



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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JULY IS BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY MONTH

Rotary Prayer: Grant to our new leaders wisdom, courage and insight, so that we all may be led to new horizons of service - which is our purpose in Rotary. Accept our gratitude for this food and for our high calling to serve. Amen.

Welcome to our new officers 2013 - 14:

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

Congratulations to Don Bender - Rotarian of the Year.

Today's Programme: Club Assembly

Future Programmes:

July 9	Review of R.I. President Ron Burton's keynote address
July 16	Dr. Paul Gaffney, Dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts at SWU
July 23	Mr. Robert Deffeyes, Bird photography
July 30	Mr. Brian Harrison, Scott and White Healthcare Foundation

Upcoming Events: Sunday, July 7 **Summerfest**
July 12 Marble Falls Rotary Fish fry

SUMMERFEST:

Many donations have already been received for the auction, but more are needed. As well, **Bob Elam** and **Bob Weimer** still have tickets for sale - \$15/pp. The more we can sell/auction the more money we can raise to fund our projects.

Not only will we have some background music at the event, but Bobby Whitson from Harker Heights Rotary club who was the great auctioneer last year has agreed to come again.

LAST WEEK:

Last week we celebrated President's Night and after the invocation by **Carolyn Holloway**, the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Susan Ward** and the 4-Way Test led by **Connie Clark**, **Jamie Mattison**, in her last day as our splendid president, presided over a very enjoyable meeting.

Adaire Wolf, **Barb Pekar**, and their great team outdid themselves on decorating the room and tables in a Route 66 theme; there was even a table with Rte 66 books. And our incoming president, **John Chenoweth**, had a running video of old Rte 66 photos - no doubt bringing back memories of more than just a few members and guests! CJ's provided a delicious spread culminating with rootbeer floats for dessert!

Keith and **Sharon Goudy** were recognized by Jamie as our newest members - transferring from the Rotary club of Pflugerville (that has 2 meetings a week).

Bill Miller, our man for all things to do with the Rotary Foundation, presented **John Chenoweth** with his Paul Harris +3 pin. Then Bill asked the following Rotarians to the front when he presented Paul Harris pins to their spouses: **Bob Selman** for **Effie**; **Norm Peters** for **Lynda**; **Jamie Mattison** for **Steve**, and **John Chenoweth** for **Deanna**.

Outgoing President **Jamie Mattison** then gave a short synopsis of the things the club has accomplished and the awards given during the year:

- ✖ - we put into place our first strategic plan for the club;
- ✖ - had good recruitment and membership;
- ✖ - financial transactions were transparent and reports given to all members;
- ✖ - a better microphone was made available for the meetings;
- ✖ - Breakfast With Santa continued to be bigger and better in our 12th year; and the R.I. Exceptional Service Award was given to the club for BWS (John Chenoweth);
- ✖ - **Rich Petro** was inducted into the Roll of Fame;
- ✖ - the newsletter was named best bulletin in the district;
- ✖ - at Denim, & Diamonds last fall, **Lou Gibson** was given the Club Builder Award;
- ✖ - **Doug Lowe** received the Gaz Green Service Above Self award at the anniversary dinner;
- ✖ - quarterly club assemblies were held to work on club issues;
- ✖ - Membership Moments were introduced at weekly meetings;
- ✖ - the club by-laws were revised;
- ✖ - a Service to the Foundation award was given to the club for work on providing clean water filtration systems in one area in Honduras and two in Mexico;
- ✖ - the club helped with providing pace makers for indigent people in Mexico; and sixteen cleft palate surgeries;
- ✖ - the club is continuing efforts to help stamp out Polio;
- ✖ - along with Georgetown Rotary Club and Ciudad Victoria in Mexico, we helped BiG to obtain a much needed van;
- ✖ - EREY was successful again this year in supporting the RI Foundation;
- ✖ - Mardi Gras and Octoberfest were successful fundraisers; and the Arts & Crafts Fair in the fall brought in some funds for us as well;
- ✖ - many members attended the Bastrop conference and the Killeen District Assembly;

- ✖ - PolioPlus week (and "Screw Lou") was successful in raising money;
- ✖ - our club runner is now an even better internet site;
- ✖ - Past President Chris Mealy sadly died;
- ✖ - having greeters at the door was instituted;
- ✖ - we received the Presidential Citation from Rotary International;
- ✖ - our club history has been updated;
- ✖ - we provided blankets for victims of hurricane Sandy; and money to West victims after the explosion;
- ✖ - we have increased the number of women in the club to nine from six last year;
- ✖ - once again we helped at the RYLA camp for Jarrell students;
- ✖ - we sponsored Gladys Reyna for GSE trip to Phillipines, and in turn hosted a team travelling from Phillipines;
- ✖ - we continue to give scholarships to H.S. students in Jarrell and books for their library.

