



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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Nearly all men can stand adversity,
but if you want to test a man's character, give him power.
. . . Abraham Lincoln

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Kelly Barnett
Pledge: Dan Barr
4-Way Test: Bob Smith

Members Present: 37
Happy Bucks: \$45.00

ROTARY PRAYER:

May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place service above self, in our daily endeavors. And may we always test ourselves and our hope to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding. Amen.

Visiting Rotarians: Ned Snead/Sunrise

Visitors: Bill Chapman/Lou Gibson
Roger Merrick/Herman Knodel
Gary Ross/Stephen Brown

Last Week: by Stephen Brown

John Chenoweth made a rousing presentation to our club concerning one of our major undertakings each year: Breakfast with Santa. He presented an array of statistics which vividly and succinctly portrayed the history of BWS. However, we were reminded that the current economic situation has impacted the largess of our community fund sources and to a lesser degree our fellow Rotarians. What John did was to give us a charge to meet these challenges and do, as we from Louisiana would say, a bit more lagniappe (a little extra) this year. The program has been a rousing success and not only have we made Christmas more special to many children and families, but ourselves as well. Our challenge is to go forth and secure those ever increasing fundings, and to also open our own wallets a bit more. **Service above self** will prove to all what a great organization that we are. If we coalesce our efforts then we will meet this challenge with overwhelming enthusiasm, and Santa will truly say with gusto **Merry Christmas!**

Paul Harris Awards: Last week **Bill Miller**, Foundation Chairman, handed out Paul Harris upgrades to:

Jamie Mattison,
Norm Peters, and
Bob Smith.

Today: **Bob Weimer** will introduce Ron Swain, Snr. Advisor to Southwest Univ. President

Next Week: **Rick Price**, District Governor.

Misc. etc: Due to President **Jamie Mattison**'s unavoidable absence today, **Bob Weimer** led the meeting; **Ron Ferreri** is looking forward to travelling in Alaska soon and hopes the black bears don't get him! **Gary Sandercock** recently returned from a trip to the Baltic countries; **Dan Barr** was gratified there were no terrorists at the Olympics; many were happy the football season is starting again; **Bob Elam** is happy to be back from Alaska; **Norm Peters** was pleased to have delivered a \$2,000 cheque from the club for the water project in Honduras; the cheque will be matched by both another Rotary club in Michigan and RI.

Membership Moment: with **Lou Gibson**

Lou reminded members to turn in the cards handed out last week so prospective members can be contacted. Let's bring in more members!

Rotary Clubs in Canada, Ghana, and Switzerland funded water systems to provide clean water to eradicate the Guinea Worm in Ghana.

The Rotary Club of Georgetown - Sun City funded a clean water project for homes in remote areas in Honduras and helped provide ecological stoves in Mexico. And now our club is providing water filtration systems for people living in the hills of Honduras. As **Bob Weimer** reminded members, just \$100 will bring clean water to one village.

Future Programmes:

- 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!

Missed a Meeting? How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If travelling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the area to make up a missed meeting.

Check the *Official Directory* or use the [Club Locator](#) to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

What to do when you can't find a meeting

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting. One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local [Rotaract club](#), [Interactclub](#), [Rotary Community Corps](#) or [Rotary Fellowship](#). Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up. Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a [Rotary e-club website](#).

Change your course now!

This is the transcript of an actual radio conversation of a US naval ship with Canadian authorities off the coast of Newfoundland in October, 1995.

Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations on November 10, 1995:

Americans: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the North to avoid a collision.

Canadians: *Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.*

Americans: This is the Captain of a US Navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

Canadians: *No. I say again, you divert YOUR course.*

Americans: THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS LINCOLN, THE SECOND LARGEST SHIP IN THE UNITED STATES' ATLANTIC FLEET. WE ARE ACCOMPANIED BY THREE DESTROYERS, THREE CRUISERS, AND NUMEROUS SUPPORT VESSELS. I DEMAND THAT YOU CHANGE YOUR COURSE 15 DEGREES NORTH, THAT'S ONE FIVE DEGREES NORTH, OR COUNTER-MEASURES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THIS SHIP.

Canadians: *This is a lighthouse. Your call.*

Science magazine spotlights polio eradication, Rotary's role

The 3 August issue of *Science* magazine features two [articles](#) on polio eradication – “The Polio Emergency” and “Fighting Polio in Pakistan” – and includes several references to Rotary's role.

“Fighting Polio in Pakistan” describes how Rotary conducted an immunization survey of 7,000 children in an area of Karachi, found that four had been missed, then ensured they were vaccinated.

Rotary also joined with UNICEF and Coca-Cola Beverages Pakistan to conduct a massive cleanup of the area, hauling away about 160 tons of garbage. Rotary is trying to “give the message that we are there not just for polio but for everything else,” says Aziz Memon, chair of Pakistan's National PolioPlus Committee.



Throughout Rotary's rich history, Rotarians have strived to achieve the ideal of Service Above Self. Rotary's Avenues of Service form the foundation on which all club activity is based.

Through **Club Service**, we have fun, build lasting friendships, and make sure that our club functions well.

Through **Vocational Service**, we volunteer our professional skills to serve others and promote integrity in everything we do.

Through **Community Service**, we address local needs and work with our community to bring lasting improvements.

Through **International Service**, we meet humanitarian needs around the globe and promote world understanding and peace.

Through **New Generations Service**, we work with young people to help them become the next generation of leaders, visionaries, and peacemakers.

Don't go around saying the world owes you a living.
The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

. . . Mark Twain

Massage May Accelerate Healing

OK, massage makes you feel good, but does it really cure anything? According to a study done by a joint U.S.-Canadian team, it just might. They stressed 10 volunteers with leg exercises and then massaged only one of the legs of each of them. The team then biopsied the quadriceps muscles on both legs. The massaged legs had smaller quantities of proteins related to inflammation. This represents rare objective evidence for the efficacy of massage as an aid to healing.

... *Science News*

A Happy Language?

English is an inherently positive language, according to mathematicians at the University of Vermont. They analyzed billions of words, examining Twitter feeds, 50 years of song lyrics, 20 years of New York Times articles, and millions of books dating back as far as 1520. Among the 5,000 most-used words from each source, they found an overwhelming majority of happy words, as rated by a group of volunteers.

... August edition of *The Rotarian*

The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation of RI is a charitable organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions. The Foundation's mission is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through projects that improve health, support education, and help alleviate poverty. The Rotary Foundation has three main funds:

[Annual Programs Fund](#), which provides grants and scholarships

[Permanent Fund](#), an endowment that ensures the long-term viability of the Foundation

[PolioPlus Fund](#), which supports Rotary's goal of a polio-free world

Believe it or not, the following announcements actually appeared in various church bulletins.

Don't let worry kill you -- let the church help.

Thursday night - Potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Wednesday the ladies liturgy will meet. Mrs. Johnson will sing "Put me in my little bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5:00 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All ladies wishing to be "Little Mothers" will meet with the Pastor in his study.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.