



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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DECEMBER IS ROTARY FAMILY MONTH

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Welcome to the final edition of the Sun Light for 2011

Last Week: The meeting was held at the Georgetown Community Center and because of the wonderful support of spouses and friends, the wrapping of the many, many presents was completed in record time. Luckily our energy level was sustained by the delicious turkey dinner prepared by **Jeanette and Richard Nemeč**. **Harold Bergh** ensured there was sufficient wrapping paper; **Adaire Wolf** and **John Chenoweth** were everywhere at once checking that family presents stayed together and were loaded into the truck together. Adaire and John and **Barb Pekar** are the main organisers of this event and they spent many hours arranging for the hiring of the center; obtaining the U-Haul; co-ordinating with the Fire Department; printing out the dozens and dozens of tags; making arrangements for the distribution of the presents; etc. etc.

Previous Week: **Bill Miller** reviewed Rotary Foundation giving and how clubs benefit from membership giving to support Local and International Club Sponsored projects. The Foundation's four (4) major funds were discussed. These are the Annual, Permanent, PolioPlus and Disaster Recovery Funds. A copy of Bill's briefing plus copies of our Club's 2010-11 Rotary Year's Membership & Club giving as well as our Club's 2011-12 Goals. **Bill Harrah** then discussed charitable Annuity giving. Those interested in a possible Annuity should speak with Bill right away as interest rates will be lower after the first of the year. If you are interested please call Bill Harrah at 868-0610

Future Programmes:

Jan 3	Club Assembly (Adaire Wolf)
Jan 10	Don Mabray
Jan 17	Renée Mercier
Jan 24	Bill Miller
Jan 31	Alex Munson

Our character is what we do when we think no one is watching.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 15-21, '12	International Assembly, San Diego CA
Feb 11, '12	Foundation Dinner, Lost Pines Resort with special guest, Kaylan Banerjee, President RI
May 6-9, '12	R.I. Convention, Bangkok
May 16 – June 16, '12	GSE Team here from Australia
May - June	District Conference

TODAY IS VOTING DAY!

The following is the slate of officers presented for your consideration. You will be voting to accept or to reject the following members as the club's 2011-12 officers and directors:

OFFICERS

President	Jamie Mattison
President Elect	John Chenoweth
Vice President	Bob Weimer
Secretary	Herman Knodel
Treasurer	Linda Roberts
Sergeant at Arms	Stephen Brown
Past President	Rich Petro

DIRECTORS

Membership	Lou Gibson
Service Projects	Bob Weimer
Rotary Foundation	Bill Miller
Public Relations	Tom Minor
Club Administration	Adaire Wolf

News From the December Board Meeting:

- * The Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Wayne Courtney.
- * The Board voted to pay for the meal costs of our guests at our November 7th meeting from our Rotary funds.
- * John Chenoweth reported that we had received some \$16,000 to date for our BWS project with another \$2,000 to \$3,000 expected to come in this week.
- * The Board approved the purchase of HEB gift cards for the families of our Breakfast with Santa children based upon an amount depending on the family size starting with a \$75 card for a family of 2 to a \$250 card for a family of 9.
- * Students in the Eagle Locker and Eagle Nest will receive a McDonalds gift card along with movie tickets and Mel's Bowling passes.

Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary said,

"If Rotary has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men,

"If Rotary has taught us greater tolerance, and the desire to see the best in others;

"If Rotary has brought us helpful and pleasant contacts with others, who are also trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life,

"Then Rotary has brought us all that we can expect."

Are you going to California to see the Tournament of Roses Parade next month? Don't forget to look for the Rotary float whose theme is *Inching Toward the End of Polio*.

This month's Rotary Theme is *The Family* and this month, as Brigitte is recuperating from a serious health situation, that topic is most important to me. Many of you have heard that she recently suffered a brain aneurysm. My thanks to you, my Rotary family, for your thoughts, messages, words of encouragement, and kindnesses.

Brigitte complained of a severe headache on Sunday, October 30th at about 7:00 PM. It looked really bad and I immediately called an ambulance. She went through an emergency brain surgery later that night. The surgery was successful. She spent two days in ICU, two days in IMC (Intermediate Care) and has been out of IMC since then. She was released from Seton Hospital on the 9th of November and checked in to a rehabilitation hospital. She has been recovering well and has been going through physical, occupational and speech therapies. We are expecting a complete recovery. Again, thanks. Let's all celebrate this season with special emphasis on the family.

. . . . **District Governor Suresh Pawa**

Polio Plus update:

A question which is often asked is, *why do we have to continue immunization in a polio-free country*.

In the United States, polio was eliminated in 1979, but, because polio still circulates in other parts of the world, we must still continue vaccination in the USA. Scenarios for polio being introduced into any country are easy to imagine, and the disease could get a foothold if we don't maintain high vaccination rates.

For example, an unvaccinated resident of Australia could travel abroad and become infected before returning home. Or, a visitor could travel to the USA while infected. The point is, one person infected with polio is all it takes to start the spread of polio to others if they are not protected by immunization.

The Eradication of polio is called the largest public health initiative in history.

Breakfast With Santa:

HELP NEEDED!

It is now time for the final Phase of this year's project. The food committee (**Bob Elam, Ed Deaton** and **Charlie Ray** - with special help from our club food consultant, Bob Selman) has already moved well into planning and purchasing food and breakfast supplies for next Saturday (December 17). With the extra publicity we've gotten this year, I expect us to exceed last year's record (850 people) for **BREAKFAST**.

The Community Center is a much larger venue than the Fire Station so we are going to need a lot of Rotarian help to pull off **BREAKFAST**. Extra people to help direct traffic off the main park road and then get the people into the proper door (it doesn't appear that it will be bitter cold, but the forecast shows there may be a fair of rain showers) will be very important. At this point I'm thinking about sending everyone into the main entrance on the south side (to utilize the lobby area for check-in, which will also be good if people have umbrellas, etc.) and not use the double glass doors that we used for WRAPPING because the Santa Photo Operation will be conducted down on that end of the building. In order to do all of this, we'll need several Rotarians stationed outside, which we haven't needed in past years.

. . . *John Chenoweth*

Redneck been here?

Ways to tell if a redneck has been working on a computer

10. The monitor is up on blocks.
9. Outgoing faxes have tobacco stains on them.
8. The six front keys have rotted out.
7. The extra RAM slots have Dodge truck parts installed in them.
6. The numeric keypad only goes up to six.
5. The password is "Bubba".
4. The CPU has a gun rack mount.
3. There is a Skoal can in the CD-ROM drive.
2. The keyboard is camouflaged.

And, The Number One Way To Tell If A Redneck Has Been Working On A Computer...

The mouse is referred to as a "critter".

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL