



"Service Above Self"

The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

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MAY 13, 2014

MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

This Week: Ms. Candace Bocock, Probate Attorney

Future Programmes:

May 20 Temple Railroad Museum speaker
May 27 Ms. Chrystle Swain, Media Consultant
June 3 Dr. McCauley, paediatric charity dentistry
June 10 Ms. Lee Ann Powers, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library
June 17 Biographies
July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, Author.

Important Dates:

May 16-18 District Conference, Lake Conroe
June 1-4 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

LAST WEEK:

Presiding:	President John Chenoweth	<u>Visitor:</u>	Laura Brady/Carolyn Holloway
Invocation:	Jeff Smith	<u>Rotarian Visitors:</u>	Ron Garland/Downtown
Pledge:	Gordon Bishop		Ray Barron/Downtown
4-Way Test:	Nathan Cabaniss		Sue Snelson/Downtown

Members Present: 50

Polio Spread Declared World Health Emergency

The World Health Organization says the spread of polio is an international public health emergency that threatens to infect other countries with the crippling disease.

In an announcement Monday, the agency described the ongoing polio outbreaks in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary" situation requiring a coordinated international response.

Polio usually strikes children under five and is usually spread via infected water. There is no specific treatment or cure, but several vaccines exist.

Experts are particularly concerned the virus continues to pop up in countries previously free of the disease, such as Syria, Somalia and Iraq - where civil war or unrest complicates efforts to contain the virus.

Some critics say the rapid spread of polio could unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate it.

Some people think that doctors and nurses can put scrambled eggs back in the shell.

. . . . Cass Canfield

The following have one thing in common – do you know what it is?

Gun Barrel City	Telegraph	(ans. on p.3)
Staples	Muleshoe	
Venus	Cut'n Shoot	
Sylvester	Hoot and Holler	
Cactus	Ding Dong	
Telephone	Farewell	

News From the Boardroom:

1) Doug Lowe reported the following balances in our various bank accounts as of April 30, 2014:

Operating -	\$9,800
Community Services	3,100
Breakfast with Santa	6,799
Breakfast with Santa (Chisholm Trail)	8,000
Savings	10,000

2) The Board agreed that the "Happy Bucks" collections on May 6 could go to the Honor Flight Austin in honor of Pete Snelson.

3) Adaire Wolf and Donna Taylor gave a report on the plans for the Rotary Fest fundraiser to be held on July 26th. The details of this event will be made known to the Club membership at the meeting on May 20th.

4) Janice Jacoby gave a report on the plans of the Sertoma Club for activities on July 4th here in Georgetown and asked for financial support of our Rotary Club to help fund this celebration. John Schwebke made a motion seconded by Gary Sandercock that our Club contribute \$350 to this project. The vote by the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

5) The winners of the scholarships to our Jarrell High School seniors have been determined by the Scholarship Committee headed by Bob Crandall. Our Club will award one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships. John Chenoweth plans on awarding these scholarships at the Jarrell High School commencement program on May 29th. The scholarship winners will be invited to attend a Club meeting to be recognized.

6) Our Club has been asked to help prepare and serve a meal to the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) campers on July 3, 2014.

Unusual Make-up Meetings

Which Rotarians have to travel farthest for a make-up meeting? You are right, if you guessed the 34 members of the Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, which is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and is the club that is most remote from any other. The southernmost Rotary meeting is that of the Rotary Club of Base Marambio-Antartida in Antarctica. To visit the northernmost club you must travel above the Arctic Circle to the Rotary Club of Barrow, Alaska, U.S.A. If you attend the El Aguilar club in Argentina, you are meeting with the highest club in the world at 16,000 feet (4,880 meters) above sea level. The lowest club meets at 40 feet (12.2 meters) below sea level at El Centro, California, U.S.A.

It is said that there is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. If you attended one meeting per day, it would take nearly 80 years to visit all of the more than 29,000 Rotary clubs in the world, and by that time, no doubt, there would be thousands more new clubs to attend.

The difference between stupidity and genius is that genius has its limits.

... Albert Einstein

Misc. Etc.

In honour of **Pete Snelson**, today's Happy Bucks will be given to Honour Flight: the total of \$1,347 donated will be rounded up to \$1,400 by the club; Pete was on the first Honour Flight in 2012 when it began; **John Schwebke** knows how important these flight are as he was caregiver for his father and two other veterans on a flight; **Tom Minor** also made a donation to Chisholm Trail Permanent Endowment in Pete's name; **Bill Harrah** noted Pete had been given a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart; **Ron Garland** said he had just come from the funeral service of **Ben Schleder**, who was trained as a doctor in the Navy during World War II; he flew on Honour Flight Austin's Inaugural flight and his wife **Betty** has been instrumental in finding veterans to go on the flights.

