



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

Rotary Prayer: Let us pray. Dear Lord, being in Rotary allows us to serve others. We ask that You help us remember always the Four Way Test as we work today and everyday. Help us to serve humbly and willingly as we focus on the needs of our community. Thank you for our gifts and help us to use them wisely. Amen.

Presiding: President Jamie Mattison

Invocation: Harold Lawless

Pledge: Bob Crandall

4-Way Test: Bob Elam

Rotarian Guests: PDG Gonzalo Garza/Georgetown

Patricia Williams/R.R. Sunrise

Don Kaminky/Naperville, IL. noon

Julian Grant/South Austin

Today's Programme: Mr. David Lovelace, Sun City Theater building

Next Week: Biographies (Glynn Hatley, Glenn Coward, and Vicki Jackimiec)

Future Programmes:

Apr 23	Mr. Herb Fulton, Boxing
Apr 30	Mr. Joe Austin, Southwestern U. Head Football Coach
May 7	Mr. Henry Martinez, IRS
May 14	GSE team visiting from the Philippines
May 21	Mr. John Sullivan, Georgetown Fire Chief
May 28	Memorial Day speaker

Upcoming Events:

April 13	District Assembly in Killeen
May 31 – June 2, 2013	District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
June 23 – 26, 2013	Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

Membership:

At the 2013 International Assembly, San Diego, CA, USA, RI President Elect, Ron Burton, USA, told his district governors that Rotary gains about 120,000 members each year and loses 120,000 each year. He told them that it has been this way for 15 years. He added that something needs to be done to change this.

Climate is what we expect, weather is what we get.

. . . Mark Twain

Last Week: by **Bill Harries**

Tuesday's meeting was a Club Assembly. **Jamie Mattison**, club president presided. Happy Bucks were disproportionately centered on the Wichita State basketball team!

In early business, **Bill Miller** presented **Bob Selman** with his Paul Harris Plus Three award, recognizing Bob's generous contributions.

Pete Snelson announced the date and time for **Chris Mealy's memorial service**, Friday, April 5 at 2:00 at the First Methodist Church.

Tom Minor reminded us of another deceased member, **Gaz Green**. Chris and Gaz were outstanding Rotarians and added much to our club.

John Chenoweth announced that there was to be a District Assembly in Killeen on Sunday, April 13 – it will be a breakfast/luncheon meeting and our club will pick up the tab for anyone who wants to go.

Jamie Mattison then opened the Assembly portion of the meeting which was to be a recitation of how well some of the committees were meeting their goals. She cited the improved organization of committees and progress on the strategic plan.

Bill Miller spoke on fund raising affairs. We had 100% participation in this year's polio fund raiser and were 7th in the district. The Annual Fund has 31 members out of 58 participating, 19 of which are sustaining members. Bill is starting a letter campaign to further improve participation. He pointed out that the national organization sends some of our money back for local projects after three years.

John Chenoweth reported that he was developing an instruction manual on how the Breakfast With Santa project works, filled with the ideas that he and his committees have picked up over the years.

Bob Elam reported that he was working with the CA to expand our role at the Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair to include selling coffee and breakfast snacks in the morning. He also reaffirmed that the Spring Fling, a major fund raiser for our club, had changed to the Summer Fling and will be held on July 7.

Doug Lowe addressed our financial affairs, pointing out that the increased transparency has allowed many of our members to become better acquainted with our finances and the details of our Operating Fund. The funding of some of the scholarship money is tight because postponement of the Spring Fling. Applications for these college scholarships for Jerrell HS students are due in two weeks – we are planning to offer one \$1000 scholarship and two at \$500. Doug said the Operating Fund is healthy though, since we only use the interest from that to fund projects.

Thoughts from **Steven Wright**, erudite scientist

Borrow money from pessimists, they don't expect it back.

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.

Why do psychics have to ask you for your name?

The colder the X-ray table, the more of your body is required to be on it.

99% of lawyers give others a bad name.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

Ecstasy . . .

. . . isn't merely a party drug anymore – at least not according to researchers with the Multidisciplinary Assoc. for Psychedelic Studies. Results published in the *Journal of Psychopharmacology* suggest that the euphoria-inducing drug, clinically known as MDMA, might have therapeutic benefits for veterans and others who have post-traumatic stress disorder. In therapy sessions, MDMA helped some patients face their experiences and work through anxiety and depression.

