



**"Service Above Self"**

# *The Sun Light*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

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## ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

### Last Time:

Presiding: President John Chenoweth	<b>Visitors:</b> Sarah Petersen	) Jarrell
Invocation: Jeff Smith	Tiffany Hyden	) High
Pledge: Gary Sandercock	Julie Thompson	) School
4-Way Test: membership	Ms. Annette Petersen)	
Members Present: 39	Laura Brady/Carolyn Holloway	

**Today:** Dr. McCauley, paediatric charity dentistry

**Next Week:** Ms. Lee Ann Powers, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

### Future Programmes:

June 17 Biographies  
June 24 **President's Night**  
July 1 Meddy Tekle, who migrated from Ethiopia and is now a successful business owner in Georgetown.  
July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, Author.  
July 15 Mr. James Duke, Bubba's Beez

### Important Dates:

June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia  
June 24, 2014 President's Night  
July 26, 2014 1st Annual Rotary Fest Fundraiser (Dinner Dance)

### POLIO UPDATE:

Winning local trust is vital to carrying out the polio endgame worldwide. ROTARY and its partners are in the forefront focused on countries where transmission of the wild poliovirus has never been stopped:  
Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

In Nigeria, a network of more than 3,000 volunteer community mobilizers is promoting vaccination in high-risk areas. In Afghanistan, not a single case occurred in 2013. The 11 cases reported were linked to cross-border transmission from Pakistan. Globally, families in polio-affected areas who refused immunization of their children dropped from 1.6% to 0.9% between January and September 2013.

## ROTARY'S HISTORIC CLIMB IN SYDNEY

During last Friday's world record-breaking Sydney Harbour bridge climb, Rotary members raised enough money to protect 240,000 kids from polio.

Despite the physically grueling four-hour trek up and down the bridge's storied steel arches, the 340 participants kept their good spirits and stood side-by-side waving 278 flags.

"When the helicopters were going around, you just felt like one great big nation," says Graeme Davies, district governor of the Rotary Club of Kincumber in Australia.

The massive turnout eclipsed Oprah Winfrey's world-record climb in 2011 when she summited the bridge alongside 315 of her most ardent fans. But for Rotary members, the record paled in comparison to the experience and the opportunity to take a step closer to ending polio forever. The event raised 110,000 Australian dollars (US\$102,300).

"It made me even prouder to be a Rotarian," said John Avakian from Healdsburg, California, USA. "It was an incredible experience of tremendous camaraderie."

Rotary members cheered for each of the 26 groups as they made way through the lobby to the entrance of the bridge climb. Cloud cover hid the sun for most of the morning, but light broke through briefly as the climbers unfurled their flags, which had been tucked into their sleeves during the ascent. Helicopters circled overhead from a variety of local Sydney news stations. Climbers cheered, danced, and even broke into the "Wave" from 400 feet above ground.

Climbers from Taiwan, Australia, China, Japan, United States, and dozens of other countries and regions supported each other during the event. They watched each other's backs, literally and figuratively, helping to steer climbers' heads away from hanging steel beams.

## HAPPINESS

'TIS BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE: PEOPLE REPORT BEING HAPPIER WHEN THEY SPEND MONEY ON OTHERS THAN ON THEMSELVES, AND ACTS OF KINDNESS BOOST MOODS (BUT NOT IF YOU PERFORM THE SAME ACT TOO FREQUENTLY).

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU HAVE, REGULARLY RECORDING WHAT YOU'RE GRATEFUL FOR IN A GRATITUDE JOURNAL IS LINKED WITH INCREASED LIFE SATISFACTION, HIGHER ENERGY, AND IMPROVED HEALTH.



## LAST WEEK:

*As our featured speaker had to cancel at the last minute, President **John Chenoweth** presided over an impromptu club assembly.*

*Due to the efforts of **Rich Petro, Connie Clark and Bob Crandall**, the three Jarrell High School students who were selected and will be given a Rotary scholarship, are with us today and they stepped forward and told us where they intend to go next year. The counselor with them, Mrs. Petersen, said how grateful she is for the opportunity given to these students.*

***Bill Miller** said that our club has qualified as an EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) club for many years and he hopes we will continue. Newer members can take advantage of a fund set up that will give new EREY donees a financial helping hand.*

