



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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APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH

HAVE YOU READ THE LATEST ROTARIAN MAGAZINE?

Rotary Prayer: Let us pray. Grant us wisdom and strength, O God, to live up to our ideals. May our dealings with each other and all people be according to the test of truth, fairness to all concerned, the building of goodwill and friendship, and be beneficial to all concerned. And by this food and our fellowship, strengthen our lives to be guided by "The Four-Way Test." Amen.

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President Jamie Mattison

Invocation: Dan Barr

Pledge: Mike Oglesby

4-Way Test: George Olive

Rotarian Guest: Dick Brzezinski/Fredericksburg

Happy Bucks: \$267.50

Guests: Phyllis Oglesby/Mike Oglesby

Wayne Dawson/Williamson Sunday

Jim Scott, Jack Beckett, Tom Sevier, & Charles Heald/Lou Gibson

Today's Programme: Mr. Joe Austin, Southwestern Univ. Head Football Coach

Next Week: Mr. Henry Martinez, IRS

Future Programmes:

May 14	GSE team visiting from the Philippines
May 21	Mr. John Sullivan, Georgetown Fire Chief
May 28	Mr. Ray Sanchez, Commander of MOWW
June 4	President Jamie Mattison, Rotary International Matching Grants
June 11	Lou Gibson, Shriners Overview
June 18	Dianna Howard, Culinary Heritage Institute
June 25	President's Night
July 2	Club Assembly
July 9	Dan Bonnell, Wesleyan Estrella

Upcoming Events:

May 31 – June 2, 2013	District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
June 23 – 26, 2013	Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal
July 7	Summer Fest

The one, absolute, unselfish friend that man can have is this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is his dog.

... US Sen. George Graham Vest (1830 - 1904)

Misc. etc.

Connie Clark's two children have had birthdays this week, as has **John Schwebke**, and **John Chenoweth** who is delighted to be eligible for Social Security! **Happy Bucks**, cash and cheques, today was collected to go to the Rotary club in **West** that will help the people who are struggling to recover from the terrible explosion; **Byron Calcote** is in charge of collecting the money and ensuring it gets to the West club; **John Schwebke** is leaving Georgetown but has generously donated \$50 to go towards next year's "Screw Lou" campaign; **Ron Ferreri** was amazed **Lou Gibson** has not had some sort of celebration this week; **Bill Miller** added \$21.50 in recognition of his grandson's win in his long jump event which enabled him to go on and compete in San Antonio next week; **Tom Minor** (and probably many others) are pleased to be getting a new roof after hail storm – but is going crazy with all the hammering; **Bob Elam** was concerned his name was placed under the Williamson Sun's photo of **Glynn Hatley**! **Don Mabray** had his usual announcements of Baylor Univ. achievements; **Rich Petro** gave a generous cheque to celebrate his 87th birthday and his 60 years in Rotary; **Janice Jacoby** announced the winner of the \$500 Texas Insurance sweepstakes - **Lou Gibson**! With regard to the Boston bombing and the West explosion, **Bob Weimer** reminded us all about how fortunate and safe we are here in Georgetown; **Carolyn Holloway** had a Williamson Sun copy of the photo spread featuring some members.

Paul Harris Fellow:

Bill Miller asked **Mike Oglesby** and his wife, Phyllis, to come forward. Because of Phyllis' donation, Mike reached the \$1,000 level necessary to obtain his Paul Harris award presented by Bill.

News From the Boardroom:

Lou Gibson gave a brief summary of the background of four people who have made application to become members of our Club. Rich Petro made the motion seconded by Doug Lowe that the following be accepted into membership of our Rotary Club:

Jack Beckett
Charles Heald
Jim Scott
Tom Sevier

The vote of the Board was unanimous in favour of this motion.

The Board also approved the requests for Leave of Absence for the following members:

Dan Barr
Mike Oglesby
Dick Retz
Art Tragesser
James Scharff

Rotary Basics:

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

Death and taxes:

Taxes date as far back as ancient Egypt. One hieroglyphic tablet shows tax collectors beating peasants who didn't pay on time.

On 16 December 1773, about 100 colonists destroyed tea on three British ships docked in Boston Harbor. The British government had implemented a tax on tea imported into the colonies. The "tea party" instigators were primarily protesting a lack of representation in British parliament, in addition to the price of tea.

States needed to pay their debts after the American Revolution. The newly formed federal government imposed excise taxes on tobacco and alcohol. Pennsylvania farmers revolted in 1794, in what became known as the Whiskey Rebellion. Today, the federal tax on a 750-milliliter bottle of 80-proof liquor is \$2.14. The federal tax on a pack of cigarettes is \$1.01.

