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Editorial

The Best Gift You'll Ever Give



Don Shisler

Soon we will celebrate both Christmas and Hanukkah; and look forward to the end of this year and the beginning of another. Whether thoughts of our faith or our humanity, times of change and celebration cause us to look for meaningful ways to mark such occasions. Decorations, lights, parties, special foods, music, plays, church services and festivities abound! As Rotarians, we choose to serve others above self, and this too is a way to indicate a meaningful event.

For many this is a season of giving, not just to family and loved ones; but to strangers and the less fortunate as well. At the Mission, phones have been ringing since September as volunteers called to offer their help with

Thanksgiving and Christmas preparations. Donations of food and gifts, as well as coats and warm clothing have arrived by car and truckload. Lots of those volunteers have been busy wrapping gifts—thousands of gifts—given from the heart for someone the donor will never meet. God bless our volunteers who give of their time in service to others.

In our private lives, many of us have streamlined our gift giving through online and catalog purchases. Beautiful full color catalogs arrive daily to tempt us to purchase wonderful new and exciting gifts for those we hold dear. Last year a very special gift catalog premiered in Tarrant County. The Greatest Gift Catalog

Ever, provided by the Shared Community Benefit Foundation and a labor of love and service from *Elliot* and Heather *Goldman*, showcased 10 local charities and offered gift ranging from a few dollars to substantial contributions. This year 12 of Tarrant County's finest organizations are featured.

However you choose to celebrate this season, I urge you to consider a gift of hope to someone in need. It's never been easier to help. It will be the best gift you give all year.

— *Don Shisler*,
Union Gospel Mission

Program

December 11, 2009

SPEAKER:

William "Bill" Gimson,
Executive Director,
Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas

FORT WORTH CLUB

Chairman for the Day:
Craig Schaefer

NEWSCAST: *Elliot Goldman*

Last Meeting



Rush Vann

Retired American history professor J’Nell Pate spoke Friday about the establishment and evolution of the bomber and Army air plants in Fort Worth centered around World War II. This brief snippet of history is only an example of the role that the military has played in Fort Worth over the last 150 years. Fort Worth was home to over 13 major military installations including the Army and Navy air commands and the WASP’s. The lineage of the “bomber plant” which is now Lockheed Martin was detailed from its origins after WWI from a consolidation of aircraft plants..”Consolidated Aircraft”..to a sale with Vultee Aircraft..ie Convair...to General Dynamics and its present owners stated above. The history of how Carswell Airforce Base now the the Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth was also explained. The presentation brought back a lot of memories for those of us who grew up in Fort Worth.

Libby Watson, Chair of the Literacy Summit Committee gave a report about what businesses are looking for in reading skills and how Fort Worth measures up in educating its populace. Emphasis was placed on making sure that students and adults had basic skills to be employable and self-sufficient.

A blue badge was presented to Bob Gill as proposed by Don Pierson. Two new members were introduced...Jeff Halstead as proposed by Dale Fisseler and David Lampkin sponsored by Tim Plocica. John Fletcher gave the newscast and the members did a great job singing the National Anthem a capella.

~ Rush Vann,
Vann Investment Management

Make-Up Attendance

Western Fort Worth — 12.01.09 — Clem Constantine
12.01.09 —Robert Gleason

Years of Service:

- Jimmy Still, 38 Years
- Bobby Grigsby, 28 Years
- Harry Brants, 26 Years

Next Week's Program

December 18, 2009

Holiday Harmonies
Eggnog Reception begins at 11:15 a.m.

Chairman of the Day:
J.R. Labbe

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Friday's Speaker



Bill Gimson

William “Bill” Gimson is the Executive Director of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT). Mr. Gimson brings 35 years of program and administrative experience with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Georgia, from where he recently retired as the Chief Operating Officer. At the CDC he had oversight for more than 15,000 employees and an annual budget in excess of \$10 billion and worked in partnership with the CDC director and executive leadership to implement a number of strategic initiatives, including re-engineering CDC’s administrative and organizational structure. Gimson, among other accomplishments, developed the first ever performance measures of CDC’s business indicators, executed an almost 4 million square foot capital improvement plan totaling \$1.6 billion dollars, improved agency secu-

urity and continuity of operations following 9/11, and assisted CDC and the Nation in preparing for an outbreak of pandemic influenza.

