



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

November 13, 2012

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1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120 Box 441, Georgetown 78633

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

PREVIOUSLY:

Presiding Officer: Bob Weimer

Invocation: Gary Ross

Pledge: Mike Oglesby

4-Way Test: Gordon Bishop

Visiting Rotarian: Darrick McGill/Downtown

Members Attending: 38

Visitors:

Glen Coward/Tom Minorr

James Munson/Alex Munson

Bob Purkey/Caroline Holloway

Sage Westrick/Byron Calcote

Betty Calcote/Byron Calcote

Ernestine Brown/Stephen Brown

Rotary Prayer:

May Your gracious blessings rest always upon our beloved nation and upon those who defend its shores. Help us always to be mindful of our responsibilities to our great nation, to our community, and to our fellow human beings.

We ask You, Merciful Father, to endow our leaders with wisdom and understanding and patience. We are thankful to be living in a land that affords its citizens the precious gift of liberty and democracy, a land where we can enjoy the privilege of choosing our leaders. May we never take this privilege for granted, and may we always be reminded that we must be diligent in protecting this sacred heritage, and courage to meet the great challenges that divide us and that plague the world.

Grant us the breadth of vision to build bridges of understanding among all the citizens of our land. May we never forget the common bond of kinship that unites all who were created in Your holy image. May the words that we pray and the deeds that we do be acceptable to You. Amen.

Last Time: by **Nathan Cabaniss**

Stephen Brown organized an October Fest for the club, which featured a special meal by Janet and Rick Nemecks and music by Ernestine Brown. October Fest is the celebration of the end of the harvest season, when much beer and sausage is enjoyed. There are almost as many varieties of sausage as beer. Rick Nemecks prefers "wheat beer". The program was concluded by everyone joining in to sing "America the Beautiful".

Congratulations to our President, **Jamie Mattison**, who sat and passed an 8-hour examination (the first of two) last week in a quest to obtain her Master's Degree in Spanish

– her 4th degree!!

Future Programmes:

Nov 20 Laura Brewer, Georgetown Assistant Manager
Nov 27 John Chenoweth – Breakfast With Santa
Dec 15 **Breakfast With Santa**

Today's programme: Joe Rice, Boy Scouts

Notice about future meeting:

Tuesday, December 4: meeting on this date will be held in the **Sun City ballroom**

POLIO PLUS NEWS

Rotary has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative \(GPEI\)](#). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Misc. etc.

Bob Smith flew to Washington this last week as part of the "Honour Flights" programme; **Byron and Betty Calcote** have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; **Mike Oglesby** is glad to be back after a 5 month hiatus; at the recent Diamonds & Denims function, **Lou Gibson** was given the Rotary Builders Award - given to only one person annually; **Bob Weimer** reminded members 90% of all moneys raised for Brookwood in Georgetown goes directly to help their programmes and this year (BiG's 1st anniversary) a total of \$100,002 has been raised; **Gary Sandercock** is happy to have returned home from Pennsylvania before Hurricane Sandy hit; **Bill Thompson** is pleased to be home from his annual time in Brazil; **Ron Ferreri** has just celebrated his 79th birthday; **Dick Will** is pleased to be back after 3 months away.

Membership Moment with **Lou Gibson**

When Rotary began, clubs accepted only one person from each profession/business and members were expected to attend every meeting; now, members are expected to attend 60%; and in the earlier times, women were not allowed; now, that rule has been overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court. Of the 20,000 current women Rotarians, 6,00 are past presidents; and a number are past District Governors. Worldwide, women make up 17% of memberships; here in our club, the percentage is only 8% and Lou urged us to bring more women into the club.

Is It The Truth?

Every week we chant, "Is it the truth?" Don't tell anyone, but I have a problem with that, especially this election year. It seems that our two candidates for President have not followed our Rotary 4 way test. I developed a list of 743 lies that these two candidates have put out. Through no fault of my own, I ran into one party's Presidential campaign chairman and gave him the list of lies by his party candidate. He read only the first couple of pages and did not have any problem with these untruths. He told me that only one type of lie is forbidden and that is "Thou shalt not bear false

witness against thy neighbor.” He reasons that Hawaii and Massachusetts are far enough apart that the two candidates are NOT neighbors. They have the technicalities right, but the moralities wrong.

Anyway, they think that Moses came down the mountains with the Ten Suggestions. So they operate on the basis that honesty is one of the better policies. I think truth is our most valuable asset. So it bothers me that the politicians have chosen truth as the only area where they want to economize while they run trillion dollar deficits. But, there are lots of things I can’t understand. For example, the saying “Let sleeping dogs lie” when the politicians are doing a much better job at it than any sleeping dog I ever saw.

