



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
September 4, 2012

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Democracy, like love, can survive any attack -
save neglect and indifference.

. . . Paul Sweeney

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Ray Bergman

Pledge: Bob Deffeyes

4 Way Test: Nathan Cabaniss

ROTARY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the blessings of this day and for the fellowship we come here to share. Dedicate us to Your service; the service of Rotary and the service of Rotary's programmes around the world. Here our prayers, and grant us peace. We ask these things in Your name. Amen.

Visiting Rotarians: Ron Garland/Georgetown
Denis Pepin/Georgia

Visitor: George Frederick/Dan Barr

Members present: 34.00 **Happy Bucks:** \$38.00

Last Week: by John Chenoweth

On Tuesday, August 28, Jamie introduced our new District Governor, Ricky Price and his wife Teresa. They are both retired Naval officers and met while serving in Hawaii, where they still operate their business (automobile service center in Honolulu) and have a second home.

DG Price congratulated our club for donating over a quarter of million dollars to the Rotary Foundation in the fifteen years since we were chartered in 1997. There are clubs chartered in the 1930s that haven't given that much! The common characteristic for each of the sixty-six clubs in District 5870, and the primary thing that holds them together, is fellowship. District 5870 should be thought of as simply a collection of clubs.

Key events and activities coming up within District 5870 include the following: the GSE Team (four non-Rotarians) will be selected October 6 and they will travel to the Philippines in early 2013 (mid-February to mid-March); the GSE Team from the Philippines will visit District 5870 in May 2013; the bi-District Reunion will be September 14-15 in San Marcos with the objective being to prepare "grants" but also to have a lot of fun (two different bands and also dance instruction); the Foundation dinner this year will actually be a fund-raising gala October 27 at the Schwertner Ranch Event Center near Salado (all the money you personally spend for auction items will be credited to your own Paul Harris account); and the Conference of Rotary Clubs (no longer called the "District Conference") will held May 31 - June 2, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort near Bastrop.

DG Price read the recent U.S. Senate resolution recognizing Rotary's 34,000 worldwide clubs (200 nations represented, which is more than the United Nations) that are working together on PolioPlus and also mentioned two articles in the "Wall Street Journal" and "The Economist" magazine. It is incredible that Rotary has contributed more than a billion dollars to fight polio but it is even more amazing that the effort has reduced polio cases from 350,000 to only 117. Although polio will not be ignored, Rotary will begin to ramp up efforts to address clean water because thousands of kids die every day from dirty water.

This year's Rotary theme "**Peace Through Service**" (pins were distributed) will be highlighted by three Peace Forums to be held in Berlin, Germany (November 30 – December 2), Honolulu, Hawaii (January 25-27) and Hiroshima, Japan (May 17-19). Although these three cities were all devastated by war, they now flourish. Rotary will also sponsor 70-100 "World Peace Scholars" (ages 30 up to 50+) this year in Masters-level programs for up to 24 months with the intent of developing people who will return to their countries to work on "peace." There are currently about 1000 "Rotary World Peace Scholars" now working worldwide.

Rotary has recognized that we need to attack poverty to promote peace. For just twenty-eight cents per day, you can become a "Sustaining Member" (at least \$100 annual donation to the Rotary Foundation). If every Rotarian in the world would become a "Sustaining Member," the size of the Rotary Foundation would double. DG Price thanked us for our hospitality and promised he might just show up for lunch another day!

Today: Ms. Deanne Coward from the Palace Theater, is our featured speaker

Next Week: **Ray Bergman** will present a talk on finance

Misc. etc: **Bob Deffeyes** is going to Vermont to see his daughter on her birthday; **John Harding** and his wife are headed for South Padre for their 46th anniversary; **Harold Bergh** is back for only a day before leaving for California; **Bill Chapman** is glad the kids are back in school; **Denis Pepin** was happy to take his granddaughter to her first day of kindergarten; **Tom Minor** is back from a holiday in New Mexico; **Bill Harries** is back home from Missouri; members were pleased to have the District Governor visiting today. **Jamie Mattison** announced the club is going to team up with other clubs in the area to purchase a van for BIG (Brookwood In Georgetown).

