



THE SUN LIGHT



THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
August 3, 2010

Thought to Ponder:

Strange how much you've got to know
Before you know how little you know.
Anon

PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor
Prayer: Al Cummins
Pledge: Ben Gaines
4-Way Test: Tom Powell

ATTENDANCE: 36 Members

GUESTS: Effie Selman/Bob Selman
Lori Minor/Tom Minor
Joanne Harrah/Bill Harrah
E.M.Lawrence/Lou Gibson
Maria Fuentes Leas/David Leas
Doyle Brown/Tom Minor
Joan Miller/Bill Miller

Visiting Rotarians: John Goodrich/Natchez MS
Buzz Ferweda/G'town Sunrise

Last Week: by Lori Minor

At the last meeting, our speaker was **David Leas**, a retired Air Force officer and college professor. The topic he chose was his most recent assignment for Central Texas College, teaching navy sailors aboard the **USS Farragut** for six weeks, while they were "chasing pirates" in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Somalia, as part of an international fleet.

David entertained us with details of his experiences at foreign airports, a Muslim hospital, and on the destroyer, which was small and overcrowded. We heard about the ship "shadowing" pirates and about them eventually capturing one ship "in the act" and securing the culprits in the brig on board. His personal "adventure" of being airlifted by helicopter from ship to ship across the Gulf of Aden to a hospital in Oman made him very appreciative of what the U.S. government will do for a citizen in need.

Today's Programme: This week's speaker, introduced by **Barb Pekar**, will be the director of Boys and Girls Club, Daniel Anstee.

Next Week: **Norm Peters** will bring us up to date on the international non-profit organization headquartered here in Georgetown – the MEDICO Foundation.

Happy Bucks: \$135

Anniversaries, etc.

Congratulations to **Jamie Mattison** for becoming a full time professor at Mary Hardin Baylor; as well she has welcomed her first grandchild – a boy; **Don Mabray's** wife, Barbara, celebrated a birthday this week; **Tom Minor** and his wife, Lori, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and contributed a cheque to the Foundation for \$45; Buzz Ferweda, visiting from the downtown club, is happy to have his kids back from Norway and France; **Bob Deffeyes** and his wife, Ethel, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary; **Chris Mealy** was happy to see so many wives attending to-day; many members were just happy to see the rain this week; and finally, **Bill Miller** has issued a challenge re the Crawford v Jarrell football games – he will cover!

Dates to Remember:

- 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 10	Norm Peters	Sept 28	RUTH ALLISON, DG 5870
Aug 17	Rich Petro	Oct 5	Bill Bryce (Membership)
Aug 24	Tom Powell	Oct 12	Jamie Mattison
Aug 31	Trubee Racioppi	Oct 19	Gene Perry
Sept 7	Charlie Ray		
Sept 14	John Rouse		
Sept 21	John Rutan		

Future Programme Recorders:

Aug 10	Gary Brown	Sept 7	E.C. Deaton
Aug 17	John Chenoweth	Sept 14	Bob Deffeyes
Aug 24	Stephen Brown	Sept 21	Bob Derse
Aug 31	Al Cummins	Sept 28	Harold Berg

2010 Council on Legislation:

The Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider changes to the RI Constitution and Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. This year's Council met 25-30 April and representatives from 531 Rotary districts considered more than 200 pieces of legislation submitted by clubs, districts, and the RI Board of Directors. Following are three of the decisions made:

1. Representatives approved a US\$1 increase in annual per capita dues starting 2011-12 that will allow RI's budget to remain profitable through 2013, but experience a deficit of about \$3M by 2015. Rotary clubs will pay per capita dues to RI of \$51 for 2011-12, \$52 for 2012-13, and \$53 for 2013-14. Per capita dues were already set at \$50 for 2010-11.

The increase is only half the amount the Board had originally planned to seek. But after favourable financial forecasts, it offered an amended request for the \$1 increase. RI's General Surplus Fund is well above the Council-mandated minimum reserves. Market performance has improved, and the Secretariat has made significant cuts in expenses.

2. After years as part of a pilot project, **e-clubs** found a permanent home in Rotary. The Council approved legislation that will allow up to two e-clubs per district, defining e-clubs as Rotary clubs that meet through electronic communications.

3. Representatives voted to add a fifth *Avenue of Service*, **New Generations Service**, to the four that already existed: **Club Service**, **Vocational Service**, **Community Service**, and **International Service**. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to consider how their club can contribute within each avenue. Supporters of the fifth Avenue of Service felt it would recognize the benefits of having youth involved in leadership development efforts, service projects, and exchange programmes.

The Council on Legislation tackled a variety of other issues, including decreasing the number of members on the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International from 34 to 17; giving the Board authority to eliminate or change district boundaries if a district falls below 33 clubs or 1,200 members; and precluding clubs from limiting membership based on sexual orientation.