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Editorial

Spring Greetings



Don Pierson

A few years ago, the American Red Cross had an ad campaign reminding us that the Red Cross was woven into the fabric of our nation, an example reminding us how our lives are connected in many ways by our institutions.

But despite all of the connections available to us, a December article in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology* opines that loneliness is not just spreading, it is as contagious as a smile or a yawn. How ironic, with the ever growing population and all the communication and entertainment options available, that anyone should feel lonely, but John T. Cacioppo, a psychologist from the University of Chicago believes that loneliness can even be transmitted to people without direct contact.

Loneliness has been linked to a

variety of medical problems including depression, loss of sleep and poor health. If loneliness could be reduced or eliminated, the health of our society as a whole should improve.

Unfortunately, people who feel lonely tend to act in negative ways toward those they come in contact with, which in turn makes others tend to behave more negatively, which tends to further isolate the first individual and potentially shunt others toward further and further loneliness themselves. Believing that the people you associate with can have a material impact on your well being, the potential cascade effect of such behavior could see entire social networks destabilized. The findings thus

suggest that if persons on the margins of a social network are helped, both the individual and the network can be helped.

Egad! What is a Rotarian to do? I suggest you invite a friend to Rotary this Friday (unless the District Governor is visiting, in which case invite him or her to the next Rotary meeting. We don't want to push someone over the edge!). After you bring a friend to Rotary, they can join and find their opportunities to serve. From the Red Cross to the Child Study Center and the Parenting Center to the Salvation Army to the Boys and Girls Club, the list goes on and on. We will not find any answers if we only seek to serve ourselves, but by serving others we help us all.

— *Don Pierson,*
Donald R. Pierson II, Attorney

Program

February 12, 2010

SPEAKER:

Hal Jeffcoat
President
Texas Wesleyan University

FORT WORTH CLUB

Chairman for the Day:
Mac McLain

NEWSCAST: *Wayne Carson*

Last Meeting



Sherry Matina

Sports analyst Tom Grieve and starting catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, both integral to the success of the Texas Rangers, entertained luncheon attendees and baseball fans at Rotary's last meeting. Grieve, who has been with the Washington/Texas franchise for 40 of his 41 years in professional baseball, enlightened us about the team's prospects this year.

Mr. Grieve says that his most commonly asked off-season question is "When are you going to get some pitching?" Now with Nolan Ryan's expertise, this situation is dramatically improved because Ranger pitchers are being developed to be able to pitch deeper into the game.

Next, Mr. Grieve noted that the defense improved significantly last year. He stated that the overall record of 87-75 was actually an over achievement for such a young team, and the team will naturally get better as young players get more big league experience. He was totally compli-

mentary of the quality of young athletes playing for the Rangers, stating, "They are young, eager, have a great attitude, and as a fan you can be proud of them."

Finally, Tom Grieve explained some of the "front office" factors which he considers positives. Not only is Nolan Ryan a huge factor, but some of the economic decisions (such as trading for Vladimir Guerrero from the Angels) are bringing better balance to the team.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, coming off the injured players' list after a great start in 2009, said that all players feel like every year is going to be "the year." He likes manager Ron Washington because he (Washington) thinks baseball should be played "old school," and Jarrod is a switch hitter today due to encouragement from his dad. When asked about his "toughest" pitchers to catch, Jarrod identified them as "lefties who don't know where it's going!" He shared that it is "huge" to have someone of leader quality like Michael Young on the team to encourage the younger players.

In addition to our speakers, *Connie Blake* was thankful for "sunshine" in her invocation (after almost two solid weeks of rain!), *J. R. Labbe* reviewed President Barack Obama's first State of the Union Address, and President *Sid* encouraged everyone to enjoy the weekend and Go to the Stock Show as we departed!

~ Sherry Matina

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February 19, 2010

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Steven Newton

Joan Katz Breast Center

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ROTARIAN: Tonya Veasey

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Friday's Speaker



Hal Jeffcoat

Dr. *Harold Jeffcoat* began his career in higher education in 1975 following ten years as a professional baseball player. He received both his Bachelor of Arts degree (1974) and Master of Arts degree (1988) from the University of South Florida. He received his Doctor of Education from the University of Kentucky in 1994. Dr. Jeffcoat completed a Master of Laws degree from the University of Leicester in 2000.

At Texas Wesleyan University, Dr. *Jeffcoat* holds tenured appointments as Professor of European Law and Professor of Humanities. At Texas Wesleyan University, President Jeffcoat serves as a member on the Board of Directors of the Mary I. Gourley Scholarship Foundation and the Davey O'Brien Foundation.

While he had served on the faculties at Baker University and the University of Missouri, teaching and publishing in the humanities, philosophy of law and philosophy of education. He served as Professor of Humanities (Adjunct) in the Honors College at the University of Missouri

and as founding Director and Director Emeritus of the European Union Center, one of ten academic research centers established by the European Commission in the United States.

While at Baker University, he served on the campus committee to reform the general education program and chaired the campus scholarship committee. He was also a member of the Board of Directors, Center for Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Research (Olympia, Greece).

As Vice Chancellor at the University of Missouri, Dr. *Jeffcoat* was responsible for private fund development, alumni relations, and international program development. He was a member of the University Capital Review Committee, which oversees all capital construction planning for the land-grant campus. He was a member of the Strategic Planning Advisory Committee and Financial Planning Committee, which jointly plans new academic investment and oversees budget preparation and spending forecasts. As a faculty he also served on the curriculum reform of the joint Ph.D./Ed.D. Programs in the College of Education, the Korea Initiatives Group and the Council for International Relations.