Ben Hyde is not only dealing with severe arthritis but has now developed vasculitis and has been going from one specialist to another during the last fortnight. We look forward to his return.

Ron Garland from the downtown club reminded members there will be a golf tournament fund raiser here in Sun City on September 28th. The club is partnering with Blue Santa to raise funds and Ron has tickets available @\$5 with great prizes.

Future Programmes:

Sept 14/15 28th Annual Bi-District Reunion, San Marcos - "Peace Through Service"

Sept 18 Don Mabray's guest will be Ray Bethke

Sept 25 Joe Dan, GISD Superintendent

Oct 2 Quarterly Club Assembly

Oct 9 Don Bender's guest, Laura Antoine will speak on mentoring in Rotary

Oct 16 No Meeting

Oct 18 15th Anniversary dinner, G'town Community Center, 6:30PM

Oct 23 Bob Elam will speak about the Arts & Crafts Fair

Oct 30 New member Bios

Nov 6 Veteran's Day programme

Nov 13 Joe Rice – Boy Scouts

2nd weekend in November – Arts & Crafts Fair

Dates To Remember:

Sept 14-15 28th Annual Bi-District Reunion
Two nations coming together providing Peace Through Service.
Embassy Suites, Conference Center, San Marcos. Attendees have an opportunity to win a get-away vacation at the Casa de Los Suenos in Isla Mujeres, Mexico.

Oct 27 Schwertner Ranch & Event Center, Salado 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Denim & Diamonds, Rotary Foundation Gala & Fundraiser. Gourmet Texas Fare, Entertainment, Prizes, Auction. Win a .5 carat diamond!

What exactly is polio?

Polio is:

A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia, Africa, and the eastern Mediterranean region.

Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible.

In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.

Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$5 billion global investment in eradication.

*You are never too old to set another goal
or to dream a new dream.*

. . . C. S. Lewis

Our Donations at work:

With regard to the above Matching Grant for providing One Surgical Microscope for Sight Saving / restoring surgeries to the poor and under privileged population of Udaipur, Rajasthan, India.

I am pleased to inform you that we may have raised the Purchase Order to M/s Toshbro Medical Pvt. Ltd for One number Stereo Operating Microscope ALLEGRA 900 of MOELLER WEDEL make. (In line with the approval received from The Rotary Foundation).

We are hopeful that the machine shall be installed and commissioned at the NGO, Alakh Nayan Mandir before end of September '12 and the benefit of free Eye Operations from this high end equipment shall start to the under privileged population of this area.

We shall keep you informed regarding Delivery / installation of the machine. In case any of your Club members or your good self happen to be traveling to India, do let us know and it would be a pleasure to show you the facility once the same is ready.

We remain grateful to your Club / District for supporting our above cause.

Thanking You,

Regards,

Anubhav Ladia, Imm. Past President

Rotary Club of Udaipur Heritage, Udaipur, District - 3050, India .

FYI: MIGRAINES

What causes migraine headaches, aside from spouses and bosses? The brain does not feel pain, so the headaches must be somewhere else. Medical experts have blamed dilated blood vessels near the brain. Brain scans have now shown waves of low blood flow travelling across the cortex during a migraine. But the latest opinion is that misfiring neurons in the brain stem are the basic cause. Whatever the detailed reasons are for the neuron misbehaviours, the problem is ultimately genetic, so blame your parents.

. . . Science News

Membership Moment: with Harold Bergh

Harold offered to refill anyone's bottle of M&M's which are a reminder to solicit prospective members. He then gave a bottle to each of the visitors.

Rotary Banners:

One of the more colorful traditions of Rotary is the exchange of club banners. Rotarians traveling to distant locations often take banners to exchange at make-up meetings as a token of friendship. Many clubs use the decorative banners they have received for attractive displays at club meetings and district events.