Polio Eradication and End Game Strategic Plan developed

The 2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan, developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), is expected to be finalized this month. Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are global partners in the GPEI.

In 2012, the World Health Assembly declared polio eradication a “programmatically emergency for global public health” and called for the development of a comprehensive polio eradication and endgame strategy. The plan is designed to interrupt transmission of the wild poliovirus by the end of 2014, strengthen routine immunization, lay the groundwork for securing a lasting polio-free world, and transfer the eradication initiative’s assets to other public health efforts. It is estimated that polio eradication could save the world US\$40-50 billion by 2035.

The new plan will cost about \$5.5 billion. Therefore, increased support is needed from governments of donor and polio-affected countries, nongovernmental organizations, corporations, and the public, to ensure implementation. Every Rotarian can become an [advocate](#) by contacting elected officials, business leaders, friends, and the press to encourage support for eradicating polio.

Onomastic Aphasia, Or Deffeyes Disease

I have suffered for years from onomastic aphasia and recently find that it is getting even worse. In a new medical discovery (by me), I discovered that the doctors have this neat Latin name for it -- onomastic aphasia. Boy, that sounds a whole lot better than the former name people called it -- “that dummy Deffeyes can’t remember people’s names”. I feel much better now knowing that this serious disorder has a classy name. There is also an implication that some other folks must have the same problem, or the doctors would not have needed to come up with a Latin name. I think someday it will become “Bob Deffeyes’ Disease”. I mean if Lou Gehrig got a disease named after him, why not me?

Onomastic aphasia was first identified by a very famous physician whose name became a household word. Unfortunately, I can’t remember his name and I imagine he is tired of people calling him “a household word”. Then along came a German neurologist, Karl Wernicke, (or maybe it was Sam or Waldo Wernicke, I am not sure which). He identified another similar disorder caused by brain damage. Maybe I have that, too. He had some patients who could speak fluently, but what they say is totally meaningless garbage. Because they cannot understand speech, they are unaware that they are talking nonsense. I think they become politicians and also help write the IRS income tax instruction manuals.

Anyway, I wanted to get your support for just calling it “Deffeyes Disease” because I surely will not be able to remember the name onomastic aphasia.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

Rotarians honored as Champions of Change at White House

Twelve U.S. Rotarians were honored at the White House on 5 April as Champions of Change for their efforts to improve communities locally and around the world.

As part of the daylong event, more than 160 Rotarians attended a morning round of briefings by government officials on topics including polio eradication, health, violence prevention, and the environment.

“It is a great honor to see these dedicated Rotary members recognized by the U.S. White House as Champions of Change for their work to improve the lives of people around the world,” said *RI President Sakuji Tanaka*. Tanaka said the honorees exemplify how Rotary brings people together to solve problems that are too large for one person to tackle.

“Alone, we look at the problems of our community and our world and we feel helpless,” he said. “But together, we are powerful. And through Rotary, we have the power to change our communities and communities throughout the world -- now and into the future. We have the ability to build the world we dream of: one that is healthier, happier, and with hope for better things to come.”

RI General Secretary John Hewko said the 12 Rotarians represent what Rotary is all about: “committed volunteers working together to improve communities not just in the United States but throughout the world.”

TAXES:

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

In 1913 the first U.S. 1040 tax form was created. Today the IRS 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, 14,264 were revenue agents.

To pay their taxes for 2012, 35% of Americans will use tax software; 31% will rely on websites; 28% will hire an accountant; 1% will use a cell phone app; and 5% will do it the old way: with pen and paper.

Rotary Code of Conduct:

As a Rotarian, I will

1. USE my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary.
2. EXEMPLIFY the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.
3. CONDUCT all my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.
4. BE FAIR in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.
5. PROMOTE recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.
6. OFFER my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community.
7. HONOUR the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.
8. NOT SEEK from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

MEDICO:

Did you see the very good article about MEDICO featuring **Norm and Lynda Peters** in Saturday's edition of the *Williamson Sun*? It also showed photographs not only of Norm & Lynda but also of a doctor and his helper making a new life possible for a youngster. Very moving indeed!

