



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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Before undergoing a surgical operation arrange your temporal affairs.
You may live.

Last Week:

Presiding Officer: Rich Petro
Invocation: David Leas
Pledge: Norm Peters
4-Way Test: Bob Elam

Guests: Isabel Hubbard
Howard & Barbara Konetchy
Tom Meyers
Robin Crouse
Jeanne Gaines/Ben Gaines
Glynn Hatley/Tom Minor
Ronnie L. Bean
Steve Huff

Members present: 40
Happy Bucks: \$51.00

LAST WEEK: by Nathan Cabaniss

Ben Gaines first introduced representatives from the KOOKIE KOMMANDOS, Howard and Barbara Konetchy, Dr. Tom Meyers, Dan Bentz and Steve Huff. The Kookie Kommandos started about eight years ago here in Sun City and today over 100 households participate in this program. On Wednesday they collect home baked cookies. Early Thursday morning, they collect donuts, sweets and Starbuck coffee from local merchants. At 7:30 am, they leave for Fort Hood and the USO.

Ben then introduced Robin Crouse who is the Director of the USO at Fort Hood. Robin is a native of Canada and has adopted Texas as her home.

Fort Hood is home to more than 50,000 soldiers. The USO maintains six recreational facilities there. An additional facility for "wounded warriors" that is open 24 hours with its own gym equipped for their special needs. In the summer the USO operates Camp Aaron for children of fallen soldiers.

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<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	Sept 9	GSE Team Member application deadline
	Sept 15	Matching Grant applications due to District
	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Bi-District Reunion, South Padre Island
	Oct. 15-16	Chisholm Trail Days
	Nov. 4-6	Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair
	Jan 13, '12	District Roll of Fame nomination deadline
	Feb 11, '12	Foundation Dinner, Lost Pines Resort
	May 6-9, '12	R.I. Convention, Bangkok
	May 16 – June 16, '12	GSE Team here from Australia

This Week: **George Olive** is bringing Jim Romine who will give us an update on what's happening in Sun City.

Next Week: **Jamie Mattison**, assisted by **Doug Lowe**, will be leading a Club Assembly which will focus on club planning and a needs assessment which will be sent to the District.

Future Programmes:

Aug 30	Doug Lowe
Sept 6	Carolyn Holloway
Sept 13	Lou Gibson
Sept 20	Bill Grusy
Sept 27	Susie Ward

Future Recorders:

Wayne Courtney
Al Cummins

News From the Boardroom:

Rich Petro has been talking to Linda Holmstrom, Director of the Annunciation Maternity Home in Georgetown regarding the cost estimate for installing a gate at the entrance.

It was decided the club would donate \$620 (\$10 per member) towards the cost of mosquito nets for villagers in Toga, West Africa. Members will be asked for voluntary gifts as well.

A member of our club has made a gift of \$10,000 to the Sun City Rotary Club Endowment Fund. This brings the principal balance to \$38,160.

A motion was made and passed to accept Ray Bergman as a member of the club.

There have been further discussions about the contract between the club and the Sun City CA regarding our roles as co-sponsors of the Arts & Craft Fair to be held this coming November.

News, etc.

Jamie Mattison's grandbaby is now 1 yr old; **Bob Derse**'s wife, Trudy, is having a birthday this week; **Chuck MacKay** and his wife, Pat, are celebrating their 53rd wedding anniversary this week; **Norm Peters**' oldest grandson was married last weekend; **Bill Bryce** will celebrate his 79th birthday this Sunday; **David Leas** was happy **Linda Roberts** (welcome back!) knows how to take a holiday! members were happy to have air conditioning! **Don Mabray** is happy football season starts in 3 weeks; **Chris Mealy** is relieved his father is feeling better (in the "Motherland"); **Gene Perry** is glad to be back from Colorado; Linda Roberts thanked David Leas and **Art Tragesser** for standing in for her during her 2 month absence.

During President's Night, Tom Minor presented Bob Weimer with a Rotarian of the Year award, but the other recipient was not there, so . . . to-day **Past President Tom Minor** presented **Linda Roberts** with her Rotarian of the Year award.

Rich Petro urged members to ensure tables are cleared before leaving.

The iconic rose-peddling company, Jackson & Perkins, will allow anyone to name a new rose variety after themselves. All it requires is a small fee of \$75,000.

Polio Plus News:

Since 1988, Rotary International and its partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) — the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — have worked to wipe polio from the face of the earth. A volunteer service organization of 1.2 million men and women, Rotary began immunizing children against polio in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the GPEI three years later.

Rotary's main responsibilities are fundraising, advocacy, and volunteer recruitment. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$900 million to the polio eradication effort.

With over 33,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas, Rotary is able to reach out to national governments worldwide to generate crucial financial and technical support for polio eradication. Since 1995, the advocacy efforts of Rotary and its partners have helped raise more than \$8 billion from donor governments.

Rotary clubs also provide "sweat equity" on the ground in polio-affected communities, which helps ensure that leaders at all levels remain focused on the eradication goal. Rotary club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to reach more than two billion children in 122 countries with the oral polio vaccine.

Thanks to Rotary and its partners, the world has seen polio cases plummet by more than 99 percent, preventing five million instances of child paralysis and 250,000 deaths. When Rotary began its eradication work, polio infected more than 350,000 children annually. In 2009, fewer than 1,700 cases were reported worldwide.

But the polio cases represented by that final 1 percent are the most difficult and expensive to prevent. Challenges include geographic isolation, worker fatigue, armed conflict, and cultural barriers.

That's why it's so important to generate the funding needed to End Polio Now. To fail is to invite a polio resurgence that would condemn millions of children to lifelong paralysis in the years ahead.

The bottom line is this: As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, all children — wherever they live — remain at risk.

Executive Disorders:

Grover Cleveland had a tumor removed from the roof of his mouth whilst on the yacht *Oneida* and without telling even his Vice President, Adlai Stevenson. However, Cleveland was hardly the only president to conceal a major medical crisis from the public.

In 1919 Woodrow Wilson suffered a massive stroke that paralyzed the left side of his body and incapacitated him so completely - physically and mentally – his doctor announced he was merely suffering from "nervous exhaustion".

Wilson's successor, Warren Harding, had such a weak heart he had to sleep propped up with pillows. In July 1923 he suffered what was almost certainly a heart attack, but his doctor – a homeopath – insisted it was simply food poisoning. Harding died six days later.

In the early 1960s John F. Kennedy concealed the fact he suffered from Addison's Disease, a debilitating condition.

And, more recently, Ronald Reagan's staff covered up the fact he showed signs of dementia whilst still in the White House.

ET CETERA:

KANSAS' KRAZY LAWS:

If two trains meet on the same track, neither shall proceed until the other has passed.

The state game rule prohibits the use of mules to hunt ducks.

Rabbits may not be shot from motorboats.

No one may catch fish with his bare hands.

Pedestrians crossing the highways at night must wear tail lights.

Dodge City

It is illegal to spit on a sidewalk.

All places of business must provide a horse water trough.

Lawrence

No one may wear a bee in their hat.

All cars entering the city limits must first sound their horn to warn the horses of their arrival.

Russell

Musical car horns are banned

Salina

It is against the law to leave your car running unattended.

Topeka

The installation of bathtubs is prohibited.

Wichita

Any person caught using or carrying bean snappers or the like shall upon conviction, be fined. -City ordinance 349 of Wichita, Kansas.

Before proceeding through the intersection of Douglas and Broadway, a motorist is required to get out of their vehicle and fire three shot gun rounds into the air.