President Jamie Mattison then awarded 100 Paul Harris points for **Significant Service** to the RC of Georgetown - Sun City to:

Stephen Brown	Bob Elam	Ron Ferreri
Bill Harrah	Carolyn Holloway	Tom Minor
Barbara Pekar	Norm Peters	Gary Sandercock
Bob Weimer	John Skannal	Harold Bergh
Bob Deffeyes		

and 200 Paul Harris points for **Significant and Sustained Service** to the RC of Georgetown - Sun City to:

John Chenoweth	Lou Gibson	Herman Knodel
Doug Lowe	Bill Miller	Susan Ward
Adaire Wolf		

And, for **Extraordinary and Sustained Service** to the RC of Georgetown - Sun City, 500 Paul Harris points are awarded to **Don Bender** - who, week after week, works to ensure we have interesting and excellent speakers at our meetings.

At this time, **Norm Peters**, one of the three charter members of our club, came forward to install our new president for 2013-14, **John Chenoweth**, who in turn installed all the new year's officers and directors. John presented outgoing president **Jamie Mattison** with a past president's pin and also a special plaque complete with (attached) gavel.

New president John Chenoweth invited members to tell stories about Rte. 66 and Deanna Chenoweth, Bill Harrah and Ron Ferreri all presented delightful vignettes. He then mentioned the key parts of Rotary we should concentrate on this year: membership; the Rotary Foundation; and public image.

Rotary

Opportunity

Utilized

and our goal = **66** members

To

Engage.

PREVIOUSLY: by **Tom Minor**

Our club's presenter was Dianna Howard representing The Culinary Heritage Institute (CHI). It is a nonprofit public charity which uses food traditions to encourage healthy living, family cohesion, and environmental awareness.

Dianna offered two examples how her organization is involved in our community. They spent much time with the unwed mothers at the Annunciation Maternity Home teaching them how to prepare and cook food as no one had ever taught them. In the future these mostly teenage girls will learn gardening and how to grow many of their foods.

CHI is also involved in all three middle schools. It offers a 12-week, in-school program for students in residential settings. Classes include nutrition and healthy eating, family food traditions and recipe collection, cooking on a budget, table décor and etiquette, and demonstrations of ethnic foods by volunteer chefs.

CHI is able to keep their costs down by using many volunteers. Their website is: www.CulinaryHeritageInstitute.org and phone number is 512-863-7291 if anyone would like to volunteer their services.

Misc. etc:

Lou Gibson, whose granddaughter has graduated with honours from St. Andrews, is headed to Taos for the month of July; **Carolyn Holloway** and **Jamie Mattison** have had birthdays; **Alex Munson's** granddaughter has graduated with honours from Physician's Assistant school in Philadelphia and is currently celebrating in New Orleans; **Stephen Brown** has his 7-year old granddaughter here for a week as she attends Bible School; **John Harding** is glad to be back after a 2500 mile trip around the country to see his children and grandchildren; **Stephen** also said it was good to have **Richard and Jeanette Nemec** back; **Malcolm Hensley** is all packed and ready to fly Lisbon to represent us at the Rotary International Convention; **Dick Will** will soon go up to West Virginia for the summer; **Bill Harrah** was very pleased that **David Stuetelberg** is right here in Sun City and was able to minister to his back; **Bob Weimer** is headed to Milwaukee to pick up his two young grandsons.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENT with **Lou Gibson**

Rotary clubs in Brazil, Canada and USA introduced the concentrated language encounter method to boost literacy rates in Brazil.

Rotary Club of Georgetown – Sun City provides library books for the Jarrell School District, and collects school supplies and ships them to rural Honduras schools; has provided office equipment for the Georgetown Children's Advocacy Center, a security system for the Georgetown Boys and Girls club; and a special vacuum cleaner for R.O.C.K.

How to Make up a Missed meeting:

Rotary e-clubs are clubs that meet online. For many members, this new way of experiencing Rotary offers the benefits of a Rotary club, with added flexibility.

Other than meeting online to conduct club business, Rotary e-clubs are essentially the same as any other Rotary club: club members carry out service projects, support The Rotary Foundation, and socialize and network with each other. The main difference? E-clubs are accessible 24/7. View a list of current Rotary e-clubs available on the Rotary website.

E-clubs became official in July 2010.

Any Rotarian can make up a missed meeting by participating in an e-club online meeting.

ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT:

As Rotarians - we should:

EXEMPLIFY the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.

USE our vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.

CONDUCT all personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.

BE FAIR in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.

PROMOTE recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.

OFFER our vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in our community.

HONOUR the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.

NOT SEEK from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

The War, the Women, and the Vaccine by Rafia Zakaria

Karachi is hot in April, searing and unbearably scorching. It is so hot that the plastic consoles inside cars melt; the backs of shirts are always wet. On the streets, blaring horns and flaring tempers rise with the boiling temperatures, snarling and shouting in a raucous din. The sun baked asphalt can blister a bare foot; the still, vapid torpor of tiny rooms crammed with people can suffocate. It was in this tepid mix of poverty and pollution and exhaustion that the lady health workers of Pakistan were working. In and out they go from tiny hovels in one of the most crowded neighborhoods of the country. In the alleys, there are usually only children. Their mothers, older sisters and grandmothers all inside the homes. Few doors open for men; hence the task is left for the women.

Outside each door they wait, clad in their white coats and holding their government issued box of vaccines and basic health supplies. Inside, they ask the mothers, many of them only teenagers, to bring the babies, to unfurl the crying bundles on a bed or a table, so they can administer the drops of polio vaccine into their gaping mouths. The older children scurry around their feet, curious about their bag, their coats, and everything else. The mothers barrage them with questions. For millions, these young lady health workers are the only connection with a healthcare system. "Give me an injection," one woman may beg, believing like so many that a shot can cure anything. Before the female health workers arrived, the women bared arms with rashes and revealed festering infections. They don't listen when the health workers say there are not doctors. Most have never seen an actual doctor, and never will.

It was in just such a Karachi neighborhood on April 16 that a team of health workers was working with their vaccines and their boxes and their pamphlets on basic health information. The gunshots began suddenly coming from the other end of the alley. The workers, all unarmed, scattered and screamed and tried to take cover. The bullets bounced from the walls and shattered the windows of the small houses on either side. They were lucky that day; they lived. The polio drive in the city, however, which has reported several new cases of polio in the past year, was temporarily suspended.

Just four months earlier, in December 2012, five female polio workers had been gunned down in the city. They had been working in one of the city's Pashtun neighborhoods, inside homes with women who leave their houses only when they wed or when they die. Their intrusions would no longer be tolerated, the militants who killed them announced over their bullet-ridden bodies. Their

bereft families cried before television cameras, but the killings did not stop in December. They did not stop after the attack in April, either. In May, Pakistan held a national election and a new government was sworn in, and the attacks on polio workers continued. The last one happened in Peshawar, the capital city of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. In Karachi, the polio program that had been suspended last year remained so, and no more health workers went door to door in the most densely populated areas of the city. The lady health workers protested the suspension, the lack of security, the cessation of the task of inoculating Pakistan's next generation. They tried to remind the government and the world that without them the poorest women and children of a poor country would not receive any healthcare at all. No one listened.

In American movies or in American media, the story of the lady health workers has remained untold. The question is one of cost appraisal. In the American calculation, the death of Osama Bin Laden is a good that outdoes all harm. Harm in the equation would be limited to only to the mayhem visible to American eyes, the direct maiming and massacre that could have resulted if the United States, Seal teams, and lady FBI agents had all chosen to undertake a ground invasion of Pakistan, or even engage in a bombing campaign of the compound. In the selling of the Bin Laden operation, with its female architects who searched so doggedly for the enemies of America and the golden warriors that undertook it so valiantly, the watching world is kept rapt in the goodness of it all, its precision, and, yes, its humanity.

The lady health workers of Pakistan have no tools at their disposal. The fact that they operate in a country so ravaged by war and its chaos as to all but have obliterated truth does not help their situation. Medical mishaps happen so often in Pakistan that conspiracies are often the best way to explain them, and for those who cannot expect a solution, such explanations are crucial. In this midst, when proof is paraded of a ruse posturing as a cure, of a lady health worker working under the auspices of a CIA agent, of a deceptive vaccination program that could be so easily doctored up by spies searching for a killer, no shreds of faith remain on which to erect a case for their innocence. If one polio vaccination program could be co-opted by the Americans to achieve their purposes, what guarantee is there, after all, that not all of them could be somehow altered. It is hard to convince Pakistani parents that Americans care about their babies. In the aftermath of the Bin Laden raid, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan announced that the polio vaccine is meant to sterilize all the babies to whom it is administered. After all, they said, the Americans had obliterated Native Americans with the help of just such methods.

In the immediate aftermath of the first attacks, the Lady Health Workers of Pakistan, who number about 100,000, tried to make a statement. They were angry about the politicization of their program, of being caught between an America that saw victories only in the deaths of terrorists and the Taliban who were happy to kill health workers, who saw them as doing America's spying. After the December attacks, the Organization of Lady Health Workers disassociated from the "Short Interval Dose" program that was to begin on December 27, 2012. Several of their leaders tried to organize a strike, attempted to get attention in the media for the fact that millions of Pakistani women and children would be denied healthcare. Osama Bin Laden's death had taken from them the access they had enjoyed to the private spaces where women reside, the spaces where ulterior motives are not permitted to enter. Before the raid they were tolerated. Afterwards, they became targets.

Developed in 1994, the Lady Health Worker Program of Pakistan took educated Pakistani women from rural and urban areas of the country and trained them in basic health provision. In a country that is struggling to give its women a voice, where women have been deeply enmeshed in a fight against draconian laws and archaic cultural mores for the near seven decades of its existence, the program was a bold step forward that actually worked. Many of its kind have been destroyed by the incursions of patriarchal power, or rendered ineffective by the machinations of economic agendas that never see the health of women as a priority. Nearly all of these have been local evils, in which the enemies are filial and quite familiar. As the Lady Health Worker Program in Pakistan gasps for breath, with its workers killed and targeted, its work thwarted and delegitimized, the culprit is not one of these usual local suspects. Instead, it is an enemy that came from afar, under the cover of night, for whom the death of Osama Bin Laden, with its symbolic statement of strength, was more important than allowing the Lady Health Worker Program of Pakistan to live.