



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:

Let us offer thanks for our food, blessings for one another and for absent friends.
Let us be a source of hope for those in need, and contentment for those who are lonely.
Let us give gratitude for our opportunity to serve Rotary.
Let the feelings of love, kindness, and a well-directed, yet gentle spirit always be reflected in our actions.
Amen.

LAST WEEK:

Presiding: John Chenoweth

Guests: Leonard Butcher/Lou Gibson

Invocation: Norm Peters

Philip Stanford/Lou Gibson

Pledge: George Olive

Today's Programme: Bob Deffeyes - Photography

Next Week: Brian Harrison, Scott and White Healthcare Foundation

Future Programmes: Aug 6 Club Assembly
Aug 13 New member bios
Aug 20
Aug 27 Ray Bergman - Finance

Polio Eradication Update

The Final Five:

Pakistan - 18 recorded this year compared to 22 in 2012

Afghanistan - 3 recorded this year compared to 11 in 2012

Nigeria - 35 cases this year compared to 54 last year

Somalia - 45 cases this year compared to 0 last year (includes Mogadishu)

Kenya - 7 cases this year compared to 0 last year.

Can you picture 10,000,000 children in a line to receive the precious two drops (at \$.05/dose) which will protect them from the Wild Polio Virus? That would be a line 3,500 miles long.

But 10,000,000 is the estimated number of children saved from being paralysed by polio since 1985.

After all is said and done, usually more is said than done.

Last Week:

Don Bender introduced our witty and droll speaker, **Dr. Paul E. Gaffney**, who is in his 11th year as Dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University. Professor Gaffney has also served at Dartmouth College in Hanover NH as well as UT Austin.

SWU is one of only a handful of undergraduate Liberal Arts universities that supports a separate school of fine arts. Dr. Gaffney noted the presence of Carolyn Holloway and Bill Harrah as great supporters of the Arts. SWU, chartered under that name in 1840, is affiliated with the Methodist Church. Currently it has 1,400 students but that number may increase to 1,500 in the future when it will level off in order to retain the small-town feel. 89% of students come from Texas, but 33 states and 11 countries are represented; it is hoped more students from other states can be encouraged to attend. Most students live on campus thus enabling them to fully participate in leadership, service, and activism opportunities in the 90+ student organizations. 50% of students study abroad for some period and SWU is trying to increase that percentage since there are some who have never been outside Texas!

Last Spring the SWU chorale went to Italy and was the first choir to sing mass in St. Peter's Basilica after the new Pope was installed.

As a Division III non-scholarship sports school, SWU's students must maintain their grade point average; this results in an average of 91% having found employment or been accepted to graduate/professional school within 10 months of graduation. With a student/faculty ratio of 11:1 there is an average class size of 14 students, and the 22 intramural sports enable more than 80% of students to participate annually in some form of physical activity. Although the annual tuition is about \$45,000 the institution gives out about \$24M in aid.

SWU's original School of Music was formed in 1888; in 1941 it was merged with the Art Department; and in 1956 the Theater Department was incorporated into it making The Sarofim School of Fine Arts which was so named in recognition of the generous donations of Mr. Faye S. Sarofim. There are 23 full time faculty, 6 full time professional staff members, and about 30 part-time faculty members in the School. All students must study other subjects such as math, science, foreign languages, history, etc in order to be fully rounded as liberal arts graduates. All the areas of fine arts are studied such as history, theory, literature, and practice in each discipline.

SWU now has a new president, Dr. Edward B. Burger, who assumed office earlier this month. A young mathematician, Dr. Burger has been an educator for more than 30 years and is excited to be a part of this dynamic liberal arts institution.

Translational medicine – the conversion of scientific discovery into health improvement – is a new and growing area that SWU is investigating with a view to being a participant. This would be a graduate programme, something unusual for SWU but no firm commitments have been made with the Texas Methodist Research hospital that would be a partner in this endeavour.

Recently the Science faculty was given a large grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute enabling students to study applied sciences.

SWU has begun a football programme and the team will have its first game very soon. One of the reasons the trustees decided to incorporate football is because it will entice more men to apply to the university and keep the men:women ratio more balanced.

