



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
April 17, 2012

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*Politicians are like diapers. They should be changed frequently,
and for the same reason.*

... Robin Williams

Invocation: Lou Gibson

Pledge: Ray Bergman

4-way test: Barb Pekar

Members Attending: 47

Happy Bucks: \$108.

Last Week's Guests: Betty Knodel/Herman Knodel
Mike and Cathy Payne/Jamie Mattison
Glynn Hatley/Lou Gibson

Last Week: by John Rouse

Bob Wiemer introduced Erin Kilts of Brookwood in Georgetown (BiG). Bob informed us that Brookwood was one of the benefactors of our spring fling.

BiG has been in existence for about 12 months and serves as workplace for adults with intellectual disabilities. Erin Kilts is responsible for Brookwood coming to Georgetown. She has 3 children, the youngest Gracie(20) a graduate of Georgetown HS. Gracie was selected homecoming queen 2010. Gracie was diagnosed with downs syndrome and later with leukemia. Gracie suffered severe brain injury due to a heart problem.

Erin was inspired to bring Brookwood to Georgetown after visiting Brookwood near Houston. They advised her to begin a project of her own. Erin started "*Light Texas*" where they began making pottery and granola with students from Georgetown HS. Brookwood visited and was excited about what they were doing with Light Texas and decided to take on Brookwood in Georgetown.

BiG is a faith based community which celebrates who their citizens are and empowers them with meaningful work. The products they make and sell account for approximately 1/3 of their budget. he founder is quoted, "We don't just believe in miracles, we rely on them".

Chris Haley, citizen of BiG, shared unique insight as he gave us several points. He continued that the work was meaningful, he was able to learn new skills, he shared with teamwork and found his destiny at BiG.

BiG has over 70,000 visitors this year to eat, shop or tour the facility. They are always in need of volunteers and donations. Erin thanks Rotary for their participation and hopes Rotary will continue to support BiG. BiG has a shop on the square where many articles are for sale made by the citizens of BiG. A great place to shop for upcoming Mother's Day.

This Week: David Stuetelberg will present today's programme

Next Week: Don Bender (with guest Sarah Hinton, Manager of Georgetown airport)

Mission to Santa Martha Coffee Estate in Jinotega, Nicaragua

MEDICO team #139 left March 17 to serve on the Santa Martha Coffee Estate in Jinotega, Nicaragua. The team of 22 from the United States and Canada were joined by 4 interpreters from Nicaragua. The medical staff consisted of three physicians, a pharmacist, three nurses, a public health specialist, two EMTs, three dentists, a dental hygienist and the remaining were support staff and volunteers.

The team traveled five hours from Managua to the Santa Martha Coffee Estate where they transformed a church into a working clinic for five days. Over 1230 patients ranging in age from infant to 95 years old were seen. Most patients were seen for general health problems such as: malnutrition, parasitic diseases, skin fungal problems, and infections. Ten patients were referred for further testing and/or for surgical procedures. Follow-up will be done by the team's hosts, George and Daisy Wheelock and the owners of the Santa Martha Coffee Estate.

During the week, six team members went to the school located on the coffee estate to provide health and hygiene education to two classes of forty students. The students learned best practices for tooth brushing and proper dental hygiene. They were also given dental fluoride varnish treatments by one of the team dentists. Teachers at the school were taught how to apply the varnish so they will be able to repeat this process every three months for the students. All necessary items and supplies for this program were left at the school and additional supplies will be provided when needed.

The team was joined by three medical personnel from Centro de Salud, a small rural clinic close to the work site. They performed HIV testing and pap smears, gave birth control injections and vaccinations, and provided general health education and family planning.

. . . . *Norm Peters*

Trustees reaffirm urgent priority of polio eradication

At their March meeting, The Rotary Foundation Trustees reaffirmed that polio eradication is the urgent priority of the Foundation, and that continued support for PolioPlus is essential.

The Trustees also agreed to continue the match provided to Rotary districts for contributions to PolioPlus: US\$0.50 from the Foundation's World Fund for every \$1 allocated from the District Designated Fund. The World Fund match, an incentive for districts to contribute DDF until polio eradication is certified, will be applied on a first-come, first-served basis and capped at \$3.5 million annually for the next five fiscal years.

The trustee decisions underscore Rotary's commitment to achieving a polio-free world, shared by its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative – the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Recently, Rotary also received a US\$1 million contribution for polio eradication that came about because of its ongoing partnership with the Gates Foundation.

Misc. Etc.

Harold Bergh reminded members to go and see the *Sun City Singers*; **Tom Minor** said he has the military history booklets here for those who ordered one (price \$10); **Linda Roberts** and Mark celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary this week; **Bill Miller** has nine family birthdays this month! **Bob Weimer** showed us the Jarrell *Star Ledger*, published by Cathy and Mike Payne, which has a huge advertisement for our Spring Fling; a big *Thank You* to Cathy and Mike; **Dan Barr** has now recovered from a visit from his grandchildren! **Stephen Brown** has been in hospital but is now recovering; **Jamie Mattison** has been promoted to Department Chairman (Way to go, Jamie!).

