



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 taxi ride; the meter keeps on ticking
whether you're getting anywhere, or standing still.

Anonymous

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Susan Ward

Pledge: John Rutan

4-Way Test: Chuck MacKay

ROTARY PRAYER:

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.

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Gonzalo Garza

PDG Bill Bryce

Visitors: Sarah Bryce/Bill Bryce

Betty Schleder/Bob Weimer

Bill Chapman/Tom Minor

Yvonne Nix/John Rutan

Members attending: 40 Happy Bucks: \$64.00

Last Week: by **Bob Weimer**

Mayor Garver briefly comments consisted of first a short story that related to the importance of Rotary and what each club contributes to the communities the club is in. He went on to say that there will be at least one Council seat open from the Sun City community in the May 2013 election. Garver encouraged everyone to consider this great service opportunity.

Mayor Garver said there were 3 areas that city government deal with that are so different from the Educational operation the he was accustomed to. All these areas have taxing implications and they are, education/schools, Williamson County, and the Georgetown city operation. It takes a time of adjustment to get in sync with these areas, but he has completely enjoyed his time on the dias as Mayor. He went on to say that the council works very hard at keeping all it does as transparent as possible.

Citizens should always keep informed on all issues that their governing bodies are working on. On to another subject of Water. Garver indicated that due to excellent oversight by City Manager Jim Briggs Georgetown has a sufficient water for the next 40 years. The same oversight has been applied to the other utility systems affecting our residents of Georgetown and the ETJ.

Other areas of encouragement for Georgetown are Economic Development and transportation. Round Rock and Georgetown are talking about ways to divert truck traffic to the 130 roadway. Especially during rush hours 6am to 10am and 4pm to 8pm. That would take truck traffic off of I-35 from just north of Georgetown to south of Austin. These talks are just that for now, but the thinking must be started the Mayor stated.

After some questions the Mayor thanked Sun City Rotary for having him.

Today: **John Chenoweth** will talk about the **2012 Breakfast With Santa** project.

Membership Moment with **John Harding**

John distributed cards to everyone and urged us to find prospective members within a 3-mile radius. Names of business and/or professional men and women who might be possible prospects are to be noted on the back of the cards and turned in to either John or **Lou Gibson** so the membership committee can telephone these people to see if anyone is interested in joining our GREAT club! Let's work to find these people!

Future Programmes:

- Aug 21 Ron Swain, Senior Advisor to the Southwestern University President
- Aug 28 Visit from Distric Governor, Rick Price
- Sept 4 Joanne Harrah will introduce a representative from the Palace Theater
- Sept 11 Ray Bergman will present a talk on finance
- Sept 18 Don Mabray's guest will be Ray Bethke
- Sept 25 Don Bender's guest, Laura Antoine will speak on mentoring in Rotary
- Oct 2 Quarterly Club Assembly

Dates To Remember:

- Sept 14-15 28th Annual Bi-District Reunion
Two nations coming together providing Peace Through Service.
Embassy Suites, Conference Center, San Marcos. Attendees have an opportunity to win a get-away vacation at the Casa de Los Suenos in Isla Mujeres, Mexico.
- Oct 27 Schwertner Ranch & Event Center, Salado 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Denim & Diamonds, Rotary Foundation Gala & Fundraiser. Gourmet Texas Fare, Entertainment, Prizes, Auction. Win a .5 carat diamond!

New email scams target Rotarians

Several Rotarians have recently reported receiving a fraudulent email sent out in the name of a senior Rotary leader, a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, seeking money. The email scam claims that the individual is stuck at an airport with lost luggage and needs the cash to get home. Please be aware this email is a scam.

Other recent scams include:

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".

Rotary International encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any email that appears suspicious.

An Honour for PDG Gonzalo Garza:

Dr. Gonzalo Garza, soldier, scholar, author, and educator, is one of 50 noted Texans recognized with plaques on the Legends of Texas bridge spanning Berry Creek into Sun City. Born into poverty, Dr. Garza was educated in a one-room school in Schumannsville. He joined the Marine Corps at age 17 and fought in the Pacific in WWII and later in Korea. The GI Bill enabled him to earn a Ph.D. in Education at the University of Texas, which ultimately led to his appointment as superintendent of the Austin ISD. Upon his retirement, Dr. Garza had a high school named after him.

Misc. etc.