New Member Induction: Introduced by Lou Gibson, **Leonard Butcher** was inducted by him today. He reiterated the Object of Rotary which is to encourage and foster the ideals of service in worthy enterprises. As Lou said, our motto is *Service Abover Self*. And after asking Leonard to lead us all in reciting the 4-Way Test, Lou formally welcomed Leonard into the club.

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One of the tests of leadership is the ability to recognize a problem before it becomes an emergency.

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RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)

This year at RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) the campers assembled 20 prosthetic hands for individuals in countries plagued by landmines. Each "hand" costs \$85.00 and the District has asked each club to sponsor a hand. President John Chenoweth proposed we use the Happy Bucks from the next couple of weeks to cover the cost of a hand. It is hoped that next year there will be sufficient funds to cover the cost of the materials for 64 hands (there are 64 clubs in the District) which will be assembled by the campers. All members were in accord.

John advised he will soon arrange the formation of more committees to help with the organizing of our fundraisers. He also said Rotary bumper stickers (\$1) will soon be available for all who would like to have one.

Free Tomatoes by Bob Deffeyes

Although I had lived in Midland, Texas, in 1942, I had not lived in the Lone Star State for 27 years. I returned to Graham, the Capital of the Possum Kingdom in 1969. Driving from Fort Worth to Graham one spring day took me through Mineral Wells. It was lunchtime, but I did not want to take the time to eat in a restaurant, so I stopped at a farmers' market to buy cherries and apricots. As I got out of the car and looked straight up, the clouds were traveling in three different directions.

The low clouds were moving east, the middle clouds going south and the high level clouds were headed north-west. As I paid for my purchase, I asked the seller, "What is the weather going to do? The clouds are traveling in three different directions." As he handed me my change, he seller replied, "Well, Sonny, we have a saying in these parts. Nobody predicts the weather, but fools and newcomers." I could not resist replying, "That's an interesting thought, old timer, but now that you mention it, those are the only kind of folks I have seen since I got here." As I ran for my car, he threw in some tomatoes **for free**, literally!

R.I. Goals for 2013-14:

1. Eradicate polio and make our dream of a polio-free world real.
2. Successfully launch our a new grants model, plutting the transformative Future Visions Plan into practice worldwide.
3. Engage in innovative projects and creative partnerships that help build a more just and peaceful world.
4. Build ownership and pride in the Foundation by supporting the Annual Fund, the Permanent Fund and the PolioPlusFund.

Sugar is Sweet, but . . .

In the movies, the windows and glasses broken by stuntment are made of sugar. Sugar hardens asphalt and slows the setting of concrete and glue. Researchers have found that a spoonful of sugar does help the medicine go down (for babies under a year old) and that a teaspoon can cure hiccups. The oral polio vaccine was originally distributed on sugar cubes.

Sugar is addictive, releasing opioids and dopamine that activate the brain's pleasure receptors. Sugar may make you more suseptible to colds. And increased sugar consumptions is linked to heightened rates of diabetes and increased LDL cholesteraal, the classic risk factro for heart disease. Sugar can cause wrinkles. It is implicated in Alzheimer's, which some reasearchers have called the "diabetes of the brain." Sugar does not appear to cause hyperactivity in children.

A true friend never gets in your way unless you happen to be going down.

Misc. etc:

Connie Clark recently celebrated her 20th anniversary; *Lou Gibson* is happy to be back after a month away; many members were very thankful for the abundant rain; the following members joined Rotary during the month of July: **Bill Harries** (9 years); **Gary Sandercock** (2 years); **Tom Powell** (15 years); **Bob Smith** (7 years); **Susie Ward** (4 years).

The Rotarian:

More than half the Rotarians worldwide are served by magazines produced by independently by Rotarians, distributed in more than 130 countries, published in 24 languages, and have a combined circulation of 780,000. Some of the languages are:

Spanish, Dutch, French, German, Portuguese, Bulgarian, Chinese, Czech, Slovak, Arabic, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Ukrainian, Danish, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, and English.



Ponderings:

Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?

Monday is an awful way to spend 1/7th of your life.

Support bacteria - they're the only culture some people have.

Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

For every action, there is an equal and opposite criticism.

No one is listening until you make a mistake.