



# 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

**Rotary Prayer:** As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.

## Today is voting day for the 2012-13 nominees.

**Today's Programme:** We will hear biographies from:  
John Schwebke  
Donna Taylor

**Next Meeting:** . . . . will be on January 8<sup>th</sup> when President **Jamie Mattison** will hold a Club Assembly.

### **Future Programmes:**

Jan 15	Jarrell H.S. RYLA students
Jan 22	Mr. Delaney - Drug Policy Forum of Texas (DAFT)
Jan 29	Mr. Mel Penland on the TX Life-Sciences Collaboration Center
Feb 5	Mardi Gras with Dr. Stephen Brown
Feb 12	Mr. Gene Davenport, Past District Governor

### **From the Boardroom:**

The only item of business today on December 11<sup>th</sup> was to consider an amendment to our current operating budget. Doug Lowe made the motion seconded by Rich Petro that \$1,000 be added to our operating budget to cover costs for this year's Breakfast With Santa (BWS) program. These costs include meals for our volunteer wrappers, a new Santa suit and our BWS social held on November 27th.

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good  
for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

## **Last Week: by Don Mabray**

### **Mike Oglesby Bio**

Mike was raised in San Angelo, TX and attended San Angelo College before graduating from Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos with a BS degree in Agriculture. After graduation Mike taught school in Del Rio, Tx for two years and was very active in the Boy Scouts as a Scoutmaster. After a couple of years teaching Mike moved to Minneapolis to pursue other vocation options. He went to work for Standard Oil/ in the Agricultural Marketing divisions. This began his lifetime working career in marketing and then credit manager in various companies due to name changes resulting from mergers and acquisitions. Most of his career was spent in Minnesota, Iowa and Eastern Nebraska.

Today he and his wife Phyllis have a home in Grundy Center, Iowa where they spend their summers. During his year in Iowa Mike was a founder and eventual president of the Grund Center Kiwanis Club. He also served as a member of the Grundy Center City Council for 14 years. Mike and Phyllis have a son living in Iowa and a married daughter living in Beaverton, Oregon with two grandsons.

### **Bill Chapman BIO**

Bill is currently Superintendent of the Jarrell ISD and has followed in his parents footsteps in the field of education. Bill was raised as an Education Nomad moving throughout many Texas cities as a child in that his parents were both in education. His mother as a teacher and his father teaching in vocational courses. His education and career has spans of student @ Texas A. & M., University of Texas @ San Antonio as a trainer and coach, coach and teacher in Corpus Christi, Coach and teacher in Huntsville, Texas and Assistant Principal in Willis, Texas. His wife is also in education as a teacher.

## **Christmas And You Can Count On The Birds**

"I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me..." Maybe it was a bird who first sang that song. And every year, a special group of folks at Sun City does just that - they count on the birds. They hold the annual Christmas Bird Count. They are the Bird Watchers group of the Sun City Nature club. This year, the official bird count was held on December 15, the same day that Rotary held our Breakfast With Santa. So while we were flipping pancakes, the birders were out there counting all the birds they could find.

The Christmas Bird Count has been going on for 113 years and annually about 15 million birds put in an appearance, (even though Sun City doesn't have snow and mistletoe as the song says). In 2009, 60,700 people worldwide took the census in 2,160 count areas and saw 2,319 different species of birds. The count areas are roughly a 15 miles diameter circle. The area that includes Sun City is divided into 6 zones with Sun City being in zone 3. All that is needed to be a bird counter is willingness to help, a pair of binoculars and your ability to correctly identify each of the 9,993 different species of birds. That's a joke. You really need to know the 136 species that are found in our count area. If you are just beginning birdwatching, the Sun City group will see that you are paired with someone who is a skilled bird watcher.

Why is this a big deal? Why do so many people put so much effort into counting the birds? Professional ornithologists (a fancy name for the bird-brained naturalists) use the count to see how birds are affected by the environment, loss of habitat, diseases, global warming, etc. Things like the affect of DDT on Brown Pelicans are tracked by this kind of study. Christmas has nothing to do with which birds are around. Christmas is early winter near the end of the southward migration. This count really lets us know where the birds spend their winter. So if you hear a bird singing I'll be home for Christmas, you can count on me... watch out, it could be a mocking bird just doing it for a lark.

. . . **Bob Deffreyes**

## Help Rotary win more miles

United Airlines is once again giving away 10 million miles to its charity miles partners as part of a year-end gift. Charities receive a portion of the miles based on the percentage of the overall vote they receive through 25 December. Your vote could help Rotary win a greater share of miles.

**Go to:** <website@rotary.org>

### Previously:

A Breakfast With Santa gift wrapping meeting was held at the Georgetown Recreation Center on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and together with many spouses, friends, and guests, the Georgetown Fire Department sent Clay Shell and a crew to help; along with Jan Williams from the Georgetown School District, and some folks from Dell. Jeanette and Richard Nemec provided a great luncheon for us all.

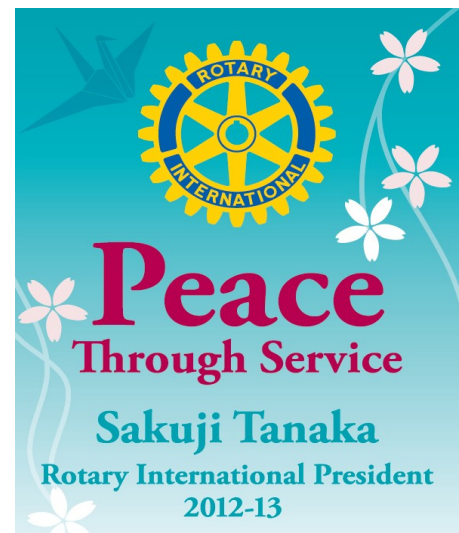
**Presiding:** Jamie Mattison  
**Invocation:** Kelly Barnett  
**Pledge:** Bob Elam  
**4-Way Test:** Don Bender

**Harold Bergh** spoke on the Rotary Moment and noted how the Breakfast With Santa programme exemplifies the spirit of Rotary. **Alex Munson**, **Doug Lowe** and **Bill Miller** are all celebrating birthdays this month. **John Chenoweth**, who has been the strength behind the organizing and success of BWS, stood and thanked everyone for being there and especially the Fire Department men who have been such stalwart partners over the years. John reminded us that workers were still needed at various times on Saturday morning at breakfast and urged members to sign up.

**Jamie Mattison** revealed that Gladys Reyna was nominated by our club to go to Cebu, Philippines on the GSE – and that she has been accepted! This is a coup for the club and especially satisfying because this Rotary year is the last time Rotary International will be sponsoring GSE.

To conclude the meeting Jamie emcee'd a quiz with a Christmas movies theme. Movie goers had the advantage but everyone entered into the spirit. A finalist from each of the ten tables then tried for a run off – but in the end each one received a snowglobe prize – after which we all went back to continue wrapping presents. However since the morning wrapping crew did such yeoman work, only a small number of presents needed wrapping after the meeting concluded – with many thanks to **Adaire Wolf** who kept us all on the straight and narrow thus making light work of it all.

The **Paul Harris Society** is named after the founder of Rotary International. The society recognizes friends of The Rotary Foundation who annually contribute US\$1,000 or more to the Annual Programs Fund, PolioPlus, and other approved Foundation grant activities. Society contributions may count toward Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, Paul Harris Fellow, Multiple Paul Harris Fellow, and Major Donor recognition.



## **Polio Plus News**

*In early September, Rotary International launched a new webswite, [www.endpolionow.org](http://www.endpolionow.org), to inspire support for the polio eradication effort. Site visitors can read the latest news on polio, download graphics and sample press releases, make a donation, and estimate the potential dollar value they can generate by sharing the polio eradication message through social media platforms such as [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

*Now's your chance to be in the same commercial as Bill Gates, Jackie Chan, and Amanda Peet. Upload a photo of yourself at [www.endpolionow.org](http://www.endpolionow.org) and it will be edited into an ever-lengthening commercial that includes celebrities, leaders, and people all over the world who support Rotary's "This Close" campaign to end polio. You'll receive an email telling you where you're featured so you can find yourself and share your appearance with your friends.*

## **The Right Word**

English boasts by far the largest number of words of all languages – 616,500 officially enshrined in the *Oxford English Dictionary*. That is almost four times the vocabulary size of its nearest competitor, German, five times the size of third-place Russian, and six times the size of Spanish and French. As a result, English possesses a plethora of synonyms that allow greater nuances of meaning than are available in other tongues.

e.g. surprised – or . . .

aghast, amazed, appalled, astonished, astounded, bewildered, blown away, boggled, bowled over, caught off base, confounded, dumbfounded, electrified, flabbergasted, floored, flummoxed, overwhelmed, shocked, startled, stunned, stupefied, taken aback, thunderstruck, etc. etc.

## **A great fruit cake recipe**

You'll need the following:

- a cup of water,
- a cup of sugar,
- four large eggs,
- two cups of dried fruit,
- a teaspoon of baking soda,
- a teaspoon of salt,
- a cup of brown sugar,
- lemon juice, nuts, and
- a bottle of whisky.

Sample the whisky to check for quality.

Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat.

Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make sure the whisky is still okay. Cry another cup.

Turn off the mixer. Break two eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the dried fruit gets stuck in the beaters pry it loose with a screwdriver.

Sample the whisky to check for consistency.

Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares?

Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin to 350 degrees.

Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and go to bed.