Bob Derse's wife, **Trudy**, will celebrate her birthday this Friday; **Chuck MacKay** and his wife **Pat**, are celebrating 54 years together; **Bill Grusy** is the proud grandpapa of very tiny but healthy twins; **Bill Bryce**, a native of Georgetown, is 80 today and has been married to **Sarah** for 57 years; **David Stuetelberg** and his wife, **Julia**, are celebrating their 34th anniversary; **Stephen Brown**, recently returned from a trip to Europe, is happy to have his bandages removed tomorrow; **Jamie Mattison** is happy to be back from a family reunion in Michigan; it's nice to have the **Nemecs** catering our lunch again.

Doug Lowe reminded members about our goal of collecting \$2,000 for the water project in Honduras; donations totalling \$1,500 have been received from 27 members and we have until next month to reach the goal. Even a small donation will help.

Bob Weimer's guest, Betty Schleder, gave us some information regarding **Honor Flight**, a nationwide programme which has been in existence for three years. The programme is to try send all WWII veterans to Washington to see the WWII memorial which was built in their honour only seven years ago. The veterans, who are now creeping up in age, are each escorted or accompanied by a friend or guardian. Everyone pays his own way, apart from the vets themselves who fly *gratis*. As Betty said, the programme is trying to raise money to send more vets and as **Pete Snelson** who went to D.C. only a few weeks ago can attest, the trip was very meaningful.

REMEMBER:

It's the Veteran, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press.

It's the Veteran, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.

It's the Veteran, not the community organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate.

It's the Military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.

Are You Planning to go to Europe Next Year?

The Rotary International Convention 2013 will be held in Lisbon, Portugal from June 23-26. Registration is at: <http://lisboa2013.org/#register>

But Closer to Home:

Last March during Lone Star PETS (President Elects Training Seminar) Gaines Bagby, now serving as Rotary Club of Austin's 100th president, invited Rotary Clubs throughout Texas to attend an April 2013 Centennial Celebration Luncheon at Austin's Sheraton Hotel at the Capitol. The keynote speaker will be **RI President-Elect Ron Burton** who becomes Rotary International President about 12 weeks after the Centennial Luncheon.

Education is a progressive discovery of our own ignorance.

... Will Durant

Annual Rotary-UN Day:

The annual Rotary-UN Day will be held on Saturday, 3 November, at United Nations headquarters in New York City. Organized by the RI representatives to the UN, this year's event will feature presentations from senior UN staff and Rotary leaders as well as panel discussions on the two organization's mutual goal of achieving peace. Honored guests will include Rotary Peace Fellows.

Paraprosdokians: (a phrase or sentence that leads us down the garden path to an unexpected ending)

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Where there's a will, there are relatives.

You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Rotary International & ShelterBox

Do you remember seeing the shelter boxes here last year? Well, RI and ShelterBox have signed a project partner agreement. "Project partner" is a special status RI gives to groups started or managed by Rotary clubs. The agreement will ensure local Rotarians have an opportunity to help distribute ShelterBox containers in communities struck by disaster.

Each ShelterBox typically provides a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions; a stove; a water purification kit; blankets; tools; and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster. ShelterBox teams have brought supplies to disaster victims in nearly 80 countries.

. . . The *Rotarian*, July edition

News from the Boardroom:

The following items of business was considered and/or reported to the Board:

- 1) The Leave of Absence (LOA) By-Law of our club was discussed. Jamie Mattison will bring a proposed amendment to our LOA by-law back to the Board for vote and then to the membership for their vote. The issue is dealing with the length of a LOA request.
- 2) Bill Miller gave a report of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 1, 2012. It was confirmed by the Finance Committee that \$1,000 would be available from the Endowment Fund to support this year's Rotary budget.
- 3) A Leave of Absence request from Barbara Pekar was submitted to the Board. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Rich Petro that Barbara's LOA be approved for 90 days beginning August 1, 2012. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor of approval.
- 4) Bill Chapman, the new superintendent of schools at Jarrell ISD, has submitted his application for membership into our Club. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Rich Petro that Bill be accepted into our membership. The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.
- 5) Adaire Wolf reported that the Nemec's would be gone for several weeks later this month and that CJ's Catering would be asked to provide our meals at that time.
- 6) Bob Weimer reported that Brookwood in Georgetown (BIG) has been contacted about completing the grant application for our District Assistance Program (DAP) grant for this year. The grant, if approved by the District, would be for approximately \$2,000 including the District matching funds.
- 7) Adaire Wolf reported that our 15th year anniversary social would be held on or near October 24th at an off-site location to be determined in the near future. Facilities at Sun City are not available for this date.

*Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events;
small minds discuss people. . . . Eleanor Roosevelt*