



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

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MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

Rotary Prayer: God grant us the wisdom, the will, and the way to emulate service above self so that we may live Rotary in our thoughts and in our deeds. Amen.

This Week: Ms. Liz Stewart, Senior University

Future Programmes:

- Mar 18: The Honourable George Garver, Mayor of Georgetown
- Mar 25: Biographies
- Apr 1 : Mr. Jim Gentil, known as Mr. Positive.
- Apr 8 : TO BE ANNOUNCED
- Apr 15: TO BE ANNOUNCED
- July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, and Author.

Important Dates:

- April 12, 2014 Club leader training, Killeen
- May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
Lake Conroe
- June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

LAST WEEK:

After **Herman Knodel** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and **Lou Gibson** gave the Invocation, it was Party Time! Wheee !! Thanks to **Adaire Wolf** and **Stephen Brown**, we celebrated Mardi Gras in fine form. Tables were decorated with beads and flowers, not to mention bottles of both red and white wine. The dinner was straight out of New Orleans and delicious. **John Skannal**, as he has done for many years, ensured we had plenty of king cakes (no one owned up to getting the baby). The Jarrell High School jazz band played for us – led by their director who plays a mean trumpet. There were some wonderful costumes (a few very special ones due to **Barbara Mabray**), masks, unbelievable hats, loads of beads and a plethora of Mardi Gras colours – gold, purple, and green (meaning power, justice, and faith respectively). Interestingly, it was the Grand Duke of Russia who selected the colours in 1857. “Fat Tuesday” has been celebrated for hundreds of years but it was in 1582 that Pope Gregory XIII placed it on his calendar on the day before Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent.

As **Stephen**, our Master of Ceremonies, revealed, the 1st Mardi Gras held in New Orleans was in 1837 although the very first US celebration in the US was in 1703 in Mobil, Alabama; by the way, did you know that the best known natural gas company in the US was in Monroe (his home town - the M.C must be forgiven for bragging yet again!)

GET READY - for next week's St. Patrick's Day meeting!

Our resident Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Brown, is planning a special green meeting.

NOTABLE ROTARIANS

Rotarians are your neighbors, your community leaders and some of the world's greatest history-makers:

Warren G. Harding,	U.S. president
Jean Sibelius,	Finnish composer
Dr. Charles H. Mayo,	co-founder of Mayo Clinic
Guglielmo Marconi,	Italian inventor of the wireless radio and Nobel laureate
Thomas Mann,	German novelist and Nobel laureate
Friedrich Bergius,	German chemist and Nobel laureate
Admiral Richard E. Byrd,	American explorer
Jan Masaryk,	foreign minister of Czechoslovakia
H.E. Soleiman Frangieh,	president of Lebanon
Dianne Feinstein,	U.S. senator
Manny Pacquiao,	Filipino world-champion boxer and congressman
Richard Lugar,	U.S. senator
Frank Borman,	American astronaut
Edgar A. Guest,	American poet and journalist
Sir Harry Lauder,	Scottish entertainer
Franz Lehar,	Austrian composer
Lennart Nilsson,	Swedish photographer
James Cash Penney,	founder of JC Penney Co.
Carlos Romulo,	UN General Assembly president
Sigmund Sternberg,	English businessman & philanthropist

News From the Boardroom:

Ray Quigley has submitted an application for membership into our Club. Bob Elam made the motion seconded by Gary Sandercock that Ray be accepted into membership of our Club. The vote of the Board members in favour of this motion was unanimous.

PREVIOUSLY: by Don Kaminky

Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place, Georgetown, TX, is new to the area from Florida. She immediately established with the Rotarians that The Caring Place was important to Georgetown by asking for a show of hands of who had donated clothes or items to The Caring Place. She received an almost unanimous show of hands. She then asked how many had volunteered and she got many hands. She reminded everyone that it is the best place to volunteer/give according to Best of Georgetown TX. Finally, she asked how many had bought items from them and received fewer hands.

She handed out a 2013 Report To The Community brochure and covered the highlights of the report. In her speech, she included the Vision and Mission Statements, and the support from the churches, organizations, and city were all lauded. She defined where the money came from to run the organization (59% shop revenue, 16% grants, and 25% donations). She stated that the expense for Administration/Fund Raising was just 11% and 34% for Shop Operations and 55% for Client Services. Client Services breaks into 42% for Financial Support like rent/mortgage assistance, utility bill assistance, medical services, coats for kids, etc. and 58% for Food Programs like The Food Pantry, Our Daily Bread, Fresh Food For Families, Holiday Meal Program, etc.

The Caring Place Serves 3,042 families of 7,913 individuals in Williamson County. She was asked if space was available for a Rotary meeting at The Caring Place and she said no.

E.C. Deaton passed away earlier last week. E.C. was a member of our Rotary Club from January 2002 to April 2013.

Club Leader Training

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: Registration Table Opens at 8:00 a.m., Session Begins at 9:00 a.m.
Anticipated Completion by 3:00 p.m.

Place: Central Texas College, 6200 West Central Texas Expwy., Killeen, TX 76549

Lunch: Provided on campus and covered by registration fee

Who Should Attend: Presidents-Elect, President-Nominee, Club Officers Committee Chairmen and anyone else who wishes to learn more.