No wonder people are the only one of God’s creatures that blushes. We are the only ones that have a need to. Some of the whoppers these two candidates tell make Rotarians blush when we recite, “Is it the truth?” Maybe we need to change our mantra to “Is it the truth, or that which can be reasonably passed off as the truth?”

. . . Bob Deffeyes

Rotary International's Areas of Focus:

1. Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
 2. Disease prevention and treatment
 3. Water and sanitation
 4. Maternal and child health
 5. Basic education and literacy
 6. Economic and community development
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1. The Foundation enables Rotarians to promote the practice of peace and conflict prevention/resolution by:
 - a. Training leaders, including potential youth leaders, to prevent and mediate conflict
 - b. Supporting peace-building in communities and regions affected by conflict
 - c. Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to peace and conflict prevention/resolution

Rotarians respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy:

Rotary districts in New York and New Jersey have mobilized to provide relief for communities affected by Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the northeastern United States on 29 October. More than 160 people in the United States and the Caribbean were killed by Sandy’s powerful wind gusts and storm surges, which left tens of thousands without shelter and millions without electricity. Some areas remain without power even weeks later.

“The destruction is unthinkable,” says Bonnie Sirower, governor of District 7490 (New Jersey). “There are towns up and down the coast that have been completely wiped away. Several Rotary districts, including mine, have suffered immense damage.”

Ms. Sirower says truckloads of clothes, blankets, cleaning supplies, and ready-to-eat meals and other nonperishable food have been arriving in the affected districts. Teams of Rotarians have worked around the clock since the storm hit to sort the items and determine where to deliver them.

ShelterBox has deployed a response team to distribute temporary shelter and emergency supplies to evacuees. The team is working with Rotary clubs to identify the hardest hit areas. Hundreds of blankets have been sent to shelters.

Rotarians act quickly

“The response from Rotarians is nothing short of amazing,” says Ms. Sirower. “The day before the storm hit, I was receiving calls from clubs around the world asking what they could do to help. We have three warehouses in my town full of supplies that Rotarians have sent to us.”

Why Doesn't Rotary Crash And Burn?

Why doesn't Rotary crash and burn? To me it seems as if it should, yet RI has gone on for over 100 years. Why do I think it should? Well, years ago, I worked for The Dow Chemical Company, founded and headquartered in Midland, Michigan. Midland was served by the Tri-cities Airport with two flights a day from Chicago and one flight a day from Detroit. There was little choice. One stormy April day in 1958, the Chicago flight went down over Lake Michigan and all 47 souls were lost, almost all were Dow employees. In command was Captain Bill Hull with over a million miles of flight experience. As I recall, Dow lost Directors, Vice Presidents, and dozens of key executives and senior professionals. As grief wore off, we began to realize that the disaster dealt us a terrible blow. Everyone tried to keep the functional work progressing, while organizational changes took place. Company politics began to pop up with people vying for the vacant positions. From my viewpoint (in the U. S. Army at the time of the crash), it appeared to take about three years for things to settle down. That disaster involved about 40 employees out of several tens of thousands, (about 0.1%). The Dow Chemical Company almost crashed and burned when the Chicago flight crashed and burned.

Now think about Rotary. **EVERY YEAR** we go through a transition where the RI President changes, a lot of the RI Board and RF Board members change. Over 500 new district governors take office. 34,335 club presidents change, along with club secretaries, treasurers, and club officers change. On July 1, 2012, about 10% of Rotary's management changed. Yet Rotary did not go through the terrible trauma that that one airline crash dealt Dow.

Why doesn't Rotary crash and burn? How do we withstand that incredible turnover in key positions? I feel a major part of the answer is our training programs. The RI President moves to Evanston gets a year of training before his year starts. The District Governors attend "the Anaheim Conference" (although no longer held in Anaheim) for a week of training. Next, club Presidents-elect attend PETS, (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar). Then the district holds District Assembly, a training session for new club officers. Everyone is ready before the change happens. All goes smoothly and Rotary does not crash and burn.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

Paul Harris Award

At our anniversary dinner last month, **Nathan Cabaniss** was to have received a Paul Harris award. It was accepted in his absence by **Tom Minor** who made the presentation of the award to Nathan at the meeting on October 30th.

Rotary International signs project partner agreement with ShelterBox

Rotary International and [ShelterBox](#), a grassroots disaster relief organization, signed a project partner agreement this month, allowing the two organizations to collaborate more closely to provide relief and temporary shelter to survivors of natural disasters.

"Our Rotary friends have always been there ready to assist – from generous donations to direct operational support on the ground Rotary has always been part of our DNA," said Tom Henderson, ShelterBox CEO.

RI General Secretary John Hewko said the agreement will enable Rotary club members to have an immediate, lifesaving impact in communities hit by natural disasters. "ShelterBox will be able to ensure that local Rotarians are provided an opportunity to participate in the distribution of ShelterBox containers," he said.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, stove, water purification kit, blankets, tools, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.