



"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

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MAY 6, 2014

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Last Time:

Presiding: President John Chenoweth

Visitor: Dan Kelley, Branbury TX

Invocation: Jeff Smith

Pledge: Michael Bell

4-Way Test: membership

Members Present: 52

Today: Special programme to salute our club's veterans

Next Week: Ms. Candace Bocock, Probate Attorney

Future Programmes:

May 20 Temple Railroad Museum speaker

May 27 Ms. Chrystle Swain, Media Consultant

July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, and Author.

Important Dates:

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference, La Torretta del Lago Resort & Spa, Montgomery TX

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

June 24, 2014 President's Night

July 26, 2014 1st Annual Rotary Fest Fundraiser (Dinner Dance)

Today's meeting and veteran-related program will also be an ideal time to honor Pete Snelson. I propose that we dedicate all of Tuesday's "Happy Bucks" to Pete and that we send Tuesday's collection to "Honor Flight Austin" (one of the family-suggested memorials for Pete). We can combine all the checks and cash and send one check from our Rotary Club to "Honor Flight Austin" in Pete's name. As you know, about this time last year we submitted a proposal for our Club's DAP Grant for "Honor Flight Austin" but it didn't meet all the District's criteria for DAP Grants.

Club members who do not want to contribute to "Honor Flight Austin" but would still like to honor Pete in conjunction with Rotary, can make a donation to our Club's Permanent Endowment Fund (at the Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation) in Pete's name.

.... John Chenoweth

I have a tremendous amount of respect for military families. To have to worry about your loved ones and still try and live a normal life is extremely hard.

... Ashanti

POLIO UPDATE:

Americans haven't had to fear polio since 1979 when the disease was eradicated in the U.S. But California is experiencing a flashback to the days of sudden childhood paralysis, with reports that 20 children in the past 18 months have suffered polio-like symptoms. But least a dozen have been paralysed in one or more limbs.

The cases span the state, from the Bay Area in the north down to San Diego. Five cases - all in children who had been vaccinated against polio - have been studied by physicians from Stanford University, who found that two of the patients tested positive for what's known as enterovirus 68 (EV68) which belongs to the same family of viruses as polio. EV68 is associated with respiratory illness, but such cases are rare.

Health officials don't know if EV68 has caused the paralysis in the two children or if it's just a virus bystander. So far, they do not see any reason to call the cases a public health concern. Only 1 out of 200 people infected with polio develop paralysis, but the other 199 cases can still pass on the disease.

Misc. etc.

Carolyn Holloway, and **Harold Bergh** will be attending the Early Act First Math graduation ceremony and they welcome any members who would like to join them; **Ron Ferreri** is glad to be back from his holiday; **Bill Miller's** grandson continues to excel in the long jump; **Bill Chapman** said one of his freshman girls was successful in the triple jump and quarter; **Bill Harries** has just had a birthday - one day before that of Willie Nelson! Members were happy to have such great weather for the Poppy festival; **Bill Harrah** was forced to ante up quintuple his weekly donation to Happy Bucks as Joanne had relieved him of all his ones.

President John Chenoweth reminded members about **EREY**.

(Every Rotarian Every Year)

The Rotary Foundation makes it possible for Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by supporting projects that improve health, support education, and alleviate poverty. The Annual Fund is the primary source of funding for Foundation activities. Every Rotarian is encouraged to participate in a Foundation project and contribute to the Annual Fund every year.

At the end of each Rotary year, Annual Fund- SHARE contributions from all of the Rotary clubs in the district are divided between the World Fund and the District Designated Fund (DDF).

The Rotary Foundation uses the World Fund portion to pay for the Foundation activities that are available to all Rotary clubs. Our district uses the DDF portion to participate in Foundation grants and activities that our club and others in the district choose.

The Annual Fund's unique three-year investment cycle gives clubs time to plan high-impact, sustainable activities and the Foundation time to invest the contributions. These investment earnings help cover the Foundation's administrative and fundraising expenses.

Our contribution will be used to fund local and international service projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams.

Truths About Growing Old

When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.

Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.

No Personal Privileges

Frequently, friends ask whether Rotarians receive special business benefits from their Rotary membership. Should Rotarians expect a special discount or some preferential service just because they are dealing with a fellow Rotarian? The answer is clearly "**no.**"

The Rotary Manual of Procedure expressly states the Rotary position on this matter. The policy; originally approved by the RI Board of Directors in 1933, is that in business and professional relations "a Rotarian should not expect, and far less should he ask for, more consideration or advantages from a fellow Rotarian than the latter would give to any other business or professional associate with whom he has business relations." Over 50 years ago the concept was expressed that "true friends demand nothing of one another, and any abuse of the confidence of friendship for profit is foreign to the spirit of Rotary."

On the other hand, if new or increased business comes as the natural result of friendship created in Rotary, it is the same normal development that takes place outside of Rotary as well as inside, so it is not an infringement on the ethics of Rotary membership.