Purpose: Provide Rotary Club Leaders with the necessary knowledge and motivation and develop the skills to:

- _ Support and Strengthen their Rotary Club
- _ Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service
- _ Enhance Public Image and Awareness

More Than One Million . . .

. . . babies a year don't survive the day they're born, according to the 2013 edition of the annual State of the World's Mothers report from Save the Children. India has the highest overall number of first-day deaths, with 300,000 per year, and the highest rates occur in 14 countries in Africa. Newborns are at greatest risk in Somalia, where women have, on average, more than six children, and little access to health care. Other countries have made progress: Malawi has reduced its newborn mortality rate by 14% since 1990.

POLIOPLUS INFO:

Rotary launched its polio immunization program [PolioPlus](#) in 1985 and in 1988 became a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since the initiative launched in 1988, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99 percent.

Rotary's main responsibilities within the initiative are fundraising, advocacy, and social mobilization. To date, Rotary has contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to fight polio. Through 2018, every new dollar Rotary commits to polio eradication will be matched two-to-one by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation up to \$35 million a year.

The Rotary grants include \$6.8 million for **Afghanistan**, \$7.7 million for **Nigeria** and \$926,000 for **Pakistan**. Grant amounts are based on requests from eradication initiative partners UNICEF and the World Health Organization. UNICEF will use a grant of \$2.73 million to bolster vaccination activities throughout the **Horn of Africa** as part of an on-going response to an outbreak that began in 2013 and has now infected more than 200 children. The so-called "imported" cases are linked to the strain of polio endemic to Nigeria, underscoring the need to stop the virus in the endemic countries.

The other countries where Rotary funds will be used to fight polio are Burkina Faso, \$2.1 million; Cameroon, \$3.4 million; Democratic Republic of Congo, \$3.9 million; Niger, \$2.3 million; Somalia, \$1.3 million; South Sudan, \$2.6 million; and Sudan, \$1.2 million.

Unrelated to this round of grants, Rotary released \$500,000 in December 2013 as an emergency response to the polio outbreak in strife-torn Syria, which had not reported polio since 1999. Through Jan. 31, there were 23 confirmed cases in Syria since October 2013, all traceable to the polio strain circulating in Pakistan.

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Dog's Best Friend The Noble Man?

By Bob Deffeyes

The scientists are out of control again. They are messing around out of control with stuff that they have no business messing with at all — the stuff I learned as a little kid. Scientists should not be allowed to do that without adult supervision. As a little kid we were taught that man domesticated wolves as hunting dogs. Now scientists are proving it was the other way around. In the January 23 science journal *Nature* the science guys reported on studies of the genetics and DNA of wolves that we got it backwards. Man didn't domesticate wolves, wolves domesticated man — as their source of starchy foods. They now think it was man who first asked wolves, "Do you want fries with that?"

The timeline just didn't work out. About 10,000 years ago in the Tigris - Euphrates valley, people began to be agricultural. People started to live in towns and cities and eat fries with their big Mac and sesame seed buns. Back then, the hunters lived out in the countryside and the farmers lived in towns. Meanwhile, the poor wolves were near starvation out in the wild. They had good years and bad years. In a bad year, the wolves got less timid and began to invade human settlements to hit the garbage cans for some starchy foods. They were first domesticated by that side order of fries, *NOT* by answering the help wanted ads for hunting dogs out in the rough. Well, Fido got hooked on those high calorie fries. The geneticists find that early wild dogs ate meat and had trouble digesting starch. But, their genes evolved over a few hundred years to allow city dogs to digest starches. Now they are good at digesting starches. (If you think starches made the dogs fat, you should see some of the humans.)

Dogs also learned to be less aggressive. I think it started when they read one of Aesop's fables and the dogs bought in on the moral, "Don't bite the hand that's feeding you." Then they began to get along better by treating human beings as if they were fellow dogs. Yes, Dog's best friend was the noble man. The key thing about dogs getting along with man was ***Sincerity***. Once dogs learned to fake that, they had it made. Fido was able to sell that old begging for table scraps routine. See what I mean about the scientists being out of control again? The thing I learned in school that "man's best friend is the noble dog" is now coming under fire in the journal *Nature*. So read that article and, er, ah, do you want fries with that?

Rotary's Sources of Revenue:

Dues account for about 65% of Rotary's revenues. The next largest source of income comes from return on investments. Rotary also earns money through publication sales, international convention revenues, royalties, license fees, and rental income at the world headquarters in Evanston, IL

Rotary Compared to Other Service Organizations:

The Foundation meets the 20 standards for charity accountability set by the BBB Wise Giving Alliance, and is a silver-level GuideStar Exchange Participant, demonstrating its commitment to transparency.

Partnership with the Gates Foundation is another strong affirmation of our metrics and reputation.

Attention: To those men whose pates are hair-deprived -

Human hair growth has been successfully grown from follicles in a petri dish. According to cell biologist, Desmond Tobin at the University of Bradford in England, two different molecules show promise for potential hair-loss treatments.