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This Week's Program - June 16, 2020



Have people given up on the pandemic?

Dr. Shane Speights returns once again to give us an update on the COVID-19 crisis.

As we enter phase II of reopening, what can we expect from this unpredictable virus? Come hear what is happening locally and what we can do to minimize the risks of going out in public.

Club Leaders



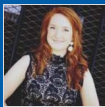
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Rotary Invoice

Reminder invoices were mailed recently for those dues not yet received. Please take care of that before the end of the Rotary year, June 30. We start another six-month billing cycle July 1. If you need a statement, let Barbara know.

To the manners born

Bad manners can have real consequences.

Your mother may have admonished you for talking with your mouth full or putting your elbows on the table, but there's so much more to manners than that. Etiquette is really being thoughtful about yourself and others, says **Sheila Armstrong**. She learned about manners from her grandmother Cookie Mae, a University of Wisconsin graduate who taught elocution in Superior, Wisconsin. For her, it was important to be precise in everything from dining etiquette to basic thoughtfulness toward others, says Armstrong, a member of the Rotary Club of Houston. Armstrong has appeared on numerous TV shows, and her **Little Book of Etiquette: Tips on Socially Correct Dining** was first published in 1993.



THE ROTARIAN: Why did you write *The Little Book of Etiquette*?

ARMSTRONG: I ran an executive search firm. In the early 1990s, I had two candidates within three months of each other who were each on the verge of being offered a position with an incredible salary and benefits, but neither of them got the offer because they were dining slob. The first candidate ordered spaghetti and slurped up the noodles, allowing tomato sauce to splash on both sides of his face and then he forgot to wipe away the sauce. And when the second candidate was taken to dinner, he drank three glasses of wine. It made me so mad that I interviewed 500 people and wrote a book.

TR: How did the rules of etiquette first arise?

ARMSTRONG: The first notes we have on etiquette come from 2400 B.C. in Egypt. One piece of advice could be translated as something like when your boss laughs, laugh with him. The use of the word etiquette with its contemporary meaning comes from France and is often traced to the time of Louis XIV.

TR: What tips do you have for Rotarians?

ARMSTRONG: If you want to ask someone to volunteer for a project, do it away from your Rotary meeting. Ask the person to coffee or dinner and tell them in advance why you would like to talk with them.

At Rotary meetings, I've been at tables where nobody talked or where I was ignored because I was a visitor. When you have someone you don't know at your club, ask them what projects they're



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Events

All face-to-face events have been postponed due to the coronavirus.

Online Meetings

June 16 -- Online Meeting -- Dr. Shane Speights -- COVID Update

involved in. That starts a conversation.

If you're traveling for a Rotary project or event, research the etiquette in your destination. Start practicing how people dine there, for instance, and how you should offer and accept a business card. But remember that if someone is visiting your club and they goof up your local customs, it's gracious not to point it out.

TR: The world is so casual today. Does etiquette still matter?

ARMSTRONG: Bad manners can have real consequences. One day, my father called to tell me that my mother was not feeling well. I lived in Austin, Texas, 100 miles away. I wanted to drive safely but quickly. On a narrow two-lane road, a driver with road rage refused to let me pass for 30 minutes. When I finally reached my parents' door, Daddy opened it up and said, "Sheila, darling, I am sorry, your mother died five minutes ago."

It felt like part of my life had ended, and all because of that driver. So I decided to write a book on driving: ***Buckle Up, Stay Alert: Driving Tips for Adults and Teens***. It will include information about the rules of the road and tips on how patience can help you be a better driver.

◆ DIANA SCHOBERG

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Good News, June 09, 2020

Paid for by our anonymous benefactor.

Sam and **Marilyn Hummelstein** ventured out of town last weekend to Queen Wilhelmina State Park and enjoyed a weekend of hiking. While on their 5 1/2 mile hike, they saw no people.

Norman Stafford and his wife, Betty, will celebrate their 56th anniversary this Sunday.

Al Poston will undergo cataract surgery tomorrow. Here's to you, Al. May everything go well.

Brian Rega announced that Freddy's restaurant is coming to Jonesboro.

Rachel Jones said her best friend's son had surgery and it went well.

Last Week's Program, June 9, 2020

Last week's program was on the partnership of Crowley's Ridge Development Council and the HUB to help homelessness. **Tony Thomas**, Executive Director of CRDC, presented the program.

The CRDC was organized in 1969 and serves eight counties in northeast Arkansas. Every three years, it does a community assessment to establish the top five needs. It provides programs and services geared toward meeting those needs. The HUB stands for Helping the Underserved Belong. It is a homeless resource center. The HUB Homeless Resource Center is a referral program that connects individuals to local, state, and federal service. Both agencies are 501c3 organizations. The CRDC and the HUB joined forces so as not to duplicate services to the homeless.



HUB Homeless Resource Center

The homeless population is growing in Craighead County. Of the homeless, the 13 thru 17 years age group is the fastest growing population. In our area, "homeless" is a person about to be put on the street. The agencies rely heavily on volunteers and donations. They need office supplies, cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene products, diaper and infant care items, and monetary donations.

The HUB is located on Union and is open Tuesday and Thursday after 9. CRDC is located at 2401 Fox Meadow Lane and is open Monday through Friday. Donations for the homeless may be dropped off at CRDC.

For a more detailed explanation of CRDC and the HUB, listen to the YouTube video for our program on June 9.

June 9, 2020 Online Meeting Video featuring Tony Thomas

Our June 9, 2020 meeting featured Rotarian **Tony Thomas**, Executive Director, Crowley's Ridge Development Council (CRDC) presented our online meeting program about the new collaboration between CRDC and the HUB as they work together to alleviate homelessness in our community.

You can view the meeting by clicking below:

June 23 -- Online Meeting --
Kevan Imboden -- City, Water, and
Light -- Solar Power

June 27 -- Virtual Conference
Rotary District 6150

June 30 -- Online Meeting --
Passing of the Gavel

Birthdays

Mike Downing
June 14th

Russ Hannah
June 21st

James V. Hargis
June 24th

Jarrett Free
June 24th

Rajendram Rajnarayanan
June 27th

Kenneth Ray Keller
June 27th

Henry A. Germer
July 2nd

Tom McDonald
July 2nd

Wesley R. Eddington
July 9th

Claudia Shannon
July 11th

June 9, 2020 11th Online Meeting Rota... Watch later Share

HELPING PEOPLE
CRDC
CHANGING LIVES

HUB
Homeless Resource Center

What this membership means:

- Continuation of services. HUB will continue to serve as the entry point for homeless or near homeless clients.
- Streamline case management and other services to the clients.

Rotary Club of Jonesboro

Report Card - June 9, 2020

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Membership

Total Active Members - 140
Active members - 49
Active-Modern - 11
Active-Partner - 5
Active-Service - 48
Active-LOA - 0
◆Active Rule of 85◆ members - 27
Honorary members - 6

Total Attendance - 45

Active Members - 44
Honorary members - 0
Proposed - 1
Guests - 0
Honorary - 0
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