In 1861, Congress passed the first income tax law in an effort to help cover the cost of the Civil War. The law was later repealed. In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, creating the first permanent federal income tax. In 2011, 24.9% of federal income tax payments went toward the national defense budget.

The first U.S. 1040 tax form was created in 1913. Today, the Internal Revenue Service offers a total of 1,177 forms and instructions. Of the 93,337 employees who worked for the IRS at the end of fiscal year 2009, only 14,264 were revenue agents.

Tax Freedom Day – the day when "the nation as a whole has earned enough money to pay off its total tax bill for the year," calculated by the Tax Foundation, a nonpartisan tax research group – hasn't occurred earlier than 31 March since 1950.

To pay their taxes for 2012, 35% of Americans used tax software, 31% relied on websites that calculate taxes, 28% hired an accountant, 1% used a cell phone app, and 5% did it the old way: with a pen and paper.

The maximum federal tax rate for a U.S. citizen in 2012 was 35%. Aruba has the world's highest rate, at 59%, followed by Sweden, at 56.6%. People who live in the Bahamas, Bahrain, Bermuda, Brunei, the Cayman Islands, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates pay no income taxes.

In 2011, 84% of Americans did not think cheating on taxes was acceptable. About 1 in 90 of all individual U.S. tax returns were audited that year. The IRS charges a 20% "negligence" penalty for careless mistakes on tax returns, but if the agency believes a taxpayer committed fraud, it can charge 75% of the tax owed and send the person to jail for five years.

Good Old Charlie Brown

Have you ever wondered what ever became of Charlie Brown? Well, now we know. He grew up to become one of the world's top experts on the subject of short winged cliff swallows. Imagine that, one of the world's top experts on something that important. You can read about it in the March 18 edition of the science magazine "Current Biology". Charles Brown is a professor at University of Tulsa. He and Mary Bomberger Brown of the University of Nebraska co-authored a study on the wing length of cliff swallows. I don't know Mary, but I wonder if she is a little redheaded girl that Charlie knew from childhood. What? You don't care about the wing length of the cliff swallow? Well, it is really important. Read on and you will see why.

Why did the cliff swallow cross the road? Was it the chicken's day off? Or was he trying to prove to the armadillos that it could be done? No, it was to get home. The cliff swallows are those little birds that build mud nests under highway overpasses. The birds fly in and out a lot and many are hit by cars. (The last things to go through a cliff swallows mind when hit by a car windshield are his tail feathers.) Anyway, Charlie and Mary have collected thousands of dead swallows every summer vacation for 29 years. Each year there are fewer birds hit. In 2012, they found only four dead birds.

Anyway, they kept probing for the answer. Recently they measured wing lengths of their preserved specimens and found that the current cliff swallows have shorter wings! The short winged birds get off the ground faster and are more maneuverable. They can get out of the way faster but have to work a little harder. All the long winged swallows have gone to that happy overpass in the sky, while the short winged birds carry on. A bird in the sky is worth two on the windshield. So, friends, that is what happened to good old Charlie Brown.

*Greetings from Port Aransas. We are here for a week to photograph birds, hike, etc. **Bob Deffeyes***

Rotary Overseas:

The first Rotary club in Ukraine was chartered in 1992, mere months after the formal dissolution of the Soviet Union. Two decades later, young people have embraced Rotary through 24 Rotaract clubs across the country. While many of the clubs focus on the challenges facing Ukraine today, members of the Rotaract Club of Kyiv Multinational – one of four in the capital – take time to honour their elders.

For nearly three years, they've been visiting a nursing home in Peremoha, about 40 miles from Kyiv. The village's elderly residents have lived through a tumultuous century: the brutal German invasion and retreat during WWII; years of Soviet occupation and the struggle for independence; and the transition to a market economy in the 1990's.

“These are the people who did their best for future generations, for us, to live in a free world”, says club treasurer and past club president, Taras Mytkalyk. “We wanted to fill their lives with a feeling of being needed.”

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DEFINITION OF A VETERAN:

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, National Guard or Reserve - is someone who, at one point in his or her life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including my life."

Annual Fund

Supports Foundation grants and activities worldwide.
Eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

PolioPlus Fund

End Polio Now. Be a part of history and help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.
Eligible for Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

**The beauty of the Second Amendment is that it will not be needed
until they try to take it.**

. . . Thomas Jefferson

Rotary Youth Leadership Activities (RYLA)

Dates: Sunday, June 30th thru Friday July 5th

Tuesday, July 2nd is the day our club will prepare and serve the meals.

And we may possibly be on hand during July 4th as well.

Volunteers are needed !!