***Greg Barber** spoke about the raffle for a new golf cart as well as 100 chances for gift*

*cards of at least \$25, and the dinner dance coming up on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets will be sold at City Market on Saturday from 11am to 1pm and sign up sheets were passed around for those who are willing to mind the Rotary table during those hours.*

*With the Rotary year coming to a close at the end of this month, next week John will give us the new way of paying for dues and meals; and he explained how to get on the website to see info about the club (website address is on the top of the 1<sup>st</sup> page).*

*John announced that **The Sun City Rotary Club** will proudly sponsor a hole at the 2014 Vet-Am Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 26 which is an opportunity for Sun City residents to provide a "thank-you" to the soldiers at Fort Hood.*

***Blob Elam** and **Carolyn Holloway** attended the recent District Assembly and they both remarked about the camaraderie and also how educational they found it; as well, it was thrilling to see **Tom Minor** be honoured by being inducted into the Rotary 5870 Roll of Fame; members are urged to attend one of these get-togethers to meet other Rotarians and learn more. Tom mentioned how stirring it was to have past members remembered – **Bill Grusy, E.C. Deaton**, and others. As **Doug Lowe** said, about the only acknowledgement members receive for their work in Rotary is at these conferences and so it is special when fellow club members attend; also it is just plain fun!*

## **WATER SUMMIT URGES COLLABORATION TO QUENCH WORLD'S THIRST**

The statistics are staggering. Worldwide, 2.5 billion people have no improved sanitation facilities. More than 783 million people lack access to clean drinking water. But the message at the [World Water Summit](#) held Friday in Sydney was encouraging: Rotary members and their clubs can bring down those numbers through collaborations and partnerships with the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and governments.

"These are scary numbers," said Jenny Da Rin, assistant secretary for the Health and Environmental Safeguards branch of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. "Reducing the numbers is a great challenge, but you are all here today because you are committed to playing our part in tackling these challenges. This is a wonderful forum for us to think about how we can do things better, think about how we can work together more effectively, and think about how we can get better results."

The water summit, the sixth convened by the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, aimed to match industry expert knowledge with Rotary-led projects. Brian Cook, a former Rotary district governor, talked about his district's initiatives with universities on water education in developing countries including Malaysia and India. Event organizers hope that participants took away a better understanding of how they can collaborate and partner with other organizations.

Seth Womble, a former Rotary Group Study Exchange student, is now partnering his organization, Water Missions International in South Carolina, United States, with Rotary clubs to take on urban water issues in the U.S.

*Once over the hill, you pick up speed.*

**MISC. ETC.**

**Gary Sandercock's** trip to Europe with his wife, Donna, was almost a comedy of errors; their luggage was lost (but eventually found days later) on three separate occasions; Gary is very pleased to have been voted onto the Board of Directors; many members were delighted about the good rain we've just had; **Bob Deffeyes** said he has been to Seattle and brought back the rain; **Don Kelley** who recently lost his wife said how grateful he is to be among friends in Rotary; **Carolyn Holloway** reminded members to look at the Sun City section of *Williamson News* where there is a picture of **Lou Gibson** by our 4-Way Test banner; **Doug Lowe** has had a good weekend get-together with his brother-in-law; **Bill Chapman** is currently dealing with an alleged assault in the elementary school; **Glenn Coward** is pleased to be back home after a road trip.

Save the planet; it's the only place with chocolate.

**WHAT R.I. DOES WITH OUR DONATIONS:**

*Each year, gifts to The Rotary Foundation fund thousands of projects around the globe. Here are a few examples:*

*\$76 million spent on [fighting polio](#) in the last three countries where it has never been stopped — Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria — and in others that remain at risk*

*\$126,000 spent to provide professional development for educators and improve literacy skills in rural Thailand;*

*\$72,000 spent to improve sustainable farming practices in Cameroon .*

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***Tax Record Assistance***

I know that some of our Rotarians are CPA's, accountants, and stuff like that. They work hard to help people and to keep up to date on the rapidly changing tax laws. However, I wanted a little freebie help on my tax records. In cleaning out a box of records, I came across my federal income tax return, payroll check stubs, and all the associated paper work. I know you are supposed to keep your tax records for a while, but this is my return for **1953**. Even though the IRS is aggressive about enforcing the tax laws, I thought that maybe it would be okay to toss this old return. If any of you tax experts know what to do, let me know.

. . . . Bob Deffeyes