During his administrative career, Dr. *Jeffcoat* managed institutional advancement programs at Purdue University, where he served as Assistant Vice President, Campaign Direc-

Make-Up Attendance

Western Fort Worth — 02.02.10 — Clem Constantine

tor and Chief Operations Officer. At the University of South Florida, he initiated development programs in the College of Arts and Letters and the Science Center during the university's first comprehensive campaign. At the Florida State University Foundation, he developed the first Corporate and Foundation Relations Program and at Columbia College represented the campus at federal and state levels of government.

Dr. *Jeffcoat* and his wife, Marie, have three children and two granddaughters. Jennifer Marie Morton holds a Master of Science in Special Education from the University of Missouri. Jennifer lives in Georgia with her husband, Chad, and their daughters. Michael graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in May 2006. Jacqueline graduated from Southwestern University in Georgetown in May 2007, and received her Master of Education from Notre Dame in 2009.

ROTARIAN: Joan Trew

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The Rotary Club of Fort Worth is looking for a few good spellers to participate in the Corporate Spelling Bee this year. Our team will consist of three spellers. We might even have to have a spell off so that we can bring our very best team to the Bee. If you have an interest in serving on the Rotary Club team, contact *Mitch Reitman*.

The Corporate Spelling Bee is hosted this year by the Tarrant Literacy Coalition. The Bee will be at the Trinity River Campus of the Tarrant County College in downtown Fort Worth on March 31.

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"Larry" March 14

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Tiffany 2010

Larry is the Managing Partner of Whitley Penn, LLP. Larry received his BBA in Accounting and Finance at Texas Tech University in 1984. Larry is active in the United Way of Tarrant County, is a board member and chairman of Alexis De Tocqueville Society, is the president and chairman of the All Church Home, and is the finance committee chairman for the United Methodist Church of Hurst. Larry is married to Tiffany Doyle, and has 2 children: Chandler (14) and Landon (11).

GARCIA, MARY LOUISE



"Mary Louise" March 29

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Chris 2010

Mary Louise is an Administrative Specialist for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department. A 1984 graduate of Arlington Heights High School, she attended both TCU and UTA. Mary Louise is a member of the Ridglea Country Club, the Fort Worth Women's Club and the Carousel Dance Club. Mary Louise enjoys running, ballroom dancing and is also a Child Advocate. She is married to Chris, and has 2 children: Juliana (18) and Gabriella (17).

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"Clint" July 27

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Clint is the President of Roberts Wealth Management, LLC. He received his B.A. (2004) at the University of Texas in Austin. A native of Nacona, Texas, Clint is a member of the Fort Worth Club. Clint also enjoys playing golf.

YODER, JENNIFER C.



"Jen" November 13

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Jen is the Director of Business Development at Baird, Hampton & Brown, Inc. Jen received her B.S. in Organizational Management and Development at Bluefield College in 2001. Jen is very involved in the community, serving on the board of YMCA – Ryan Family – Fort Worth, and volunteering with the Big Sister – Big Brothers and Big Sisters groups. Jen has 2 children: Ethan (16) and Joshua (10).

Workplace Literacy Summit

February 24, 2010
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

As part of an ongoing commitment to adult/workforce literacy issues in Tarrant County, the Rotary Club of Fort Worth will host a first-ever Workplace Literacy Summit on February 24, 2010 at the Fort Worth Club.

The event will feature Dr. Edward Gordon, a nationally recognized expert and author, whose clients have ranged from Fortune 500 companies to government agencies, to workforce boards, economic development/industrial commissions, and business trade associations. Dr. Gordon's keynote address will focus on the impact of workplace literacy to the future of American business.

A panel composed of former Mayor *Kenneth Barr*, *Dick Ruddell*, President, The T, and *Sal Adamski*, Workforce Improvement Director, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County will complement Dr. Gordon's remarks by discussing the issue from a local perspective. CEOs and Senior Human Resource professionals will hear first-hand how the problem is impacting the community, their workforce, and our collective bottom line.

Deadline for reservations is February 12, 2010. It is not too late to register for this informative meeting.

Steps for Proposing a Member

1. Call the Rotary office and discuss the classification with Neva. Request that the office mail you a proposal form, or *Neva* or *Evelyn* will have them available at Rotary meetings. Fill out the form and mail back to Rotary office.

2. The proposal goes to the Classification & Membership committee for review and consideration. (The Classification & Membership Committee meets on the first and third Fridays of the month.)

3. The Committee makes a recommendation to the Board.

4. The Board considers the recommendation of the committee. If approved, a letter is sent to the proposed new member and the proposer outlining the steps to be taken to become a member of the club. (The Board meets on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.)

a. Complete Personal Information Form

b. Check (amount is included in the letter)

c. Photo

5. Once the Rotary office has received everything (a, b and c) then the proposed member gets First Readings, then Second Readings and is elected subject to attending Rotary Information.

6. A letter goes out after Second Read-

ing letting the "new member" know the date of the Rotary Information meeting. (The Rotary Information meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening.)

7. Once the "new member" has attended Rotary Information, a letter will go out letting them know that they will be introduced at the Rotary meeting the next week.

It takes about six weeks to go through the process.


Brrrrr... 

If you bring your coat with you to the meetings on Friday please don't forget to leave a business card in your pocket so that you go home with YOUR coat.



Please be considerate and remember to turn off your cell phones during our meetings.

Thank you!



The Rotary Office will be closed On Monday, February 15, 2010

Happy President's Day!

Do you Miss your Printed Roster?

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Has your home or business address changed? Have you got a new phone number or email address? Remember to update the online database with your new information so that your fellow Rotarians can contact you as needed. Or in the alternative, let the Rotary office know when there is a change in roster information and we will update the database for you!

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