

Last Week: Uncommon Coach Davies – introduced by **Bob Weimer**

The new East View High School football coach, Rob Davies, is anything but common. He is launching into a football season in a brand new school with a team that has no seniors. He is developing a coaching staff with half the staff of the established schools. Yet with this, his message is upbeat, not beat up, and that seems pretty uncommon.

“My investment is in our young people,” he told us. Georgetown also has an investment in the new school and facilities and the coach tells the students that they have an obligation to excel to repay the city for its investment in them. That seems pretty uncommon, too. Coach Davies brings 20 years experience, mostly in big schools.

Now he is in a start-up school with about 700 students. Actually, I feel that is a great start. I recently asked the principal of a big high school how many students his school has. “Oh, I would guess maybe one out of a dozen,” he replied. Coach Davies quoted his father as telling him, “Figure out what you would like to do, then figure out how to make money doing it.” With his uncommon enthusiasm for the task ahead, Coach Davies seems to have figured it out very well.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

Dates to Remember:

June 15-17 (Fri-Sat-Sun) District Conference Part II, Lost Pines - all invited

June 26 (Tues) PRESIDENT'S NIGHT – Cowan Creek Pavilion (No regular lunch meeting)

Time: 6:30PM

Theme: Fiesta

Cost: Members – no cost

Rule of 85 & Guests: \$10.00

Rotarians celebrate milestones in the fight to rid the world of polio

Rotarians have celebrated two major milestones in the organization's decades-long fight to rid the world of polio.

During the third plenary session of the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, Rotarians were congratulated for meeting and exceeding Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, Rotary's response to \$355 million in matching grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for polio eradication efforts. Attendees also celebrated India's removal from the polio-endemic list in February, which leaves only three countries where transmission of the virus has never been stopped.

But speakers reminded the festive assembly that the work is far from complete, because the ultimate goal has not been reached. “We know that we haven't reached our goal. We haven't ended polio,” said John F. Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee. “Our clubs are still planning polio fundraisers for the coming years and encouraging donations from people in their communities.”

Germ announced that, as of 4 May, Rotarians and supporters have raised \$215.7 million for the challenge, which runs through June. But with the Global Polio Eradication Initiative facing a significant funding shortfall for 2012 and beyond, it is vital for clubs and districts to keep pushing forward with their many creative fundraisers.

NOTICE:

Next week (May 29th) there will be a meeting at 10:15am before our regular meeting in order to finalize the Strategic Planning guides. All Teams and Leaders should have finalized plans so that the plans can be presented to the Board for consideration.

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Misc. etc:

Dan Barr is celebrating his birthday, as is **John Chenoweth's** wife, Deanna; **Bob Smith** is going to Michigan next week to attend his granddaughter's HS graduation; **Barb Pekar** is not only celebrating 30 years at First Texas Bank but also her birthday; many members were very thankful for the great rain; **John Chenoweth** gave blood yet again today; **David Stuetelberg** and his wife, Julia, are going to Denver this coming weekend to attend the graduation of their daughter-in-law from

Osteopathic School; **Glynn Hatfield** happy to be back after an absence; **Dan Barr's** grandson is headed for LSU; **Tom Minor** and his wife, Lori, are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary; **Ben Hyde's** granddaughter turned 6 on Mother's Day – a birthday she shares with her mother!

Barb Pekar and **Ben Hyde** counted all the collected boxtops which resulted in \$33.90 which will go to Jarrell School; as Barb pointed out, each box top is worth 10 ¢ and so please save your boxtops!

SAD NEWS: Our treasurer, **Linda Roberts**, has been with the club since its inception and has done yeoman work for us. Linda is a shining example of Service Above Self. Sadly, she is leaving for Houston with her husband and so a search for her replacement will have to begin immediately.

Jamie Mattison said an *ad hoc* meeting will take place on Friday to discuss the situation and asked for volunteers to take over Linda's job.

The Job Interview (Part III of Bob's ongoing effort to get a job)

Job Search Ends With An Offer

Hiring a new employee is one of the worst things that an executive has to do. The ugly truth is that executives have no idea what they are doing. Most of them can't even run all the new high tech electrical equipment they have to deal with, like office copiers that do all kinds of stuff, but come with a built in micro-chip and a 500 page instruction manual. A tone-deaf executive today is lost. He has to recognize all the different beeps, noises and squeaks that modern equipment makes to know if it is your cell phone, answering machine, pager, FAX, or fire alarm.

Well, the executive is trained in all kinds of stuff, but NOT interviewing and selecting personnel. That is a crapshoot. If he makes a mistake in any other part of the business, it can be fixed. But if he makes a mistake in hiring he will have it stumbling around the break area for years.

New employees do NOT come with any kind of warranty. So, hiring is like looking for the prize in a box of Cracker Jacks, often with comparable results. What kind of prize would you expect to find in a box of Preparation H? I laughed out loud as I contemplated that last question. The phone rang. It was the boss wanting to make me an offer. When he said it was Preparation H calling, I started laughing again. Well, that laughter was the end of my promising career as a customer service engineer.

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Membership Moment: with **Lou Gibson**

Rotary clubs in Mongolia and Korea organized a reforestation effort and built community farms to fight desert dust storms in Mongolia.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown-Sun City participated in a joint grant to provide concrete floors in homes in poor areas of Mexico.

New Member Induction:

Dennis Morgan was inducted by **Past District Governor Bill Bryce** to-day. Bill pointed out that since Dennis has never before been a Rotarian, he will learn that Service Above Self is instilled in every member in all the thousands of clubs around the world. Because of this commitment and with the help of the World Health Organization, the Gates Foundation, and Rotary clubs around the world, Polio is now very close to being eradicated.

As an example of acting nobly, Bill told us about Georgetown Police Sergeants Ron Price, Joe Pascoe, and Bill Duncan. They were on duty on last year's Hallowe'en night and received a call about a domestic disturbance. On arriving at the location they heard a violent argument and on entering saw a man with a gun; Ron Price managed to grab the children and take them to safety; Bill Duncan and Joe Pascoe rushed inside too and were shot but were able to return fire and killed the gunman. The three men received citations for their heroic efforts under stress and doing something which was not in their contract with the city. Bill Duncan also received the Medal of Valor for having placed his body between the woman and the gunman so he would absorb further bullets, although she died later after being shot before the policemen arrived. As Bill said, that is Service Above Self in the extreme; but each of us can accomplish noble things.

Welcome to the club, Dennis!

SPRING FLING: Final figures are being collated and will be presented at next week's meeting. In the meantime, we can be proud that it appears we had a successful evening!

ROTARY SHIRTS: A couple of members have not yet collected their shirts which Bob Weimer has brought to the meeting.



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