, polio, a disease that was endemic in 125 countries just 25 years ago, is now on the brink of eradication, with an estimated 5 million children to date saved from lifelong paralysis. As the largest global public health initiative in history, polio eradication has shown that amazing achievements are possible when individuals, governments, and private partners join together in cooperation and service.

We urge everyone who shares our vision of peace to take action:

~ Encourage your national leaders to emphasize peaceful conflict resolution practices and avoid resorting to war.

~ Reject the notion of enemies. Actively befriend people from countries that have traditionally had adversarial relationships with your own country.

~ Reach out to marginalized groups in your community, such as ethnic or religious minorities, and develop new friendships and partnerships.

~ Work to empower those who live in places that lack political stability and the rule of law, as these areas are the most susceptible to conflict.

~ Connect with others to make a difference. There are Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, working in more than 34,000 communities worldwide. Join us in advancing Peace Through Service.

Peace is not a final destination to be reached, but an active and continuous process. All of us are capable of becoming peacemakers in our own lives, and through our words and actions, we will demonstrate that peace is possible.

TO CONTRIBUTE TO ROTARY:

1. **Annual Fund** - supports grants and activities worldwide. Donations are eligible for Paul Harris Fellowship recognition.
2. **PolioPlus Fund** - supports efforts to eradicate polio worldwide. Donations are eligible for Paul Harris Fellowship recognition.
3. **Permanent Fund** - helps secure the Foundation for tomorrow. Donations are eligible for Benefactor recognition.
4. **Rotary Peace Centers** - equips future world and community leaders with professional training and experience necessary to prevent and resolve conflict.

Phone keeps ringing *(The following is supposedly a true story.)*

Phone Won't Stop Ringing? Here's What You Do.

Leola Starling of Ribrock, Tenn., had a serious telephone problem. But unlike most people she did something about it.

The brand-new \$10 million Ribrock Plaza Motel opened nearby and had acquired almost the same telephone number as Leola.

From the moment the motel opened, Leola was besieged by calls not for her. Since she had the same phone number for years, she felt that she had a case to persuade the motel management to change its number.

Naturally, the management refused claiming that it could not change its stationery.

The phone company was not helpful, either. A number was a number, and just because a customer was getting someone else's calls 24 hours a day didn't make it responsible. After her pleas fell on deaf ears, Leola decided to take matters into her own hands.

At 9 o'clock the phone rang. Someone from Memphis was calling the motel and asked for a room for the following Tuesday. Leola said, "No problem. How many nights?"

A few hours later Dallas checked in. A secretary wanted a suite with two bedrooms for a week. Emboldened, Leola said the Presidential Suite on the 10th floor was available for \$600 a night. The secretary said that she would take it and asked if the hotel wanted a deposit. "No, that won't be necessary," Leola said. "We trust you."

The next day was a busy one for Leola. In the morning, she booked an electric appliance manufacturers' convention for Memorial Day weekend, a college prom and a reunion of the 82nd Airborne veterans from World War II.

She turned on her answering machine during lunchtime so that she could watch her favorite soap opera, but her biggest challenge came in the afternoon when a mother called to book the ballroom for her daughter's wedding in June.

Leola assured the woman that it would be no problem and asked if she would be providing the flowers or did she want the hotel to take care of it. The mother said that she would prefer the hotel to handle the floral arrangements. Then the question of valet parking came up. Once again Leola was helpful. "There's no charge for valet parking, but we always recommend that the client tips the drivers."

Within a few months, the Ribrock Plaza Motel was a disaster area.

People kept showing up for weddings, bar mitzvahs, and Sweet Sixteen parties and were all told there were no such events.

Leola had her final revenge when she read in the local paper that the motel might go bankrupt. Her phone rang, and an executive from Marriott said, "We're prepared to offer you \$200,000 for the motel."

Leola replied. "We'll take it, but only if you change the telephone number."