



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

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There is no such thing as a good tax.

. . . Winston Churchill

Today: Biographies from Joel Walker and Don Kaminky

Next Week: Mr. Jim Gentil, known as Mr. Positive.

Last Week:

Presiding: John Chenoweth
Invocation: Gordon Bishop
Pledge: Connie Clark
4-Way Test: John Chenoweth
Members Present: 43

Visitors: Michael Bell/Lou Gibson
John Miles/Lou Gibson

Important Dates:

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference
Lake Conroe

June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Misc. etc:

Some members were fined today for not wearing something green; **John Chenoweth's** mother and sister had birthdays yesterday (St.Patrick's Day), as did the mother of Susie Ward; **Lou Gibson** reported that his ancestor, Alexander McFadden Gibson, came from Ireland; **Bob Smith** celebrated his 93rd birthday last week and added that amount to Happy Bucks; **Ray Bergman's** grandfather was from Ukraine and many gave to Happy Bucks in support of the **Ukrainians** and their struggle; **Bob Deffeyes** is back from a fortnight in Paradise (i.e. Hawaii); **Dick Will** was happy he's not Irish! **Bob Derse** added an extra dollar because he was wearing blue instead of green; **Carolyn Holloway** urged everyone to check out *Puttin' on the Ritz* at the Palace Theatre; **Connie Clark's** mother's maiden name is Kelly - a nglicized form of the Irish given name **Ceallach**; and **Herman Knodel's** mother's maiden name is Boyce – another Irish name; **Mayor Garver** was lauded by several, including **Gordon Bishop**, for his six great years as mayor; **Doug Lowe** will be absent for a short while and asked that we be easy on **Malcolm Hensley** during his absence! **Glenn Coward** and Deanne celebrated their 46th anniversary last week; **Herman Knodel** made an eagle on #1 yesterday.

New Member:

Flanked by Carolyn Holloway and Lou Gibson, **Grover Trytten** was formally inducted into Rotary by President John Chenoweth.

Welcome Grover!

Last Week: by Bob Elam

Mayor George Garver, of Georgetown gave us a captivating look at the future of Georgetown. Dr. Garver was born and raised in Kansas, attended universities in Iowa and Michigan and attained the Ed. D at Michigan State. He is the former superintendent of the Houston, Texas school system.

The Mayor stated that the business of the city has gone from the "routine" to the "major" in the last few years as Georgetown deals with extensive growth as evidenced by the activity going on and planed on Williams Drive, Westinghouse Road, and the Rivery area. He further noted that several assisted living facilities were currently being developed along with two psychiatric hospitals. Additionally, other major projects are in various stages of planning or possible consideration in this area; these range from the announced development of some of the 700 acre Wolfe property, to the possibility of a high tech battery factory. He emphasized the need to carefully consider the type of businesses and development we bring to the area. Projects currently being scoped could eventually involve investments in the many hundreds of millions of dollars. The population of Georgetown has the potential to grow from the current 53,000 to 100,000+.

This growth has driven increases in the staff at the city. Among the functions the city performs include police, fire, streets, library, airport, electric, water & sewer, parks and animal control. The Mayor stressed the importance of the 22 citizen committees which work with the various city departments to vet proposals prior to presentation to the city council.

Dr. Garver spoke of his personal values for elected officials; 1) live with honesty and integrity 2) treat citizens with civility and respect 3) vote based upon what they believe is in the best interest of the city.

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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,
Rotary Sun City Foundation Chairman

Previous News From the Boardroom: March 11, 2014

***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** (see article below) 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.

March 18th Board Meeting meeting:

John Miles, sponsored by Ray Bergman, and **Michael Bell**, sponsored by Lou Gibson, have made application to become members of our Rotary Club. Gary Sandercock made a motion which was seconded by Bill Miller that John and Michael be accepted into membership in our Club. The vote of the Board in favour of this motion was unanimous.

INTERACT

Interact is a club for young people ages 12-18 who want to join together to tackle the issues in their community that they care most about. Through Interact, they can:

- Carry out hands-on service projects
- Make international connections
- Develop leadership skills
- Have fun!

How Does an Interact Club Create Positive Change?

Every Interact club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

Service projects are an effective way to take action at home and abroad, connect with other young leaders, and get members excited about their club.

IN PAKISTAN— 22 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN ATTACKS ON THE POLIO VACCINATION PROGRAMME.

The border regions between Pakistan and Afghanistan are wracked by violence, and their rural hinterlands are largely under the control of a diverse array of militant groups. The Taliban in Afghanistan have been mostly co-operative with the polio campaign — in the south of the country, where their writ is strongest, they even help point out areas missed by vaccine teams — but in 2012 Taliban leaders in Pakistan began banning vaccinations in their areas, condemning the campaign as an American plot.

They also started targeting campaign workers for assassination: Since the ban started, 22 people have been killed in attacks on vaccine teams. Pakistani militants have been living nearby, and they refuse to let the vaccine teams in. The result is a pocket of unvaccinated children and a reservoir for the virus — one that threatens to spread to the entire region if unchecked. Indeed, seven months earlier, one of the few cases of polio paralysis in the country was reported here.

Fame and Fortune

I missed out on fortune, so now I have decided that I want to take the second choice and become famous. The problem is how can I do that. I went to bed last night wondering what it takes to be famous. At 2 o'clock in the morning I woke up with the answer. Some kid named Aesop won fame by writing a book called "*Aesop's Fables*". He wrote stuff about crazy stuff that people believed which conveyed a moral. Even though I have limited morals, I decided to write a book, "Further Fables Forming Our Feeble Future." That should make me as famous as Aesop's book did him. Most of Aesop's fables involved animals, but conveyed morals for people.

Fable #1. A lot of people today believe that the same government that can't deliver the mail (even with allowing the postal service to run a five billion dollar annual budget deficit) will somehow be able to deliver a healthcare program for everyone.

Fable #2. As we suffer in the current economic mess, a lot of people (some in very high places) think that banks and businesses create economic messes while governments create prosperity.

Fable #3. In spite of loads of medical research reports, a lot of people seem to think that AIDS is spread by lack of governmental funding. They believe that raising taxes on the rich would stop the spread of AIDS.

Fable #4. Ignoring the lessons of a lifetime of experience, a lot of people still believe that there is some kind of correlation between what political candidates say and what they would actually do if elected.

Fable #5. To maintain world respect and power, the best thing to do is to cut back on our military budget.

As I continued to list more and more fables for our troubled times, I reasoned that I need to have a very strong personal belief system. What do I strongly believe in? So, before I start writing on the book, I believe I will go have a second glass of wine.

..... Bob Deffeyes