Mr. Gimson was one of the first CDC employees to travel to Iraq in 2005, and then later in early 2007 under a USAID-funded project to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Health in strengthening performance management for the Government of Iraq. He subsequently volunteered to serve from December 2007 through May 2008 on a U.S. Department of State Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) as the health section team lead and was assigned to Contingency Operating Base, Speicher (100 miles northeast of Baghdad). The PRT was paired with the 1st Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne Division (the Screaming Eagles). As the only civilian assigned to the health section, he led a team of Civil Affairs Army Reservists working closely with the Iraqi Directorate of Health for the Province of Salah ad Din increasing access to healthcare for Iraqi citizens, forming a province-wide coalition to prevent cholera and helping cosponsor the largest conference of Iraq and U.S. health professionals to be held in the northern provinces of Iraq up to that time.

As CPRIT’s executive director, Mr. Gimson is responsible for working with the CPRIT Oversight Com-

mittee to create and implement a strategic vision designed to enable the Institute to make its mark in the fight against cancer. He is also charged with developing and managing a new team – a dream team – of scientific, executive and operational staff that will develop the processes for soliciting, awarding and monitoring the performance of the very best prevention and research projects in the field.

Mr. Gimson and the CPRIT team are currently focusing on an impartial review process directed by top scientists from outside of Texas to distribute taxpayer dollars; funded projects will be innovative and critically important to the field; the entire research spectrum will be supported – basic, translational, clinical and prevention – with the goal of fundamental discoveries that can be put into practice; ten percent of all funding will be directed at innovative and unique prevention services to help Texans; and new, superb talent will be recruited to the state.

Mr. Gimson, who spent his formative years in Texas (Dallas & Houston), holds a master’s degree in business administration from Duke University and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Bill and his wife, Susana have three children, William, Alex, and Gabrielle.

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- * Albert "Wayne" Smith, Jr.:
 - Proposed by *Bob Gill*
 - Classification: Finance-Banking Administration, Regional
 - Company: Community Bank
- * James C. Thomason:
 - Proposed by *Cliff Johnson*
 - Classification: Real Estate - Land Development
 - Company: Salt Creek Properties
- * Jennifer Yoder:
 - Proposed by *Rachel Vogel*
 - Classification: Engineering-Multi Discipline
 - Company: Baird, Hampton & Brown Inc.

If no written objection is received in the Rotary office by next Friday, these proposals will be given second readings and voted on by the club.

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WORKPLACE LITERACY SUMMIT

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Fort Worth

February 24, 2010

This program has been approved for **2.25 recertification credit hours toward PHR, SPHR and GPHR recertification** through the HR Certification Institute.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

DR. EDWARD E. GORDON

Taming the Talent Revolution: A Decade of Opportunity

Edward E. Gordon is a leader with vision. As President of Imperial Consulting Corporation in Chicago and Palm Desert, California, he is a talent availability expert who applies a multidisciplinary approach to today's complex workforce and economic development issues. Dr. Gordon is a recognized international expert on training, careers, and education related to business and economic development. During his over thirty years of consulting, Dr. Gordon has assisted many varied clients including: **Microsoft, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Motorola**, and the **U.S. Departments of Education and Labor**.



In this presentation Dr. Gordon explores how business people, educators, union leaders, government officials, parents, activists, and others are now partnering through community-based organizations (CBOs) to craft new education-to-employment systems for 21st century technology-based economies. He offers audiences an optimistic message based on years of research and international consulting experience and shows how these "Gateways to the Future" can make current businesses more competitive and attract new start-ups as well for economic growth over the next decade.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Horizon Room, Fort Worth Club
306 W. 7th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102

REGISTRATION

Registration is \$50 per person and includes admission to the breakfast and recertification credit hours.

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PANEL DISCUSSION Following Dr. Gordon, a panel of local business leaders will help you understand the actions community leaders are taking to address both the challenges and opportunities brought on by the global economy and what actions you and your organization can take to assist in preparing to meet the workforce needs and challenges.

Panelists:

Kenneth Barr - former Mayor of Fort Worth
Judy McDonald - Executive Director, Workforce Solutions of Tarrant County
Robert Early - CEO, JPS Health Network

