



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
December 7, 2010

Words to Ponder: Suppose your wife, or husband, or a friend had to design a bumper sticker that described you. What do think the sticker would say?

Tom Minor

PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor
Prayer: Logan Cummins
4-Way Test: Nathan Cabaniss
Pledge: Ben Gaines

ATTENDANCE: 44 Members

GUESTS: Tom Astengo/Gordon Bishop

VISITING ROTARIANS: Pat O'Farrell/Northwest Austin
Bob Elam/Colchester, VT
Joseph Ace/Seabrook TX
Buzz Fereda/Sunrise

Today's Programme: **Bob Selman** has arranged for a former member, Sherb Smiddy, to talk about the Day of Infamy.

Last Week: by **Gary Brown**

Our speaker was Randy Morrow of the Georgetown Parks and Recreation department. Randy discussed the parks master plan and plans for the 2008 bond program. Voters approved 55 million in development bonds to be used future plans. Most of the plans have been on hold for the economy to improve. Once houses begin selling again, the city will issue the bonds. Part of the bonds will be used to add soccer fields to the new high school and will fund some programs for a third high school.

Another aspect of the planned bond usage is to incorporate a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife with bond funds to assist in development of additional trails within Georgetown. The trails will eventually add segments from Blue Hole to the hospital and post office area plus long term will extend the trails to Garey Park. Another element will be to develop an amphitheatre at the old football stadium area which will tie parking to the current parks and recreation facility. Architectural drawings have been started for this facility. In addition to demolishing the old stadium, the city sold the bleachers for \$225,000 which paid for the destruction and cleanup of the area.

Randy also discussed the plans for Garey Park, a 535 acre facility between Leander Road and Highway 29. The existing Garey family home will be retained for a wedding and special events facility. In addition, cabins and horse trails will be added. As part of the donation of the land, the Garey family also donated \$5 million for use in enhancing the future park. Improvement to the park will use \$10 million of the bond funds and repayment will be partially offset by entrance fees for the park.

In closing, Mr. Morrow discussed the positive economic changes for Georgetown that include an increase in sales tax revenues, increase in commercial activity and plans for a bookmobile sponsored by Friends of the Library. The bookmobile will serve Sun City as well as other areas within Georgetown. With Georgetown's AA+ bond rating, the future bonds could sell for a three percent yield. The new bonds would add to the current \$35 million bond balance for parks and recreation.

Thanks to Mark Ramsey for arranging the program.

Next Week: Meeting at Georgetown Community Center

Celebrations, News etc: 49 members donated \$190 to Happy Bucks today! Buzz Fereda noted that his club has changed its meeting place to Bell's Bowling Alley; Buzz also mentioned the Sunrise club will hold its major fundraiser next February 20th in the Robertson Gym (S.W. University) when the city will play the Harlem Ambassadors (tickets \$75); several members were happy and some were sad about their teams' results; **David Leas**, one of the club's founding members, made a big donation to Happy Bucks; **Bill Harrah** urged members to see the excellent production at the Leander Theater; **Barb Pekar** is delighted that her son will soon be returning from Afghanistan; **John Skannal** praised the great RYLA programme; **Bill Harries** told us how proud he is of the soccer, football, and swimming/diving teams at his H.S. In Kansas City who all were winners; **Tom Minor** reminded us to bring items to the meeting next week to be auctioned off by Chatsworth and the proceeds will return to our club; **John Chenoweth** circulated sign-up sheets for shopping at Walmart this coming week (more shoppers are needed); John noted that our fund raising totals are at the halfway point, as of yesterday.

Dates to Remember:

- Dec 11: Breakfast With Santa at Fire Station #1
- Dec 14: Wrapping of presents – and meeting at Georgetown Community Center
- Dec 18: Delivery of presents

Dec 21 and 28 No meetings

Future Programmes:

- Today Bob Selman
- Jan 4 Bob Smith
- Jan. 11 A program on Shelter Box presented by Anthony Thompson
- Jan. 18 Harold Steadman
- Jan. 25 David Stuetelberg
- Feb. 1 Bob Weimer
- Feb. 8 Dick Will
- Feb. 15 Adaire Wolf
- Feb. 22 David Wolf
- March 1 Dick Retz

Programme Chroniclers:

- Today Tom Hobbs
- Jan 4 Herman Knodel
- Jan 11 Harold Lawless
- Jan 18 E.M. Lawrtence
- Jan 25 David Leas
- Feb 1 Don Mabray
- Feb 8 Chuck MacKay
- Feb 15 Jamie Mattison
- Feb 22 Chris Mealy
- Mar 1 Renée Mercier

Live your life with:

- P** personal
 - R** responsibility
 - I** in
 - D** daily
 - E** living
- (Charley Ray)

