



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
June 12, 2012

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***** JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH *****

LAST WEEK:

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| <u>Invocation:</u> | Kelly Barnett | <u>Members Attending:</u> | 43 |
| <u>Pledge:</u> | Jerry Hobbs | <u>Happy Bucks:</u> | \$114.00 |
| <u>4-way test:</u> | John Chenoweth | | |

Guest Rotarians: PDG Gonzalo Garza/Downtown
Ned Snead/Sunrise

Guests: Tom Reed/Lou Gibson
Marion Griffith

Last Week: by Kelly Barnett

Our guest speaker for the day was Alyssia Woods, Director of Development from The Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown. **The Annunciation Maternity Home (AMH) is a free, full service home for young women and teens experiencing a crisis pregnancy.**

Founded in 2001, the mission of Annunciation Maternity Home is to provide women and teens in crisis pregnancies, and their children, with housing, educational opportunities, and access to health services to empower them in their journey towards independence.

AMH is the only licensed, long-term maternity home in Central Texas that provides free services for young women who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. The Home is licensed to assist up to 31 young women, and their children, during pregnancy and up to two years after the birth of her baby. While enrolled in the AMH program, clients can access free housing, the on-campus University of Texas Charter School for continuing high school education, post-secondary education, medical care, transportation, life skills classes, counseling, and job assistance.

Alyssia shared with us how we can volunteer at the Home using our knowledge and skills. We can also make donations of items for the garage sale such as furniture, clothes, household items, baby items. The garage sale is held from 8:00am until 12:00pm on the first and third weekends (Friday and Saturday) at the Home.

Alyssia was presented with a check in the amount of \$2500.00 from our Rotary Club as part of our commitment to help the Home. To learn more about our mission and our volunteer needs, call Celina, the Volunteer Coordinator at 512-864-7755.

TO-DAY: Harold Bergh – will host a Czech Fest

NEXT WEEK: Gordon Bishop – will introduce Thom Sloan, Development Director of the Scott & White Hospital Foundation

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Tuesday, July 3rd – RYLA in Bastrop

Wednesday July 4th – RYLA in Bastrop

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Future Programmes:

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| June 26 | President's Night |
| July 3 | NO MEETING |
| July 10 | Club Assembly |
| July 17 | Biographies |
| Aug 28 | District Governor's visit |

*The world is inhabited by two-species of human beings;
mankind and the English.*

News, etc.

As Alex Munson pointed out, it was this week, seventy years go, that the battle of Midway – by common consent, one of the three most decisive battles of the Second World War – took place; also, June 6th is the 68th anniversary of D-Day; John Harding and his wife, Lois, attended the graduation of their twin grandsons last weekend; Bob Selman and Effie were in Reno to see their grandson's graduation from H.S.; Susie Ward added her thanks to the Queen in recognition of her Diamond Jubilee; Bob Weimer urged everyone to go down to Fish City Grill this evening since 15% of the gross sales will be donated to the club; Tom Minor, among others, regrets John Rouse has left the club; but John will be thrilled the Jarrell Cougars are now the state champions; Jamie Mattison reminded members that some areas of Sun City are in Jarrell ISD and that is why this club supports the school with scholarships and books for their library; Rich Petro advised that Bill Miller is doing well after his knee replacement.

So far this year the club has raised \$6,034 for the Rotary Foundation and Lou Gibson remarked that this amount does not include funds we have raised for PolioPlus.

Membership Moment with John Harding

The Rotary Club of New Orleans rehabilitated and reopened Louisiana's oldest public High School, damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. And the Rotary Club of Georgetown - Sun City, raised money to help the victims. The money was distributed by a Rotary Club in Louisiana.

Members also provided funds to the Samoa Disaster Relief and to the Japan Relief Fund.

REMEMBER: - Next week . . .

June 26 (Tues) PRESIDENT'S NIGHT – Cowan Creek Pavilion (No regular lunch meeting)
 Time: 6:30PM
 Theme: Fiesta
 Cost: Members – no cost
 Rule of 85 & Guests: \$10.00

Every experience is of value, and, whatever one may say against marriage, it is certainly an experience. . . . Oscar Wilde

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God Gives us our relatives;

Thank God we can chose our friends.

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What makes polio an emergency?

On the 25th of May, the World Health Assembly declared polio a programmatic emergency for global public health.

Three things were driving the ministers of health of the world in declaring polio an emergency:

First – on a positive note – polio eradication has reached a tipping point. India, the country that was responsible for almost half the world’s cases just two years ago, has now passed an entire year without reporting a case, providing incontrovertible evidence that polio can be eradicated anywhere.

However, and this is the ministers’ **second** point, polio cases unexpectedly – and alarmingly – surged late last year in the three remaining endemic countries, from where it would undoubtedly make a global comeback unless it is completely eradicated.

And **third**, the ministers saw further evidence that when polio spreads to polio-free places, it is increasingly deadly. In Tajikistan and Congo in 2010, and in China in 2011, polio paralyzed adults as well as children in these outbreaks with high fatality rates among the adults, reaching nearly 50 percent in some of these places. This is on top of other research that has recently shown that if we let this opportunity slip through our fingers, we will soon be seeing more than 200,000 children again being paralyzed by polio each year.

That’s not just a number, that’s children’s lives changed forever. Many of them would die. If there were a tsunami coming, with 200,000 children in its path, we would do everything we could to get the children out of harm’s way.

News from the Boardroom:

1) **Jamie Mattison** reported that **Gary Sandercock** has agreed to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms for the upcoming Rotary year.

2) **Jamie Mattison** stated that future Board meetings starting in July, 2012 would be held after our regular meeting on the second Tuesday of each month instead of the first Tuesday due to the room usage of our meeting space by another group immediately following our regular meeting on the first Tuesday.

3) There was discussion about the distribution of profits from our Spring Fling held last April. **Lou Gibson** made the following motion seconded by **Bob Weimer**:

\$500 to Polio Plus to be paid immediately.

\$700 to be paid for Jarrell High School student scholarships to be deferred until the 2012-13 Rotary year since the 2011-12 scholarships funds have just been recently paid.

\$350 to the Georgetown Nest in the form of gift cards from HEB.

\$750 to Brookwood in Georgetown (BIG) with payment to be deferred until the 2012-13 year and used as matching funds for a DAP (District Assistance Program) grant thereby increasing the gift.

The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

4) Our Club will consider partnering with the Georgetown Downtown Rotary Club in sponsoring their annual golf tournament to be held later this year here in Sun City.

5) **Doug Lowe** made the motion seconded by **Lou Gibson** that 500 Paul Harris points be awarded to Bobby Whitson of the Harker Heights Rotary Club for his superb efforts in handling the auctioneering for our Spring Fling last April. 29th.

The vote in favor of this motion was unanimous.

You're not old unless you can remember

- * when Kool-Aid was the only other drink for kids than milk and sodas
- when there were only two types of sneakers for boys
- when it took 5 minutes for the TV to heat up
- when nearly everyone's parents smoked
- when you'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny
- when a dime was a decent allowance and a quarter a huge bonus
- when your mother wore nylons that came in two pieces
- when nearly everyone's mother was at home when the kids got there
- when it was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents
- when they threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed - and did
- when nobody owned a purebred dog
- * when you got your windscreen cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking for free every time.