



**"Service Above Self"**

# *The Sun Light*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 Tuesdays 12 noon

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 441, Georgetown 78633

APRIL 29, 2014

## **Last Time:**

Presiding: President John Chenoweth

Invocation: Bob Derse

Pledge: Gary Sandercock

4-Way Test: Bill Harries

Members Present: 54

**Visitors:** Jan Betts/Stephen Brown

Laura Brady/Carolyn Holloway

Don Kelley, Branbury TX

**Visiting Rotarian:** Ron Garland/Georgetown

**Today:** Ms. Dianne White Delisi, Civilian Aid to Secretary of the Army

**Next Week:** Special programme to recognize our club's veterans

## **Future Programmes:**

May 13 Ms. Candace Bocock, Probate Attorney

May 20 Temple Railroad Museum speaker

May 27 Ms. Chrystle Swain, Media Consultant

July 8: Mr. David Vince, Youth Baseball Coach, Motivator, and Author.

## **Important Dates:**

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference, La Torretta del Lago Resort & Spa, Montgomery TX

June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

June 24, 2014 President's Night

July 26, 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rotary Fest Fundraiser (Dinner Dance)

## **The District Conference**

Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership. A district conference is for all club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members.

The purpose of a district conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters that make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a district conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the conference. Those who attend a conference enjoy going back, year after year.

Everyone of Rotary's more than 525 districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions and inspirational programs.

One of the added benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hour at the district conference.

**Last Week:                      Resolutions Hospice                      by Carolyn Holloway**

Stephanie Draeken is the coordinator for the area Resolutions Hospice Volunteer Program. The Resolutions Hospice organizes volunteers to provide individualized care through an interdisciplinary team. The team consists of Registered Nurse, Physician, Social worker, Chaplain, Dietician and the Volunteer. Members of the Interdisciplinary team are considered "core" services by Medicare and must be provided by employees of the hospice. The volunteers provide palliative care and the patient must be referred by a physician.

Stephanie encouraged being a volunteer as it is an opportunity to bring comfort to the patient not only physically but also provide other activities such as art, music, and reading. The offices are in Austin and Bastrop but the coordinator will come to Georgetown area for training volunteers. Many members commented they had very positive experiences with hospice and supported the program. To volunteer you may call Stephanie Draeken at 512-650-5236 or [sdraeken@myhospice.us](mailto:sdraeken@myhospice.us)

*I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end.*

*. . . . Margaret Thatcher*

**Membership Moment:                      with Harold Bergh**

An old Chinese proverb says , " May you live in interesting times ". Living in interesting times could be could interpreted as a curse or a blessing, according to your point of view.

As Rotarians we do live in interesting times . We must not wish for the past or fear the future. Our destiny lies in our own hands. Lets make the best of it and share it with others.

Make a note to bring a prospective member to our meeting next week.

**Food Satisfaction Survey:                      from Adaire Wolf**

Last February a food satisfaction survey was conducted and 34 members took time to complete it. The results are as follows:

Excellent	9
Above average	18
Average	2
Below average	4
Poor	1

**The Cost of Beauty                      (The Rotarian, Feb 2014)**

Women use an average of 12 cosmetic items per day; these products contain a total of about 168 ingredients. Men use an average of 6 grooming products daily, containing 85 ingredients. Many of the ingredients are absorbed into the skin, inhaled, or swallowed and some could cause such problems as altered hormone levels, sperm damage, cancer, and birth defects.

Of the 1,100 ingredients designated as illegal in Europe, only 10 have been banned in the USA. The \$50B personal care industry polices itself and one of the most widely used grooming products is sunscreen, sales of which total \$1B annually.

*What was the best thing before sliced bread?*

## The Rotary Foundation's Beginning

Some magnificent projects grow from very small seeds. The Rotary Foundation had that sort of modest beginning. In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of US\$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached US\$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to US\$50,000. In 1937 a US\$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received. It is staggering to imagine that from those humble beginnings, The Rotary Foundation is now receiving more than US\$65 million each year for educational and humanitarian work around the world.

*The strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue and  
the hardest bone is the jawbone.*

## Early Act First Math Programme:

**Ron Garland**, from the downtown club, stood to speak about the Mitchell and the Williams Elementary Schools and the celebration of the final knighting ceremony for this year. It will be held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 at Mitchell Elementary and at 1:30 at Williams Elementary. This is a value based programme originally sponsored by his club but which is eager to include other Rotary clubs in the district. Ron said his club is looking forward to starting this programme in other schools in the Georgetown area and **Carolyn Holloway** has been working on this.

The principal of Mitchell Elementary told Ron there have been 200 fewer disciplinary visits to the office this year by students and he credits the programme for this reduction in disciplinary issues.

## By-Laws update:

As President John Chenoweth noted, a copy of the amended by-laws were sent to all members for their perusal and now is the time for voting. The main changes made in the proposal that will affect members are a rise in the dues of \$5/month to \$280/annually, and the separation of costs between dues and meals. These minor changes will not take effect until the new Rotary year, July 1<sup>st</sup> and the final details will be worked out by the Board.

The vote to proceed with the changes was by acclamation.

## Misc. etc.

At the beginning of his year as President, **John Chenoweth** said his target for membership was set at 66 members but thanks mainly to **Lou Gibson** but also many others, our club has now exceeded that target.

Quite a number of members have had or are having a birthday this month; among them are: **John Chenoweth**, **John Schwebke**, **Tom Minor's** "Peace Corps wife", Lori, **Susie Ward**, visiting Rotarian **Ron Garland**, and **Barb Pekar's** son and her granddaughter. **Alex Munson** added an extra dollar to Happy Bucks because he forgot to send Queen Elizabeth II a birthday card on the 21st (oh, shame! Alex!); **Doug Lowe** is pleased he can play golf again now.

**Bob Deffeyes** presented **Harold Bergh** with a travel guide on Maldonia – a land untouched by modern dentistry! **Bill Chapman** announced several kids from Jarrell this week will be at the regional track meet, and the school has a tennis regional champion and one in the state championships too. **Connie Clark** is not only happy April 15<sup>th</sup> is over but also the Poppy Festival is this coming weekend; **Bill Miller's** grandson continues to excel in athletics. -\* -6

(the editor apologises to **Ray Quigley** for her transgression regarding his birthday but is pleased he reads at least some of the *Sun Light*!)

Rich Petro is making a large donation to the Club Endowment Fund.

## **April is Rotary's Magazine month.**

**Bill Harrah** very proudly told us about Harrah, Oklahoma.

The land that would become the town of Harrah had its first settler, Louis Navarre, in the 1870s. Navarre, was a member of the [Potawatomi](#) people who had signed an 1867 treaty to sell their [Kansas](#) lands in order to purchase lands in [Indian Territory](#) with the proceeds.

In 1890, Navarre and the Citizen Potawatomi participated, unwillingly, in the allotment process implemented through the [Dawes Act](#) of 1887.

**Frank Harrah**, for whom the town is named, purchased 40 acres from Louis Navarre's allotment in April 1898 and early settlers included a large number of Polish immigrants.

Originally named Sweeney, after E.W. Sweeney, who operated a ferry beginning in 1891, the town was renamed Harrah on December 22, 1898, and was incorporated in 1908. The town now has a population of just over 5,000.

Freedom consists not in doing what we like,  
but having the right to do what we ought.

. . . Pope John Paul II

