



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 441, Georgetown 78633

March 18, 2014

MARCH IS ROTARY LITERACY MONTH

Invocation: Heavenly Father, teach us that even if we can't do great things, we can at least do small things in a great way. May we always be sincere in our efforts to help others in need. Please bless this food to our use and us to Your service. Amen.

Last Time:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Jeff Smith
Pledge: Greg Barber
4-Way Test: Malcolm Hensley
Members Present: 45

Visitors:

Van Ramos/Lou Gibson
John Miles/Ray Bergman

To-day: Mayor George Garver

Next Week: Biographies

Important Dates:

April 12 Club Leader Training, Killeen
May 16-18 District Conference
Lake Conroe (online registration now open)
June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia



Last Week: by Jack Beckett

Our guest speaker on March 11 was Liz Stewart, Director of Senior University. Hailing from Houston and Midland, she attended the University of Texas and then taught at schools for the deaf. After taking a course in Beginning Spanish at Senior University, she took other courses and got more and more involved in the curriculum until she finally became the Director.

She emphasized that the courses being offered are anything but dull and boring. The instructors are academic and business people who are willing to share their passions. Many are retired and these often hail from Sun City. Such a wide range of courses are offered that everyone can find interesting avenues to explore. No one should miss this opportunity to keep learning new things. The new schedule of six-week winter and fall terms allows a person to take several courses at a time for only 60 dollars. Summer sessions and free public lectures are also offered. Travel sessions are also available; most are to Austin and vicinity but some involve much longer trips. We were invited to add our names to the Senior University mailing list. The only requirements for attending Senior University are age of 50 or over and residence in Williamson County or nearby areas.

Liz is also involved with the Symphony Society, which is becoming quite successful. She encouraged us to support this great addition to Georgetown attractions as well.

Fellow Sun City Rotarians,

I want to thank all Sun City Rotarians for your support toward the eradication of Polio from Planet Earth. I want to offer a special thanks to **Lou Gibson** for once again challenging our membership to step forward and to Rotarians **Bill Harrah** and **Dick Will** for matching Lou's gift. Additionally, Aetna Insurance will match Lou's gift as well.

This year's membership giving totalled \$6,201. As I called to your attention previously, and as you have probably read in the Rotarian Magazine, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match's Rotarian's donations 2-for-1. Thus our \$6,201 becomes \$18,603 in the fight to eradicate Polio. Below is our club's record of giving since the Gates Foundation Challenge began in December 2007.

Sun City Rotary Club's Polio Plus Giving by Rotary Year:

2007- 08 = \$ 2,605

2008 - 09 = 2,275

2009 - 10 = 9,190

2010 - 11 = 13,284

2011 - 12 = 6,824

2012 - 13 = 5,526

2013 - 14 = 6,201

Total = \$45,905

Bill Miller,
Sun City Rotary Club Foundation

News From the Boardroom:

Grover Trytten has made an application to become a member of our Rotary Club. Lou Gibson made a motion seconded by Tom Minor that Grover be accepted into membership in our Rotary Club. The vote of the Board members in favour of this motion was unanimous.

1) There was discussion about our Club's by-laws and how they conform to standard by-laws adopted by Rotary International (RI) in 2007. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Bob Elam that our by-laws be mirrored to RI by-laws with certain exceptions. These exceptions will be reviewed and determined not to conflict with the RI constitution. Our new Club by-laws should be completed by April 1, 2014 and then presented to the Club membership for approval. These new by-laws would become effective on July 1, 2014, the beginning of our new Rotary year. The vote of the Board in favour of this motion was unanimous.

2) *Two five hundred (\$500) HEB gift cards were left over from our recent Breakfast With Santa (BWS) program. Two members of the Board volunteered to purchase these gift cards at face value and the funds be deposited into our BWS account at Chisholm Trail Community Foundation.*

3) A proposal for a fund raising project was presented by Adaire Wolf and Don Kaminky. The event would be a dinner-dance to be held on Saturday, July 26. Proceeds from the event would benefit the youth of Williamson County. The estimated profit from this event would be \$4,500. Gary Sandercock made a motion seconded by Lou Gibson that our Club proceed with plans for this event with operating funds be used to upfront some of the costs for this event. After much discussion, the Board voted unanimous in favour of this event. The details of this event will be forthcoming to our membership in the near future.