It is important to remember that the primary purpose of Rotary membership is to provide each member with a unique opportunity to serve others, and membership is not intended as a means for personal profit or special privileges.

The men and women who serve in our military have won for us
every hour we live in freedom, sometimes at the expense of
the very hours of the lifetimes they had hoped to live.

. . . Bob Riley (former governor of Alabama)

LAST WEEK: by John Miles

Ms. Dianne White Delisi, Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Army

Ms. Delisi is a graduate of SMU with a MA from the University of Colorado. She was appointed to her current position as a Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army in 2008 after serving as a District 55 Representative in the Texas House of Representatives, where she served from 1990 to 2008. The civilian aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) are business and community leaders appointed by the secretary to advise and support Army leaders across the country. CASAs volunteer for two years to serve each of the 48 contiguous states and the District of Columbia. There are six CASA posts in Texas.

Ms. Delisi's topic was the Army.....Past, Present, and Future. She read a prayer that highlighted past significant Army events and milestones, and emphasized the important roles played by veterans as well as current members of the army.

She discussed the present state of the Army, with 150,000 members serving in over 50 countries. The Secretary of the Army's priorities include ensuring we have a highly capable army within the current budgetary restraints imposed by the sequestration requirements of congress. These restraints require units that are lighter, smarter, and faster. There is also the problem of rising healthcare costs that must be addressed. Cuts at Ft. Hood will have a ripple effect across Central Texas.

She indicated that past security leaks have compromised the army's capabilities to protect, and that security is a very high priority. It is important that the army in the present and in the future must be highly capable. Healthcare is a high priority.

The focus of the army is being reset to the Asia Pacific area from Iraq and the Far East. For the future, the capability for Boots on the Ground is essential. The ROTC programs are very important for a strong, capable army.

*The object of war is not to die for your country
but to make the other bastard die for his.*

. . . George S. Patton

There's Gold In Them Thar Hills.

There's Gold In Them Thar Hills, gold, black gold. Yes, we have had a second little oil boom in Grady County, Oklahoma. Drilling returned a couple of years back and it brought back memories of chasing crude oil all over the hills. My dad was General Superintendent of Pacific Western Oil Company's rocky mountain division. His territory went from the Mexican border up to Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Pacific Western was one of several oil companies that were part of Mission Holding Corporation; all owned by John Paul Getty, back then the world's richest man.

So how did all the oil millionaires strike it rich? H. L. Hunt from Dallas explained it best when he said, "You have to be lucky." His son Ray Hunt added, "Given the choice between luck and intelligence, always take luck." Sid Richardson offered this clarification, "Luck has helped me every day of my life. I'd rather be lucky than smart 'cause a lot of smart people ain't eatin' right..."

I had great respect for my grandfather in Marlow, Oklahoma. He was a farmer who managed his money well. During the Great Depression, he would buy a neighbor's farm but still let him farm it until he could get back on his feet again. Then he could buy the farm back for the same price for which granddad bought it. When I was little, those guys sung the praise of granddad and told me how he had saved them during the Depression. I was really proud of granddad, but later I learned that he was not as noble as I originally thought. He sold the land back for what he paid, but he kept the mineral rights. Well, I guess I am a little embarrassed about granddad's sale back deals. Last Friday I signed a contract as I leased mineral rights for some of that land for \$150 an acre and 3/16 royalty from any oil or gas they find. I was embarrassed all the way to the bank. I hope I can follow H. L. Hunt's advice and be lucky. I was already lucky enough to have a granddad that was looking out for my best interests.

*In the mid 1880's, Dr. and Mrs. Williamson Marlow came to Indian Territory and settled near the Chisholm Trail about one and one-half miles east of the division between the two territories. They brought with them five of their sons, Alfred, George, Charlie, Lewellyn (Ellie or Ep), Boone, and daughter, Nancy. While in the area the brothers worked for a large cattle outfit, and were unjustly accused of stealing horses by a United States Deputy Marshal. The saga of the family is a colorful, separate tale which has been told in books, song, and the film, *The Sons of Katie Elder* starring John Wayne.*

... Bob Deffeyes

Everyone has a photographic memory; some just don't have film.

News From the Boardroom:

Bill Miller reported on a need to withdraw funds from our earnings in the Georgetown-Sun City Rotary Club Endowment Fund. A total of \$2,000 is needed to fund one \$1,000 and two \$500 scholarships for graduating seniors at Jarrell High School.

Also, a total of \$1,400 is needed to fund our Club's participation in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) this summer.

Bob Elam made the motion seconded by Gary Sandercock that these funds be withdrawn from our account at Chisholm Trail Community Foundation. The vote by the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

On Saturday, May 3rd, Don and Pat Bender, Carolyn Holloway, Bob Elam, Harold Lawless, and Tom and Lori Minor attended "A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving" for **PETE SNELSON** at the Central Presbyterian Church in Austin. The burial took place at the Texas State Cemetery.

... Tom Minor

