



# THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
August 17, 2010

## Thought to Ponder:

The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.  
Mark Russell

## PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor  
Prayer: Al Cummins  
Pledge: Gene Perry  
4-Way Test: Bob Smith

ATTENDANCE: 37 Members

GUESTS: E.M. Lawrence  
Joanne Harrah/Bill Harrah  
Jean Davis/Norm Peters  
Doyle Brown

Visiting Rotarians: Tom Hobbs/Harlingen

## Last Week: by Renée Mercier

**Norm Peters** spoke eloquently about Medico, an organization he and his wife, Linda, founded twenty years ago. The name Medico stands for Medical, Eye, Dental International Care Organization, a group of dedicated people who travel to Honduras and Nicaragua to care for the impoverished people who so desperately need help.

Teams of from twelve to twenty-five persons made up of doctors, dentists, nurses and their assistants fly to Central America constantly; there are eight missions a year. "You never know how safe things are going to be," said Peters, whose wife is serving there now. With the focus on clean water Medico was able to expand a potable water project to include an additional ten –twelve households. You are invited to partner with Medico in life-transforming, humanitarian outreach.

Today's Programme: **Rich Petro** will present our speaker, Mary Ellen Butler, Director of the Palace Theater.

Next Week: The Associate Rector at Grace Episcopalian Church in Georgetown, Rev. Janice Jones, will be introduced by **Tom Powell**.

## Special Celebrations, etc:

**Jamie Mattison** is glad to hear **Norm Peters** talk about MEDICO, a programme; **Tom Powell** was pleased to be sitting by three new members; **David Stuetelberg** and his wife, Julia, have celebrated their 32nd anniversary; **Tom Hobbs** is pleased to be able to walking after pulling his quadricep muscle in both legs whilst playing basketball; **Bill Miller** said Jarrell will be running a bus to THE FOOTBALL GAME; **Bill Bryce** is thankful it is eventually going to rain! **Lou Gibson** is pleased **E.M.Lawrence** has been approved for membership; **Stephen Brown** is delighted to have had a "southern" lunch to-day provided, as always, by our wonderful caterers, NEMEC; **Linda Roberts** is sad her son has gone back to university now the summer holidays are over.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Aug 31: On this date only we will meet in the SC ballroom.  
Sept 18: There will be a picnic where members and their families can have some good food, enjoy some games and fellowship. 4-6pm (a small charge is requested)  
Oct 8-10: Bi-district Friendship Conference with District 4130 (Mexico) in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel  
Oct 26: Anniversary dinner  
Nov 5-7: Arts and Crafts Fair (Mark it on your calendar)

### **Future Programmes:**

|         |                 |         |                              |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Aug 24  | Tom Powell      |         |                              |
| Aug 31  | Trubee Racioppi | Sept 28 | <b>RUTH ALLISON, DG 5870</b> |
| Sept 7  | Charlie Ray     | Oct 5   | Bill Bryce (Membership)      |
| Sept 14 | John Rouse      | Oct 12  | Jamie Mattison               |
| Sept 21 | John Rutan      | Oct 19  | Gene Perry                   |

### **Programme Recorders:**

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|---------|----------------|---------|-------------|
| To-day  | John Chenoweth |         |             |
| Aug 24  | Stephen Brown  | Sept 28 | Harold Berg |
| Aug 31  | Al Cummins     | Oct 5   | Gary Brown  |
| Sept 7  | E.C. Deaton    | Oct 12  | Ron Ferreri |
| Sept 14 | Bob Deffeyes   | Oct 19  | Ben Gaines  |
| Sept 21 | Bob Derse      |         |             |

### **FYI**

#### **Benefits and Responsibilities of Club Membership:**

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements:

- sustaining or increasing their membership base;
- participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries;
- supporting the Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through programme participation; and
- developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members become and remain active participants in their clubs, and enjoy their Rotary experience.

All Rotary clubs share a key mission: to serve their community and those in need throughout the world. By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to engage the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship, early involvement in service projects, and involvement in club operations are some of the best ways to sustain the club's membership.

The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.

