



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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If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed;
if you do read the paper, you are misinformed.
... Mark Twain

Last Week:

Invocation: Kelly Barnett
Pledge: Gene Perry
4-Way Test: Dick Retz

Guests:

Robert Selman/Bob Selman
John Nickel/John Chenoweth

NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

This week: A propos of Foundation month, **Bill Miller** will talk about the Foundation: How is it funded? Where does all the money go? What are its priorities? etc.

Future Programmes:

Dec 6 No meeting
Dec 7 Meeting and gift wrapping at the Community Center
Dec 13 Meeting at the Oaks (New member biographies)
Dec 20 No Meeting
Dec 27 No meeting
Jan 3 Club Assembly (Adaire Wolf)
Jan 10 Don Mabray
Jan 17 Renée Mercier
Jan 24 Bill Miller
Jan 31 Alex Munson

News, etc. **Harold Steadman** is celebrating his 87th birthday; **Norm Peters** is also celebrating his 87th birthday this week; and **Jamie Mattison's** husband's birthday also coincides with Turkey Day; **Bill Miller's** granddaughter at Stanford University in Birmingham played in the NCAA Volleyball team and has won its division playoff game; many members were thankful for the rain and also noted how much we have to be thankful for at this Thanksgiving time; **Bob Elam** is delighted to finally be moved in; **Bill Miller** presented **Ron Ferreri** with a Paul Harris upgrade; Ron is also pleased to be rid of his sling; **John Chenoweth** reminded members that the first couple of days next week are slated for shopping at Walmart; due to the much lower amount of money raised this year, **Barb Pekar** and **Adaire Wolf** will do some online shopping this coming weekend to take advantage of lower prices; gift wrapping will be on Wednesday, December 7th at the Community Center.

Last Week: Goal Setting by the Club Membership

Last week **Jamie Mattison** and **Doug Lowe** led a club assembly to continue the strategic planning process for our club. Members had a month to submit suggestions for goals to Jamie and Doug, who then organized them and brought them back in the form of sixteen draft goals and numerous sub-goals and actions. Jamie briefly explained the draft goals and asked each of the members to select eight of the sixteen as the most important and pressing ones.

The sixteen goals were displayed on individual sheets and posted on the wall around the room. Members affixed green dots on the goal sheets that they judged most significant for our club to address. In this way, all members present were immediately able to see the results. The prioritized goals will be the basis for club improvement and action. We will work on the goals for which we have members willing to work. Together we will be able to accomplish the goals most important to us.

CLUB GOALS, PRIORITIZED BY MEMBERS C = Club Goal S = Service Goal P = Publicity Goal

GOAL ID	PRIORITY POINTS (# GREEN DOTS)	GOALS
C.1.	31	Raise funds to support our activities
C.2.	21	Increase membership support of the Rotary Foundation
C.3.	33	Improve member recruitment and retention
C.4.	28	Encourage active participation of the entire membership of our club
C.5.	15	Increase transparency and open communication in all club activities
C.6.	17	Increase focus on programs, training and education of members
C.7.	7	Increase focus on social events
C.8.	17	Continuously improve club performance and effectiveness
S.1.	17	Focus our giving and charity activity
S.2.	16	Support eradication of polio
S.3.	21	Support local schools
S.4.	4	Support international service
S.5.	28	Support community service programs
P.1.	26	Increase publicity and visibility of our club and its projects
P.2.	7	Increase collaboration with other clubs and organizations
P.3.	11	Promote our club through a network of communications

ROTARY FOUNDATION AT WORK:

Rotary and Mercy Ships partner to deliver vital medical care to West Africa

A new strategic partnership between Rotary International and the global charity Mercy Ships will improve the delivery of vital health care services throughout West Africa.

Through the partnership, The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable arm, will provide grants to Rotary clubs and districts to assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals. The teams will work with Mercy Ships medical staff to perform or assist in life-changing surgeries. The Rotary volunteers also will share their expertise through training programs aimed at enhancing the skills of local health care professionals. partnership first focuses on West Africa, where the Mercy Ships flagship, the *Africa Mercy*, is now based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Grants will be implemented in the coming months, and the first Rotary teams are expected to be in West Africa by early 2012. Health care training and capacity building for local hospitals is a major focus for Mercy Ships. Mercy Ships will work with Rotary to attract Rotarians from all over the world to help perform vocational training of surgeons and ancillary staff on the *Africa Mercy* as well as in local hospitals and facilities. Operated by Mercy Ships, the *Africa Mercy* is an ideal training platform with a controlled environment and a steady flow of patients. "This strategic partnership with Mercy Ships enables Rotary to work with a globally-recognized leader in the delivery of vital medical and surgical care to the world's most vulnerable populations," said Rotary Foundation Chair William B. Boyd. "It allows Rotary club members to directly contribute their valuable expertise and skills within the framework of a proven and highly successful health care program."

