

# THE EYE OPENER

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the minister of humor*

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Is it the truth?

Is it fair to all concerned?

Will it build goodwill and better  
friendships?

Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

**THIS WEEK –** We meet at Sunrise Bistro

**The best argument against democracy is  
a five-minute conversation with the  
average voter.**

**- Winston Churchill**

**From Your Editor:**

**Ever wonder if you picked the wrong career path...** Ok people, we only have 600Ys to figure out how to get off the Earth. Renowned mathematics genius Stephen Hawking says that is all the time we have, if we want to survive. We don't know if he is right, but it does provide an opportunity for bankers perhaps, **as all of those space ventures will certainly need some funding** (from BID)

Rotary Calendar		Team Leader	Event	Location	Speaker	Subject
November						
December						
January 27, 2018			Home Team	Lafayette		



## ZONE 25/26 ROTARY FOUNDATION WEBINAR

TRF - Two Ways to Make a Difference  
Monday November 20th @ 5:30 PST

November is Rotary Foundation Month and we are featuring a webinar with: Trustee Brenda Cressey, Senior Annual Giving Officer Steven Solomon and Planned Giving Officer Mitch Ashley.

Brenda will kick off the session with updates from the Foundation and insights from the Trustees' Fall meeting. This is a special opportunity to not only get the latest news but also to ask questions. Don't miss this unique opportunity.

Steven will speak to the many ways to increase donations to our Annual Fund—the engine that drives our grants programs, our World Fund which matches our grants. He'll also provide information about District Designated Funds (DDF) and the SHARE system which makes all of the Rotary Magic in Annual Giving happen.

Mitch is the newest member of The Rotary Foundation's Zone 25-26 Team. As the planned giving officer, he's here to encourage Rotarians to create legacies through their estate planning. These gifts, invested with our endowment in perpetuity, will ensure the strength and vitality of Rotary programs and Areas of Focus for another Century of Success.

Please join us in this webinar with these Rotary "all stars" and find out how to make every month Rotary Foundation Month!

Brought to you by your Zone Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinators: RRFC Steve Lewis (steve@sterling-air.com) for Zone 25 and RRFC Marge Cole (marge.cole@yahoo.com) for Zone 26

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## THE HUMOR OF MURELEEN

Editor's Note - Mureleen – another week and the humor is tinged with philosophy....

Thomas Jefferson

Thomas Jefferson Was a very remarkable man who started learning very early in life and never stopped.

At 5, began Studying under his cousin's tutor.

At 9, studied Latin, Greek and French.

At 14, studied Classical literature and additional languages.

At 16, entered The College of William and Mary.

Also could write in Greek with one hand while writing the same in Latin with the other.

At 19, studied Law for 5 years starting under George Wythe.

At 23, started His own law practice.

At 25, was elected to the Virginia House of Burgesses.

At 31, wrote the widely circulated "Summary View of the Rights of British America" And Retired from his law practice.

At 32, was a Delegate to the second continental Congress.

At 33, wrote the Declaration of Independence.

At 33, took Three years to revise Virginia's legal code and wrote a Public Education Bill and a statute for Religious Freedom.

At 36, was elected the second Governor of Virginia succeeding Patrick Henry.

At 40, served in Congress for two years.

At 41, was the American minister to France and negotiated commercial treaties with European nations along with Ben Franklin and John Adams.

At 46, served as the first Secretary of State under George Washington.

At 53, served as Vice President and was elected President of the American Philosophical Society.

At 55, drafted the Kentucky Resolutions and became the active head of Republican Party.

At 57, was elected the third president of the United States.

At 60, obtained the Louisiana Purchase doubling the nation's size.

At 61, was elected to a second term as President.

At 65, retired to Monticello.

At 80, helped President Monroe shape the Monroe Doctrine.

At 81, almost  
Single-handedly created the University of Virginia and served as its first President.

At 83, died on the 50th anniversary of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence along With John Adams.

John F. Kennedy held a dinner in the White House for a group of the brightest minds in the nation at that time He made this statement: "This is perhaps the assembly of the most intelligence ever to gather at one time in the White House with the exception of when Thomas Jefferson dined alone."

**EDITORS NOTE: Mureleen failed to mention that Mr. Jefferson, created a hostile work environment, acted with willing misconduct and slept with some of the staff creating a hostile work environment.**

## WORD (Phrase) OF THE WEEK

### Acedia

#### What does it mean?

Acedia (/ə'si:diə/; also accidie or accedie /'æksɪdi/, from Latin acedīa, and this from Greek ἀκηδία, "negligence", ἀ- "lack of" -κηδία "care") is a state of listlessness or torpor, of not caring or not being concerned with one's position or condition in the world. It can lead to a state of being unable to perform one's duties in life. Its spiritual overtones make it related to but arguably distinct from depression.

The Team Assignment List

SET UP RICK CALLAWAY

GREETER ALL

SPEAKERS ALL (COORDINATE WITH RICK)

COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECTS

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