



Metro Banner

Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary

District 5730 -- June 24, 2014



Metro Rotary – Take Your "This Close" Photo

Join Bishop Desmond Tutu, golfer Jack Nicklaus and naturalist Jane Goodall by taking a selfie and adding your photo to the world's largest commercial at <http://thisclose.endpolio.org/en> to show others that we are "this close" to a polio-free world.

Let's have Metro be a 100% club If you haven't already uploaded your "we're this close" photo, go to <http://thisclose.endpolio.org/en> and follow the instructions to take your picture with either your webcam or upload your photo from your computer. Fill out your name and so forth and upload your picture to join the world's largest commercial to call attention to the endgame to lick polio.

Also, have your family, neighbors and friends add their photographs and thereby make more people aware of the final push to get rid of polio. We've come so far; we can't give up the fight.

Let's not go back to those days



Installation Dinner at Tech Club

If you have signed up yourself (and perhaps your spouse) for the Metro Installation Dinner, remember that we'll gather at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 26, at the Texas Tech Club (east side of the stadium). If you'd like to get a head start, the cash bar opens at 6 pm. Dinner will start at 7 pm. Members free; spouses \$35 (billed to your July 1 statement). Celebrate 2013-14 and install new officers for 2014-15.

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No Club Meeting
 Either June 27th
 Or July 4th

June 20th – Jennifer Hughes, Director Tech's Office of Planning and Assessment



Even though Friday was officially the first day of summer, it felt more like fall at breakfast. Our speaker, Jennifer Hughes, one of our newer members, gave more than just the usual classification talk. She told us about her work as Director of the Office of Planning and Assessment at Texas Tech University and addressing concerns of accountability in university education. She said that they assessed how students gained in attitude, knowledge and success through their college experiences. We learned that Texas Tech University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC, pronounced Sacks-C-O-C). The University is accredited every ten years, and every SACSCOC-accredited institution must submit a Compliance Certification Report (CCR) prior to reaffirmation. Texas Tech successfully submitted its Fifth Year Interim Report in April 2011 and will submit its CCR in September 2014. The Office of Planning and Assessment is responsible for creating documentation in support of the University's accreditation with SACSCOC. Jennifer told us that the Office of Planning and Assessment (OPA), works with a diverse group of faculty and staff to meet accreditation, assessment, and strategic planning needs at the federal, regional, and state levels. Their central purpose is to strengthen Texas Tech's commitment to quality assessment. They are dedicated to a number of functions on campus, including, measuring and documenting student learning, documenting faculty credentials, researching TTU student performance on nationally standardized tests, supporting the University's strategic planning efforts, and offering assessment-related professional development opportunities.



Thanks to Jim Graves for this report and for his reports all year long and to Dennis Reeves for his photos.

Happy June Birthday and Anniversaries:

Spouse Birthday: Mike McMurry June 9

Anniversaries

Dennis Reeves June 12
Ken Clowes June 21
Andy Penney June 23

Brent Guinn June 18
Bill Evans June 21





Rotary Holds Water Conference in Sydney

The statistics are staggering. Worldwide, 2.5 billion people have no improved sanitation facilities. More than 783 million people lack access to clean drinking water.

But the message at the World Water Summit held May 30 in Sydney was encouraging: Rotary members and their clubs can bring down those numbers through collaborations and partnerships with the private sector, nongovernmental organizations, and governments.

"These are scary numbers," said Jenny Da Rin, assistant secretary for the Health and Environmental Safeguards branch of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. "Reducing the numbers is a great challenge, but you are all here today because you are committed to playing our part in tackling these challenges. This is a wonderful forum for us to think about how we can do things better, think about how we can work together more effectively, and think about how we can get better results."

The water summit, the sixth convened by the Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, aimed to match industry expert knowledge with Rotary-led projects. Brian Cook, a former Rotary district governor, talked about his district's initiatives with universities on water education in developing countries including Malaysia and India. Event organizers hope that participants took away a better understanding of how they can collaborate and partner with other organizations.

Seth Womble, a former Rotary Group Study Exchange student, is now partnering his organization, Water Missions International in South Carolina, United States, with Rotary clubs to take on urban water issues in the U.S.