"Mercy Ships is honored to be chosen as a strategic partner for Rotary's focus on disease prevention and treatment," said Mercy Ships President and Founder Don Stephens. "The scope of Rotary's service to humanity is truly monumental, and it is my belief that the synergy of our organizations working together will be an even greater force to improve health care delivery systems in West Africa." The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, under its new Future Vision plan, seeks to forge strategic partnerships with established organizations with expertise in any of Rotary's six areas of focus: peace and conflict prevention/resolution; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; and economic and community development. The foundation grants support major international projects with sustainable, high impact outcomes.

Snow Season

The deep snows are already beginning in Colorado where I first joined Rotary. Our Rotary Club could expect to cancel our meetings a couple of times a year due to heavy snowfall during the night before our breakfast meetings. However, that was nothing like the snow at Ruby, Colorado, a few miles above Crested Butte. In 1899, Ruby had a snowstorm dump 254 inches of snow on them, over 20 feet in one storm! The town disappeared. Only the tops of the miner's chimneys were above the snow. That same storm buried a narrow gauge railroad near Leadville. When the train failed to show, folks went out on skis to dig up the train and rescue the frightened passengers and crew.

Colorado has a wide range of precipitation. From 600 inches of snow a year at Wolf Creek Pass ski area to almost zero at Delta. In fact, Delta gets 7.7 inches of total precipitation a year, whereas Tucson, Arizona, gets 10.6 inches a year. So, we can rejoice that they get to enjoy all that white stuff while we enjoy our mild Georgetown winter. "Yes, but what about the summer heat?" they ask. Well, I have never had to shovel 15 inches of heat off the driveway before I could get my car out of the garage.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

Rotary International President's November Letter

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

In 1885, the London *Times* ran a series of editorials honoring the 100th birthday of Sir Moses Montefiore, the British financier and philanthropist knighted by Queen Victoria. The editorials commented on his honesty, his generosity, and his willingness to come to the aid of anyone in need. One story was particularly telling.

Someone once asked Sir Moses, one of the wealthiest men of his era, how much he was worth. In the face of such an ill-mannered inquiry, he merely paused for a moment's reflection before naming a figure – one that fell far short of his questioner's expectations. Naturally, it was met with an objection; surely he must be worth 10 times as much! Sir Moses merely smiled. "Young man," he replied, "you didn't ask me how much I own. You asked me how much I am worth. So I calculated how much I have given to charity this year, and that is the number I gave you. You see, in life we are worth only what we are willing to share with others."

When we calculate our own worth, do we think about it in terms of what we have, or how we use it? When we say that all human beings are of equal worth, do our actions follow our words? I believe that being a Rotarian means looking at all of our resources differently. What is the most good that we could choose to do with what we have? What are the choices that will ultimately leave us the richest?

In Rotary, we are all aware of the great needs in so many parts of our world. And we all know how much we can do to help through our Rotary Foundation. We can change lives, we can restore hope, we can build futures – if we choose to.

In life, everything is a choice. We can choose to close our eyes to the needs of others, to keep what we have for ourselves, to declare the problems of others to be theirs alone. Or we can choose to look past distance, past color, past language and dress and culture, and see that people everywhere are just like us – and then refuse to walk away.

. . . Kalyan Banerjee

Things to Remember During a War

1. The only things more accurate than enemy fire is friendly fire.
2. Try to look unimportant, they may be low on ammo.
3. Teamwork is essential. It gives them more targets to shoot at.
4. No inspection-ready unit ever passed combat.
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6. Remember: your aircraft was made by the lowest bidder.
7. Never draw fire, it will irritate the rest of your formation.
8. Never share a cockpit with someone braver than you.
9. You are not Tom Cruise.
10. SAMs and AAA have the right-of-way.
11. If you aren't sure, the SAMs are pointed at you.
12. If hit, landing near the people that just shot you down is not a good idea.
13. Close only counts in horseshoes, nukes and proximity-fused missiles.
14. Smart bombs have bad days too.
15. The best defense is to stay out of range.
16. If you are short on everything but enemy, you are in combat.

