

Today's Program

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In The Future

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org/makeup> Make up online

May 30th – Beci Armstutz CAAG

June 6th – Tom Ellison PALS

June 13th – Terry Lloyd – Game Warden

One reason the Services have trouble operating jointly is that they don't speak the same language.

For example, if you told Navy personnel to "secure a building," they would turn off the lights and lock the doors.

Army personnel would occupy the building so no one could enter.

Marines would assault the building, capture it, and defend it with suppressive fire and close combat.

The Air Force, on the other hand, would take out a three-year lease with an option to buy.



May Birthday Wishes

Derek Bohne – May 1st

Linda Guererro – May 5th

Jeb Hughes May 9th

Harold Fuller – May 14th

David Theobald – May 16th

Dianne Anderson – May 24th

Bhupen Agrawal – May 30th

Rotary artifact discovered

A delegation from the Rotary Club of Chicago presented Rotary International General Secretary Ed Futa with a special coffee set on 19 April.

The set, which was originally presented to RI's first general secretary, Chesley "Ches" R. Perry, came into the club's possession many decades ago. But current members of the club — the world's first Rotary club — were unaware of its existence until it was discovered in the club's archives last year during preparations for an office move.

Rotary Roster 2005-2006

Bhupen Agrawal, Stock Broker ♦ Clayton Alexander, Trust Officer; PH,PP ♦ Dianne Anderson, Fund Raising; PP, PH ♦ Sandra Armendariz, Education Administrator, ♦ Chris Aycok, Attorney ♦ Larry Beltran, Health Care ♦ Darpan Bhakta, Hotel-Motel ♦ Tiffany Blakely, Commercial Insurance ♦ Derek Bohne, Utility Transportation ♦ Steve Burke, Land Management, PH ♦ Scott Britton, Boy Scouts of America ♦ Jack Campbell, Abstract, PH ♦ Joe Campbell, Abstract, PH ♦ Steven Castle, Oil & Gas Exploration & Production; PH ♦ Sparky Clark, Funeral Director ♦ Lee Culver, School Admin.; PH, PP ♦ Luther Dobbins, Non-Profit ♦ Michael Dobby, Computer Networking; PH, PP ♦ Ron Dunn, Private Club, PH ♦ John Dzubinski, R E Property Mgm't PH, PP ♦ Marvin Eastman, Pianist; PH, PP ♦ Ron Eckert, Attorney ♦ Sarah Edgell, Computer Technology ♦ Harold Fuller, Baseball Promotion; PH ♦ Greg Frost, Insurance Agent ♦ David Garcia, Financial Administrator ♦ Hill Glover, Accounting, Private, CPA, PH ♦ Linda Guererro, Medical Spa ♦ Paul E. Guerrero, Insurance Agent ♦ Doris Graham, PH ♦ Wes Graham, PP, PH ♦ Les Hinds, Investments; PH, PP ♦ Jeb Hughes, Bank Management; PP ♦ Peggy Jones, Water Sales & Marketing, PH ♦ Mark Kimball, Telecommunications; PH, PP ♦ John Martinez, Education, Consulting ♦ Jim Mauldin, Oilfield Manuf.; PH ♦ Steven Marzett., Oil Industry ♦ Macon McDonald, Land Survey; PH, PP, PADG ♦ Jim Morris, Accounting, PH ♦ Leonard Monroe, Real Estate Sales ♦ Roy Nelson, Family Insurance; PH ♦ Raymond Nicholas, Geology; PH, PP ♦ Jay Norris, Retail Banking; PH, PP ♦ Dr. Arrel Olano, Internal Medicine ♦ Ellen Pate, Emergency Mgt.; PH, PP, ADG ♦ Mel Pate, Gen'l Dentistry; PH ♦ Jack Powers, Honorary, PH ♦ Pat Powers, Honorary, PH ♦ Shane Rolen, Oil Rig Mfg & Services ♦ E.V., "Vance" Scott, Insurance; PH, PP ♦ Gene Spires, Dentistry; PH, PP ♦ David Theobald, Certified Financial Planner ♦ Bobby Trimble, Non-Profit Org.; PH ♦ Bob Watkins, Oil & Gas Investments; PH, PP ♦ Tom Wurster, Business Consultant; PP, PH ♦ PH=Paul Harris Fellow PP=Past President

http://www.ridistrict5730.org/midland_west.htm

MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's [Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920](http://www.duke.edu/~history/HAM/1850-1920/)). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](http://www.gar.org/GeneralOrderNo11.htm), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

In 1915, inspired by the poem "[In Flanders Fields](http://www.inflandersfields.com/)," Moina Michael replied with her own poem:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.

She then conceived of an idea to wear red poppies on Memorial day in honor of those who died serving the nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. Later a Madam Guerin from France was visiting the United States and learned of this new custom started by Ms. Michael and when she returned to France, made artificial red poppies to raise money for war orphaned children and widowed women. This tradition spread to other countries. In 1921, the Franco-American Children's League sold poppies nationally to benefit war orphans of France and Belgium. The League disbanded a year later and Madam Guerin approached the VFW for help. Shortly before Memorial Day in 1922 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to nationally sell poppies. Two years later their "[Buddy" Poppy program](http://www.buddypoppy.com/) was selling artificial poppies made by disabled veterans. In 1948 the US Post Office honored Ms Michael for her role in founding the National Poppy movement by issuing [a red 3 cent postage stamp](http://www.usps.com/collectors/stamps/1948-1949/1948-1949-3c.htm) with her likeness on it.