



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

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Life is like a journey, but don't worry, you'll find a parking spot at the end.

. . . . Isaac Asimov

Last Week:

Invocation: Kelly Barnett

Members resent: 46

Pledge: Stephen Brown

Happy Bucks: \$62.00

4-way test: Bill Harrah

Guest: Jim Rickert/Bill Thompson

Last Week's programme: In place of **David Stuetelberg's** programme, **Bob Weimer** brought us up to date with what is going on for the *Spring Fling*. Bob started by asking all members to volunteer their time to help either before the start of the event or after to help clean up. It has been a large effort spearheaded by many members, among them **Adaire Wolfe**, **Barb Pekar**, Bob himself, as well as many others.

There will be music provided throughout the evening by a barbershop quartet along with a couple of other gigs. Among items up for raffles or auction include a football signed by Mack Brown, one by Bob Lilley, and one from Joe Austin. A reconditioned golf cart will be offered for auction with a reasonable start price. Georgetown Sporting Goods; Schlotsky's; the Monument Cafe; tickets to the final judging of *Georgetown Has Talent* on June 17th; a one week programme for kids from Georgetown Toys; three sets of foursome tickets for golf; games etc etc. are among the many many items offered by businesses.

Advertising for the *Spring Fling* are in two ads each in the *Williamson County Sun* and Jarrell newspapers. As well, the Sun City TV channel 79 is showing a repeating ad – thanks to the C.A.

Super duper food will be at the event including a Decorate your own Cupcake bar; wine and cheese; salads; desserts; etc. Jeanette's giant sized cookies and other food by **Jeanette and Richard Nemeč** which we know will be delicious! A ticket to attend will cost only \$10 and will include 5 raffle tickets. More raffle tickets will be available for purchase and due to Bar Pekar's efforts at First Texas Bank, attendees will be able to use credit cards to purchase those raffle tickets.

All the money raised will go towards Jarrell School scholarship programme, PolioPlus, Brookwood in Georgetown, and the Eagle's Nest.

This Week: **Don Bender** will introduce Sarah Hinton, Manager of Georgetown airport

Next Week: Around the majors with **Ray Bergman**

New member **Dan Barr** and his wife, Pat, have been married for 48 years, have four grandchildren in Dallas and have lived in Sun City for six years. Dan lived a great part of his life in Dallas, attended North Texas University, and travelled all over the States and in Canada for his job. He spent time in sales, marketing and logistics for Kimberly Clark's consumer products but now has time to enjoy hunting and fishing. He is the Neighbourhood 35 rep.

**"You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
You cannot lift the wage earner up
by pulling the wage payer down.
You cannot further the brotherhood of man
by inciting class hatred.
You cannot build character and courage
by taking away people's initiative and independence.
You cannot help people permanently by doing for them,
what they could and should do for themselves."**

.... Abraham Lincoln

Misc etc. Tom Minor's wife, Lori, celebrated her birthday yesterday; Doyle Brown has his birthday on Thursday; Barb Pekar's granddaughter has a birthday on Saturday; Lou Gibson reminded us about his 60th wedding anniversary last week; Caroline Holloway, Bill Harrah, Alex Munson – and others - are pleased to see Stephen Brown back; Jerry Hobbs was pleased the Univ of Arkansas fired their football coach thus showing good values and integrity; Ben Hyde's grandson is now 2 years old; Stephen Brown recommended very strongly we all have inoculations against pneumonia and shingles; Norm Peters is thrilled and proud that Team #140 is now in Honduras; John Chenoweth was happy (!) to have survived the tornadoes in Kansas last Saturday by huddling with neighbours and pets in a basement for an hour; Jamie Mattison urged members to use the sign-up sheets on the tables to volunteer to help with Spring Fling; Mike Oglesby is wearing a cast and walking a bit slowly right now; Tom Minor praised the Sun City Singers for putting on a great programme; Linda Roberts is happy Tax Day is over! Bill Miller's grandson has been battling Mononucleosis but still managed to earn 2nd place in the District Track Meet – and with only 2 days' practice.

The following is a message from District 5750 in Oklahoma :

Rotary people have always been willing to help when there is a disaster thousands of miles away. Now we have Oklahomans who need your help. DG Moush has asked me to send a message to you, and through you to every member of District 5750, to help our neighbors in Woodward. What is needed most right now is money to help with the clean-up and to start rebuilding.

Please pass the hat, ask for checks, have a bake sale, whatever you can do to help. Deena Fisher, ADG for the Woodward Club suggests that checks be sent to the Woodward Community Foundation, marked as Tornado Relief Fund, and mailed to the Woodward Chamber of Commerce at 1006 Oklahoma Avenue, P. O. Box 1026, Woodward, OK 73802.