"Rotary is invaluable when it comes to understanding local needs," he said. "Their knowledge base and matching the right players with the right connections helps water projects not just succeed but thrive."

"There is a tremendous amount of energy in Rotary water projects," said Tom Thorfinnson, past RI vice president and member of the management team for the water action group. "These initiatives matter because there are tangible results. But we can't do it alone. We can be infinitely more successful by working with outside groups."



Breakout sessions focused on collaborating across Rotary's areas of focus, advocacy and education, and monitoring, evaluation, resolution, and learning. Keynote speakers included Dr. Robert Scott, chair of the Rotary International Polio Eradication Committee; Braimah Apambire from the Center for International Water and Sustainability and the Desert Research Institute; Juliet Willetts, Institute for Sustainable Futures, University of Technology; and Peter Crowley, UNICEF's chief of Polio.

Reprinted from <https://www.rotary.org/en/water-summit-urges-collaboration-quench-world%E2%80%99s-thirst>

Future Meetings – Go to metrolubbockrotary.org

If you want to quickly see what programs are upcoming, go to our club's ClubRunner homepage (www.metrolubbockrotary.org) and click on Speakers to see who's coming.

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Welcome to our Club!

ENGAGE ROTARY
CHALLENGE LIVES

Service Above Self

We meet Fridays at 7:00 AM
Holiday Inn Lubbock Park
Plaza Hotel
3201 Texas 289 Loop
Frontage Rd
Lubbock, TX 79423
United States

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Welcome to the Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary website!
Posted by SarahLee Morris

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Caryl's College of Useless Knowledge

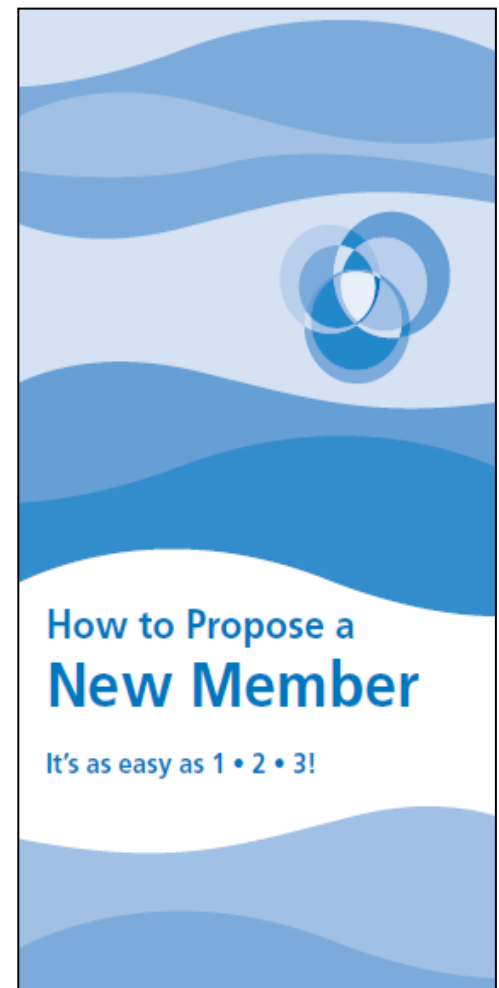
No theme. Just ideas that came to mind. Caution: some answers might even be useful.

1. Inspired by the book Jennifer Hughes signed to give to the Dupre Elementary School library . . . why do feet stink?
2. When potatoes were first introduced in England from South America, to what use were they put?

3. Are there more bacteria in your gut or stars in the Milky Way? By a factor of 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 or what?
4. Has the speed of the wind increased or decreased over the last 30 years?
5. About how long have humans existed on Earth?
6. When did the human population reach one million?
7. Which is larger, the biceps of a Neanderthal girl or the thigh of an average contemporary human adult male?
8. Here's a question for which any red-blooded middle school boy would like to know the answer, so he can blow his friends' minds . . . what is the shape of Wombat feces?