4) *Don Kaminky discussed the idea of enhancing the above event with a raffle. This raffle was not voted on but would depend on our Club receiving a 501(c)3 status from the IRS as a non-profit charitable organization*

5) There was discussion about our Club's request for 501(c)3 status from the IRS. Gary Sandercock made a motion seconded by Lou Gibson that an investigation be made into the cost of application and the cost of filing reports for the 501(c)3 status. The vote in favour of this motion by the Board was unanimous.

6) Lou Gibson made a motion seconded by Bill Miller that the Happy Bucks received at our Club meeting on March 11, 2014 be received in honor of E.C. Deaton, deceased. E.C. was a long-time active member of our Rotary Club. These funds would be deposited into our Rotary Club Endowment Fund. The vote by the Board in favour of this motion was unanimous.

7) Don Kaminky shared information about the idea of our Club sponsoring a Rotary Interact Club at Jarrell High School. If organized, the Interact Club would be a "service club" by carrying out hands-on service projects, making international and community connections, helping develop leadership skills plus helping gain "career insights" that can benefit future career paths. No action was taken by the Board.



WHAT ARE ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIPS?

Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses. Two types of peace fellowships are available:

1. MASTER'S DEGREE

We offer master's degree fellowships at premier universities in fields related to peace and conflict resolution and prevention. Programs last 15-24 months and require a practical internship of 2-3 months during the academic break. Each year we award up to 50 master's fellowships from these institutions:

[Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA](#)

[International Christian University, Japan](#)

[University of Bradford, UK](#)

[University of Queensland, Australia](#)

[Uppsaa University, Sweden](#)

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE

For those with more extensive experience in peace-related fields, we offer a 3-month programme in peace and conflict resolution at [Chulalongkorn University](#) in Bangkok, Thailand. This programme incorporates 2-3 weeks of field study. We award up to 50 certificates each year.

Misc. etc

Janice Jacoby is going to Missouri with her new husband to introduce him to her family; **Ron Ferreri** is off on a 6+ week trip in the Mediterranean (but not by rowboat!); **Bill Harries'** 14 year old grandson whose band was featured in an article in the NYT, is playing at SXSW this weekend; **Bob Elam** attended the Presidents-Elect training seminar last week and he is motivated (and daunted); donations this week to Happy Bucks will be collected and deposited into our Endowment Fund in memory of E.C. Deaton; President **John Chenoweth** gave **Stephen Brown** a Rotary bumper sticker as a 'Thank You' for helping to make the Mardi Gras party successful; Stephen reminded members to wear green next week for St. Patrick's Day; **Harold Bergh** and **Ray Quigley** are going to entertain us and those members not wearing green will be fined \$1. John also thanked **Don and Barbara Mabray**.

President **John Chenoweth**, on behalf of the Board of Directors, called forward **Ray Quigley** and his sponsor, **Lou Gibson**, and formally inducted Ray as a member of the club.

Paul Harris:

Bill Miller presented **Ron Ferreri** with his Paul Harris +3 pin.

Doing the Fur Ball Rock

Recently a friend of ours adopted a cat from the shelter. What a nice thing for him to do. There lots of stray dogs and cats who need a home. Unfortunately the new kitty repaid him with a bite on the hand. He went to the hospital for a week, about three surgeries and a tough fight with infection. Pet bites can be very serious business. In fact serious enough that 86,629 people went to the emergency room as a result of their pets, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That is a pretty big doctor bill to pay for helping out some poor needy animal. That number does not include animal bites, attacks, etc. The 86,000 are just those caused by pet related falls. Yes us pet owners are really in for a trip.

I am forced to report that 76,000 of the spills are dog related. I am force to report that or the family cat threatened me with deadly harm. The remaining 10,000 are from falling over cats or kitty toys. About 20,000 dog related falls are caused while walking the dog. My cat points out that these falls do not happen to cat owners as their pet uses a sandbox. Only 2,300 of the falls come from people running away from dogs.

If you promise not to tell Plato, our cat, where you heard this I will tell you that 6,700 of the cat related falls come from stumbling over the animal. 1,200 are involved in trying to catch the dumb cat for stuff like trips to the vet, baths, or applying fur ball medicine.

Why do you need to know all this stuff? Well, injuries due to falls are sort of an occupational hazard of our age group. We attend training session about all the fall hazards in our homes and how to minimize them. But the training course I went to did not mention anything that meows or barks. Being of the wag more and bark less school of pets, I really need to watch out for the fur lined trip hazards more than the throw rug in the hallway. We threw all our throw rugs away, but we won't toss Plato anytime soon.

. **Bob Deffeyes**

NOTABLE ROTARIANS

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

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Sir Harry Lauder, | Scottish entertainer |
| James Cash Penney, | founder of JC Penney Co. |