John Schwebke, Mike Bell, and Carolyn Holloway attended the Early Act First Knight ceremony at Williamson Elementary School last week. Based on Rotary and the 4-Way Test and with its ideals of civil service, the programme helps promote character education and leadership by deterring children from things like dishonesty, irresponsibility, and disrespect. Mitchell Elementary Principal Robert Dyer began this chivalrous programme a few years ago and it has been an outstanding success at the schools.

President John Chenoweth called forward **Lou Gibson, Carolyn Holloway, and Greg Barber** and recognized them for all the new members they have sponsored - especially Lou. Each was given a special Rotary pin.

Membership Matters with Lou Gibson

For the last twenty years Rotary clubs around the world have been dedicated to solving the problem of Polio. Up until this year the eradication project was working well; however this year there has been an increase of polio in 5 countries and it is spreading rapidly. We should be proud of what we have been able to accomplish so far but remember we still have far to go.



Police in Los Angeles had good luck with a robbery suspect who just couldn't control himself during a lineup. When detectives asked each man in the lineup to repeat the words: 'Give me all your money or I'll shoot', the man shouted, 'that's not what I said!'



R. I. CONVENTION, SYDNEY, NSW, AUSTRALIA

Rotarians attending the RI Convention 1-4 June can take in the best view of Sydney while spotlighting Rotary and raising money for Polio eradication.

Led by RI President Ron Burton, Rotarians will climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge on May 30th and line up along the top of the arch, holding flags from every country where Rotary has clubs. They will attempt to set two new world records: the number of flags from different nations; and the number of people on the arch.

Convention partner, Bridge Climb, will donate 50% of the price of each ticket (\$248 for adults) purchased by Rotarians. As well, Bridge Climb will donate an additional amount for every Rotarian who climbs the bridge between May 26th and June 10th.

I started reading about people of great accomplishment ... and it dawned on me suddenly that the person who has the most to do with what happens in your life is you.

. . . . Dr. Benjamin Carson

Club member, Susan Ward, presented a list of current veterans from the Georgetown Rotary Club. The report, originally compiled by DAVID LEAS three years ago, was updated last year by GLENN COWARD.

Thanks to JIM WHITTAKER for the summary and to Glenn for all his hours of work on this.

DONALD BENDER - Enlisted in 1961 Air Force; Trained as an audiologist and provided services to General Omar Bradley and Senators Strom Thurmond and Claude Pepper

GREG BARBER - Commissioned in the Air Force in 1976; Served 90 days active duty when the Vietnam war ended and he went inactive.

RAY BERGMAN - Enlisted in 1964 in the Army National Guard; Worked in artillery and trucks.

STEPHEN BROWN - Served 28 years in the Army; Became a psychiatrist for the Army

ROBERT DEFEYES - Joined the Army through unusual unfunded Army program; was in basic training with a group of Seal Eskimos who spoke no English

BOB DERSE - Joined the Army in 1954; became a military draftsman

BOB GOODERL - Charter member Georgetown-Sun City Rotary club; enlisted 1949; received the Legion of Merit and Meritorious Service Medal; rose to Brigadier General; died March 2004

BILL HARRAH - Became a Marine during Korea; was stationed just south of the 38th parallel during the peace talks.

GRAHAM HOLLOWAY - Enlisted in the Air Force in 1950; was a courier carrying a 45 pistol and a briefcase locked to his wrist; he died in 2009

BILL HARRIES - He and his twin brother joined the Army in 1953 and went to IBM school and learned how to service this new technology for the Army

GLYNN HATLEY - Joined the Navy in 1950; provided support for an active carrier fleet in Korea

MALCOM HENSLEY - Joined the National Guard in 1960; was discharged due to a physical condition

CHARLES M. HEALD - Drafted into the Army in 1954; guarded the locks in the Panama Canal Zone

HAROLD LAWLESS - Served as a Medical doctor in the US Public Health Service; once admitted 3 native medicine men to his hospital at one time

DOUG LOWE - Served in the Navy during Korea; patrolled Gulf of Tonkin within 35mi of Russian MIG's

BILL MILLER - Joined the Army in 1954; was a Medical Aid Man with the tough 25th infantry

GEORGE OLIVE - Joined the Navy after WW II; specialized in radar maintenance

RICH PETRO - Drafted in the Navy in 1944; experienced Japanese Kamikaze attacks

DICK RETZ - Drafted into the Navy in 1966; was the Sr. Medical officer at a nuclear submarine communication station in Australia

GARY SANDERCOCK - completed supply school in 1964; he sailed into and through a hurricane his first time at sea.

BOB SMITH - enlisted in 1941; trained British pilots for the Battle of Britain

PETE SNELSON - from the reserves he was called to active duty in 1943; had intensive training in German language and became a special agent

HAROLD STEADMAN - Drafted into the army in 1943 at the age of 18; was shipped to France and was engaged in combat for 8 months

HUGH YOUNG - Joined the Navy in 1943; was flying patrols off an airbase in Iwo Jima when the atomic bomb was dropped on Japan.

Since the Revolution, eight generations of America's veterans have established an unbroken commitment to freedom.