Byron Calcote was given a Paul Harris by **Bill Miller**.

Future Programmes:

May 1	Ray Bergman ("Around the majors in 60 days")
May 8	Gary Sandercock (Cryogenics)
May 15	Bill Thompson
May 22	Dick Will
May 29	Hugh Young
June 5	Kelly Barnett
June 12	Harold Bergh
June 19	Gordon Bishop
<u>June 26</u>	<u>President's Night</u>

CALLING ALL DISTRICT 5870 ROTARIANS

How many Rotarians want to show our military how much we appreciate them?

We ALL do! so, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 you have the opportunity to attend the first part of our 2012 District Convention in the heart of Texas - Killeen - from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, followed by a guided tour of the world's largest army base (Ft. Hood, Killeen).

And then, how about 1 1/2 days of recreation, entertainment and a fabulous banquet during the June 16th weekend at Hyatt Lost Pines resort. (You all remember this place - it doesn't get any better than a weekend at Lost Pines!

Remember Grant Teaff? Baylor's greatest football coach (give Art Briles another ten years and we'll see how he stacks up!) Well, you can hear him speak if you come to Lost Pines! Maybe get him to autograph that program you kept of the Bears "Miracle on the Brazos" victory over the Longhorns in 1974! Don't wait - register now and avoid the large crowds who wait until the last minute before deciding that, yes, they do want to have fun!

New email scams target Rotarians

Be aware of a fraudulent email aimed at Rotarians claiming to be sent from the Rotary International Registration office. The email scam claims that the Rotary Foundation has agreed to sponsor 98 Rotarians to go to the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand.

The email asks recipients to send their information to a Hotmail email account associated with an RI registration office. **Please disregard and delete this fraudulent email.** Please be aware of these other scams:

An email scam with the subject line "Award Winning Notification Final" has targeted Rotarians claiming that they are one of 21 winners of a promotional program held on 1 January 2012 by the Rotary Foundation. The **fake** promotion says winners will receive US\$1 million cash payment. The email is signed by "Mr. Jerry Blake, The Promotion Manager, Rotary Foundation Int (UK), London, United Kingdom."

An email scam targeting Rotarians and Rotaractors claims the recipient has

won hundreds of thousands of euros through an international promotional program conducted by the "Euro-Millones Lottery".

Attached to the e-mail is a PDF letter signed by "Luis Alberto, Vice President" with a photo of Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

An email scam with the subject line "Dear Award Beneficiary!!!" has targeted Rotarians claiming the recipient has won US\$500,000 and two HP laptops from RI. The email asks for contact information and is signed by "Mrs. Sarah Olic, Programme Co-ordinator, Rotary International".

RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.

Dates to Remember:

April 28 (Sat.)	District Assembly, Killeen (All officers, committees invited)
April 29 (Sun)	Our Spring Fling Fundraiser (Sun City Ballroom)
May 6 – 9	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 19 (Sat.)	District Conference Part I, Killeen (All invited)
June 16 (Sat.)	District Conference Part II, Lost Pines (All invited)
June 26 (Tues)	<u>President's Night, Cowan Creek</u> (time TBA)

Proposed Election Campaign Change:

A Presidential election is coming this November. That is months away and I, for one, am already tired of the ads, boring newspaper coverage, mindless TV ads and debates, and the worst is yet to come. For me, they really put the PAIN in Campaign. Something seems fishy about this whole election thing anyway. Presidential candidates will spend about a billion dollars to try to get elected to a job that only pays \$400,000 a year. That doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Both parties are so worried about unemployment how about using their billion-dollar campaign fund to do something about the unemployment?

Anyway, candidates spend all this money to "communicate" their ideas, beliefs, and programs to the public. Most of their ideas and beliefs come from something called "political polls" not from the candidates. These polls tell them what most of the voters think about an issue and then the politician's say that that is what they believe (until the next poll comes out). So by the election, I am really not sure what the candidates really believe. (I think they know that they can't get any of this stuff through congress anyway.)

What can we do? I have a simple way to bring clarity to the whole campaign mess. We can shorten the campaign process and get the issues down to where the rubber meets the road by simply moving to an earlier election day. My proposal is to move the election to **April 16**, the day **AFTER** everyone pays his/her taxes. No fuzzy U. S. government programs to fund art exhibits by left-handed refugees from the Democratic Republic of Sans Seriffe. Voting the day after taxes might help voters focus on "who is going to pay for all this stuff they are promising?" So this November when you are in the voting booth, remember that I proposed a quick and easy way out.

. . . . **Bob Deffeyes**