How to Propose a New Member

1. Talk with someone you'd like to invite to join Metro. Let them know about expectations of attendance at all but at least half of the club meetings, initiation fee of \$50, and quarterly dues and meals of \$180.
2. When he or she expresses an interest, fill out Part A of the "Membership Proposal Form" found at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/254en.pdf (shown to the right). It's only a couple questions long.
3. Give the completed form to Linda McMurry, Metro's Secretary.
4. After the Metro Board approves the proposed member, the Board will arrange to talk with the proposed member about membership in the club and ask her or him to fill out Part B of the "Membership Proposal Form."
5. Information about the proposed member will be published to club members; and if no objections are raised, after seven days the proposed member will become a member of Metropolitan Lubbock Rotary and the club secretary will report their membership to Rotary International.
6. The club president will arrange a formal induction ASAP at a club meeting.



Answers to Caryl's Questions

1. According to <http://health.howstuffworks.com/skin-care/information/anatomy/question514.htm>, *eau de foot* is about sweat. A stinky foot may also be a sweaty foot. Each of your feet has 26 bones, 33 joints, 107 ligaments, and 19 muscles; and your feet (both of them together) have 250,000 sweat glands that make about half a pint of sweat every day. That means your feet produce more sweat per square inch of skin than any other part of your body.



But most of the time sweat itself actually isn't the problem, at least not when it comes to the kind of sweat you find on your feet. You see, there are two types of sweat glands on your body: apocrine glands and eccrine glands. Apocrine glands are found near hair follicles (so you'll find them in abundance on your scalp and in your armpits – Right Guard or Secret, anyone?, as well as the groin region). The sweat they secrete – a yellowish, thick fluid – happens in response to stresses. Body odor is the byproduct of bacteria on your skin digesting the sweat produced by apocrine glands. But there are no apocrine glands on your feet.

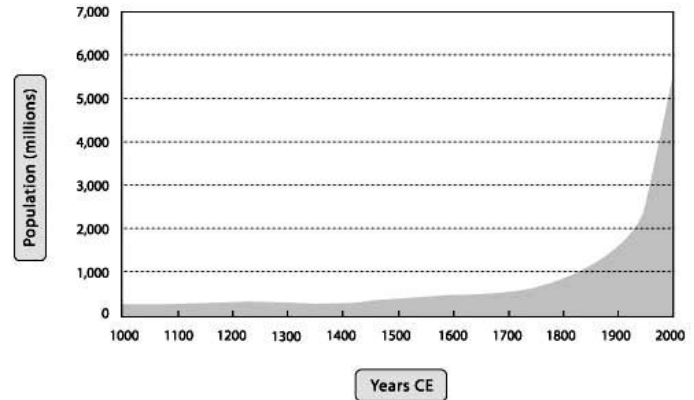
Eccrine glands, on the other hand, are located in the skin all over your body, including your feet. This sweat is intended to cool you down. On its own, the sweat produced by the eccrine glands on the soles of your feet is pretty much just water and salt, and really doesn't have any odor at all.

It's bacteria that's the real culprit behind foot odor; well, that and whether or not you wear socks.

2. Potatoes were first used in England as a dessert.
3. There are 1000 times as many bacteria in your gut as there are stars in the Milky Way. I suppose they made that measurement prior to a sigmoidoscopy.
4. You couldn't prove it out here in west Texas, but according to our favorite *1,227 Quite Interesting Facts to Blow Your Socks Off*, wind speed on Earth has decreased by 30% over the last 30 years.
5. *Homo sapiens*, that's we humans, have been around about 200,000 years. The rumor that there are Rotarians alive since the start is only a rumor.
6. I couldn't find the answer to when the human population reached one million, but according to Wikipedia, until the development of agriculture around the 11th millennium BCE, it is estimated that the world population stabilized at about three million people. It took nearly 200,000 years for the world population to reach one billion, which it did in 1804. But then we got going. The next billion came only 100 years later, in 1927. And after that, the rate of growth really accelerated, 3 billion in 1959, 4 billion 1974, 5 billion 1987, 6 billion 1999, and now 7.1 billion. (Doing some arithmetic,

while I've been alive the world population has grown from about 2.5 to 7.1 billion; that's nearly triple. The U.S. population has grown from 130 million to 315-plus million.)

7. The Neanderthal girl's bicep was larger than a contemporary adult human male's thigh.
8. Wombat feces comes out as cubes
I can't help but think that that must hurt.



Last Issue of the 2013-14 Banner It's Been Fun

