



The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
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JULY IS BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY MONTH

Rotary Prayer: As we join together as Rotarians and friends, we acknowledge our many blessings in life and that wherever we go we are always in Your presence. Although we sometimes are troubled with concerns about our home and families, we are grateful to You, O Lord, that we are blessed with homes and families. Although we sometimes complain of aches and pains, we are appreciative of our health and of our capacity to heal. We are grateful for our many blessings. Help us to live so that we may enhance the future of those whose lives we touch. Amen.

LAST WEEK

Presiding: John Chenoweth

Rotarian Guest: Ned Snead/Sunrise

Invocation: Gary Sandercock

Pledge: Bob Smith

Today's Programme: Dr. Paul Gaffney, Dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts at SWU

Next Week: Bob Deffeyes - Photography

Future Programme: July 30 Brian Harrison, Scott and White Healthcare Foundation

Last Week: President John Chenoweth presented a video of R.I. President-Elect Ron Burton when he spoke at PETs to incoming presidents and officers last February. Ron Burton has selected the motto this year to be Engage Rotary/Change Lives. All his speeches can be seen on his website.

Rotary, Gates Foundation partner to boost polio endgame support

A bold new chapter in the partnership between Rotary and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation aimed at eradicating polio was announced at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, late last month. The joint effort, called End Polio Now – Make History Today, will support the 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

“The Gates Foundation will match two-to-one, up to US\$35 million per year, every dollar Rotary commits to reduce the funding shortfall for polio eradication through 2018,” said Jeff Raikes, the foundation’s chief executive officer, in a prerecorded video address shown during the plenary session on 25 June. “If fully realized, the value of this new partnership with Rotary is more than \$500 million. In this way, your contributions to polio will work twice as hard.”

4-Way Test:

Our meetings have always begun with the recitation of the 4-Way Test. Do we recite it without thinking? Do we really pay attention to the questions and can we answer them honestly?

What is ethics? Ethics is two things.

First, ethics refers to well-founded standards of right and wrong that prescribe what humans ought to do, usually in terms of rights, obligations, benefits to society, fairness, or specific virtues. Ethics, for example, refers to those standards that impose the reasonable obligations to refrain from rape, stealing, murder, assault, slander, and fraud. Ethical standards also include those that enjoin virtues of honesty, compassion, and loyalty. And, ethical standards include standards relating to rights, such as the right to life, the right to freedom from injury, and the right to privacy. Such standards are adequate standards of ethics because they are supported by consistent and well-founded reasons.

Secondly, ethics refers to the study and development of one's ethical standards. As mentioned above, feelings, laws, and social norms can deviate from what is ethical. So it is necessary to constantly examine one's standards to ensure that they are reasonable and well-founded.

Ethics also means, then, the continuous effort of studying our own moral beliefs and our moral conduct, and striving to ensure that we, and the institutions we help to shape, live up to standards that are reasonable and solidly-based.

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From the Boardroom:

1) **Tom Minor** made the motion seconded by **Bob Elam** that **Chuck MacKay** be accepted as a Member of our Club. Chuck was one of the founding members of our club and was very instrumental in the early success of this club. The vote of the board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

2) **Bob Weimer** reported that the net profit from Summerfest will be approximately \$4,000.

3) The 2013-14 club budget will be presented to the club membership at our next Club Assembly on August 6th.

Membership Moments:

Harold Bergh will be away for a fortnight and urged members to avail themselves today of the special M&Ms he has and use them to bring in more prospective members.