By 1959, exchanging banners had become so popular that the RI Board of Directors was concerned the practice would be a financial burden on clubs. It urged Rotarians to "exercise discretion, moderation, and measured judgment in making provision for such exchanges."

The approximately 20,000 banners in the Rotary History and Archives collection reflect clubs' hometown pride and their connection with the international organization. In addition to incorporating the Rotary emblem, banners often include symbols or imagery of a club's town, region, or country. Others represent local craftsmanship or cultural traditions by displaying leatherwork, weaving, embroidery, or hand-painted designs.

When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

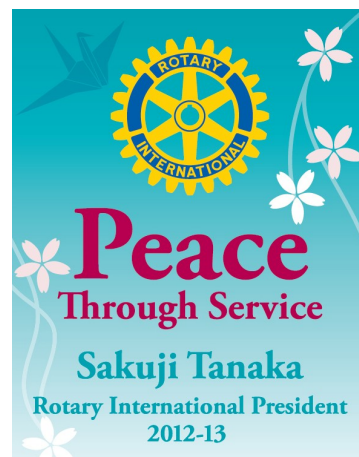
... Thomas Jefferson

Club Officers :

President	Jamie Mattison
President-Elect	John Chenoweth
Vice President	Bob Weimer
Secretary	Herman Knodel
Treasurer	Doug Lowe
Sergeant at Arms	Gary Sandercock
Strategic Planning	Doug Lowe
Past-President	Rich Petro

Directors:

Membership	Lou Gibson
Service Projects	Bob Weimer
Rotary Foundation	Bill Miller
Public Relations	Tom Minor
Club Administration	Adaire Wolf



Have you read the latest copy of the Rotarian? Really? ? If you have, you will have seen the small article about MEDICO written by Norm Peters.

From the Boardroom: The following regular business was conducted:

1) **Gary Ross** and **Dennis Smith** have made application to become members of our club. **Lou Gibson** made the motion seconded by **Rich Petro** that these two persons be accepted into membership of our club. The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

2) **Susan Ward** has requested a Leave of Absence for two weeks. This request was unanimously approved by the Board.

3) **Hugh Young** requested a change in membership status to the Rule of 85. This request was approved unanimously by the Board.

4) Our current Leave of Absence policy will be reviewed at a future Board meeting.



A Rotary engine

IT IS a year since the last case of polio was diagnosed in India. That is not enough to pronounce the country polio-free—three clear years are the conventional period required for that to happen. But it is a good start. And if India really is clear, then what was once a global scourge will now be endemic to a mere three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. The number of people infected, meanwhile, has dropped from 350,000 in 1988 to 650 last year.

All this is in large part thanks to the efforts of **Rotary International**. In 1985, after a successful pilot study in the Philippines, this businessmen's club cum global charity announced a plan to eradicate polio by vaccinating every child under five at risk of catching it. The estimate then was that it would cost \$120m. Some \$800m of **Rotary** money later (plus a lot from other sources), the virus is still out there, but its remaining hidey-holes tell their own story: where civil disorder is rife, medicine is hard.

On January 17th **Rotary** announced it had raised yet another \$200m. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute a further \$405m, and the pressure will thus be kept up. The inspiration for **Rotary's** campaign against polio came from the eradication of smallpox. Like polio, smallpox was a viral disease for which effective, easily administered vaccines existed. And crucially, like polio, smallpox had only one animal host: *Homo sapiens*. In principle, then, extermination should be possible. The practice, however, has turned out rather different.

First, unlike smallpox, polio viruses can survive for long periods outside a host—for instance in sewage. Second, when the campaign began in earnest there were three main varieties of polio, each of which required a specially tailored vaccine. Focusing effort on one of these strains often led to the resurgence of another.

Third, besides the inevitable difficulties of working in places that have poor medical infrastructure, the campaign ran into some specific human problems. The most notorious of these was the rumour, spread in 2003 by certain religious leaders in Nigeria, that the vaccine would sterilise girls and was part of an American plot to rid the world of Muslims. This helps explain why polio persists in Nigeria.

. . . *The Economist*

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New hearing aid

Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years.

He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"