Future Programmes:

May 8	Gary Sandercock (Cryogenics)
May 15	Bill Thompson
May 22	Dick Will
May 29	Mark Thomas, G'town Economic Director, will be our speaker
June 5	Kelly Barnett
June 12	Harold Bergh
June 19	Gordon Bishop
June 26	President's Night
July 3	NO MEETING
Aug 28	District Governor's visit ~

Do You Realize How Hard our Club Secretary Works?

Every month, **Linda Roberts:**

Collects and records dues from club members to pay RI dues (twice a year) and club and district dues (as set by the club and district).

Performs basic account maintenance, including reconciling bank statements, making deposits, and paying bills in a timely manner.

Works with club committees and reports on the status of club finances in relation to the budget at monthly club board meetings.

And annually, Linda:

Manages the budget developed by the club board.

Prepares a budget for the following year.

Makes sure the club has a procedure for sending contributions to The Rotary Foundation and dues to Rotary International.

Is aware of local laws regarding donated funds, and makes sure those laws are followed.

Has the yearly financial report reviewed by a qualified accountant who is not involved with the regular management of club funds.

Makes sure the club has an effective process for learning about financial best practices and that these practices are passed on to incoming officers.

Ensures that the club foundation is managed in accordance with local laws.

Reviews the semiannual dues invoices with the club secretary, and helps pay the balance by 1 July and 1 January.

Goes through all paper and electronic files at the end of the term.

Retains all necessary records for the club's next treasurer, and disposes of other paperwork when appropriate.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO LINDA FOR ALL SHE DOES!

Guiding Principles of Rotary:

Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in communities.

Made up of over 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world, Rotary International forms a global network of business, professional, and community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve communities locally and around the world – and form strong, lasting friendships in the process.

Our motto, **Service Above Self**, exemplifies the humanitarian spirit of the 1.2 million

Rotarians worldwide. Service efforts are directed toward our areas of focus:

Peace and conflict prevention / resolution

Disease prevention and treatment

Water and sanitation

Maternal and child health

Basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

New Member Induction:

The club's newest member is **Scott Murphy** who was inducted today by **PDG Bill Bryce**. As is his want, Bill talked to Scott about one of the most important areas of being a Rotarian – *Service Above Self*. As an example of this, Bill told us about Richard David deWert, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient who was awarded this honor posthumously for his heroic actions in Korea when he was just 19 years old.

Richard enlisted in 1949 with the Navy at age 17 and served with the Marines as a Hospital Corpsman. In April 1951 during an attack on Chinese Communist forces, he was wounded in the leg but rushed to the assistance of a more seriously wounded comrade dragging him to safety. Refusing treatment for himself, Richard again went into the line of fire to rescue a 2nd Marine and then went out a 3rd time and sustained a serious wound to the shoulder. Still resisting treatment for himself Richard heard the cries from yet another comrade and he went out a 4th time to render medical assistance but was then himself mortally wounded.

As Bill said, one can render *Service Above Self* in small ways and in large ways – and while we are not called to do such dramatic things in our daily life, to think, say and do the noble things in everyday life will have a large and spreading impact.

Welcome, Scott !!

Rotary Foundation:

John Hewko, Rotary International's new general secretary, recently took on another leadership role: that of a Paul Harris Fellow.

Hewko also has facilitated his continuing Foundation support by signing up for Rotary Direct. The online recurring gifts program sends contributions electronically on a regular basis from a checking or credit card account directly to the Foundation.

"The Rotary Foundation has a long history of financial strength and stability and is one of the world's top-rated charities," says Hewko. "I'm proud to lead this organization and to wear my Paul Harris Fellow pin. I hope the 75 percent of Rotarians who don't currently give to the Foundation will join me in supporting our humanitarian work and in utilizing Rotary Direct when giving."

It's through donations to the Foundation that Rotary is able to fulfill its promise to create a polio-free world, and its mission to "advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

Rotary Direct:

Enroll in The Rotary Foundation's recurring giving program, Rotary Direct, and save time, money, and lives through your generous contributions. Select an amount, frequency (monthly, quarterly or annually), and contribution method that is convenient for you. You may even direct your contributions to one of Rotary's six areas of focus.

Enrollment is integrated with the Foundation's secure online contribution system. The Rotary Foundation will send you an annual statement of Rotary Direct contributions for tax purposes (where applicable). For questions, or to request a paper enrollment form, please contact us at 866-9-ROTARY.



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