



# 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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## POLIO PLUS MONTH

### Last Week: by Norm Peters

Dr. Michael Weir, MD, and immediate past chair of the Chisholm Trail Community Foundation (CTCF) provided an update on the status of the organization. Since the 1996 genesis of the foundation, the program has evolved into a meaningful conduit for the support of many area worthy humanitarian entities.

Dr. Weir is a native of Georgetown receiving his degrees from Harvard, UT Medical School in Galveston and the U of San Francisco. He served as a military doctor 25 years before joining the Scott and White staff in Temple, retiring after 12 years of service there. He currently serves the underprivileged in the Burnett area as well as being involved with several non profit area organizations.

Donors interested in supporting non profits are able through CTCF to provided donor advised funds to their favorite charity knowing their donations are being prudently invested at minimal management costs . By channeling the donations through CTCF, a registered 501 c 3 organization, the donations qualify as an income tax charitable deduction. Receiving organizations are relieved from typical money management costs, thus maximizing the value of each advised donation.

CTCF currently has over \$1.2 million under management and is confident that their goal of having \$5 to \$10 million under management is simply a matter of time. Dr. Weir noted that several of our club members, as well as our club, are taking advantage of CTCF services.

**Invocation:** Kelly Barnett  
**Pledge:** Chuck MacKay  
**4-way test:** John Rouse

**Members Attending:** 46  
**Happy Bucks:** \$50.00  
**Guest:** Mike Oglesby/John Harding

**Today's Programme:** Tom Powell

**Next Week:** Mark Ramsay – Commissioner Valerie Covey

**Future Programmes:**

Feb 28	Charley Ray
March 6	Dick Retz
March 13	John Rouse
March 20	John Rutan
March 27	Bob Smith
April 3	CLUB ASSEMBLY
April 10	Bob Weimer
April 17	David Stuetelberg

## Dates to Remember:

Feb 18 (Sat.)	Pre-PETS, Georgetown, (Any member interested in District affairs)
Feb 27 (Mon)	Assistance League's fundraiser (volunteers needed)
March 22-25	PETS, Dallas-Fort Worth (Presidents Elect)
April 28 (Sat.)	District Assembly, Round Rock (All officers, committees invited)
May 6 - 9	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 19 (Sat.)	District Conference Part I, Killeen (All invited)
June 16 (Sat.)	District Conference Part II, Bastrop (All invited)

Misc. etc. **Jamie Mattison** thanked **John Rouse** for the help he has provided regarding the copying, etc. for the planning committee; John proudly mentioned that the boys' Jarrell HS basketball team has now won 27 consecutive games; **Tom Minor**'s daughter is now 42 and his son is 39 this week.

**Bill Miller** took a few minutes to talk about the Rotary Foundation. He pointed out that although Rotary has achieved its goal of raising \$200M, still more will be needed until polio is totally eradicated. Bill advised that 26 members are now part of the PolioPlus Society (each donates \$100/yr) and he'd like to see more members join that special society. Cheques should be made out to the Rotary Foundation.

However, it is now about time for our "Get Lou" project. What this entails is: if every member donates \$10 to PP, then Lou will ante up \$500; and if all members donate \$15 each, then Lou will ante up \$1,000. Let's get together and Get Lou!

## News From the Boardroom:

1) **Rich Petro** read a letter from District Governor, **Suresh Pahwa**, informing our Club that the District had joined the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), a leadership program to help develop leadership qualities for future leaders of our Club and the District. President Petro named members **John Chenoweth** and **Bob Weimer** to represent our Club at a meeting of the RLI on March 10, 2012. The Board approved paying the fee of \$70 for John and Bob for each to attend this meeting.

2) District Governor, Suresh Pahwa, has asked our Club to nominate a candidate for District Governor for the 2014-15 Rotary year if we so desired.

3) **Jerry Hobbs** has made application to become a member of our Club. He was represented by member, **Stephen Brown**. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Tom Minor that Jerry be accepted into membership in our Club. The vote in favor of this motion was unanimous by the Board.

4) **Lou Gibson**, Membership Director of our Club reported that a *Rotary Moment* would be presented each Club meeting for the next 17 weeks with emphasis on the things Rotary International and our local Club are doing. The purpose is to build pride in our membership and then for our members to share with prospective members.

Lou asked for approval of a budget item of \$249 to purchase pill bottles, labels and M&M candies to promote a program entitled "Members Matters" (M&M). The vote to approve this budget item was approved by the Board unanimous.

Lou also reported that our Club's Endowment Fund now exceeds \$40,000.

## GHANDI'S 7 DANGERS TO HUMAN VIRTUE

- ① WEALTH WITHOUT WORK
- ② PLEASURE WITHOUT CONSCIENCE
- ③ KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT CHARACTER
- ④ BUSINESS WITHOUT ETHICS
- ⑤ SCIENCE WITHOUT HUMANITY
- ⑥ RELIGION WITHOUT SACRIFICE
- ⑦ POLITICS WITHOUT PRINCIPLE

### Information re the Service Coalition.

#### **Vision**

Achieve broad based support for children and youth in Georgetown through collaborative efforts.

#### **Mission..**

To annually identify priority needs of youth and children and conduct a major fundraiser to support the agreed upon priority.

The following Service Clubs are participants in the Coalition:

Optimist Club, Downtown Rotary, Sun City Rotary (Bob Weimer), Sun Rise Rotary, Sun City Kiwanis, Downtown Kiwanis, Breakfast Kiwanis, Noon Lions, Sertoma Club, Georgetown Project, Wilco Museum, GISD.

2011 project was to support the *Up The Chisholm Trail* event. Using the expertise from all the club members the Coalition provided over \$6000.00 in net profits to the Museum and to the Eagles Nest (GISD). As time goes on the Coalition will decide who the 2012 recipients will be. The main event will again be the *Up The Chisholm Trail* held in San Gabriel Park.

### Subject: **Homestead tax cap for 65 & older**

Very important for seniors and disabled.

Remember to vote AND look for this on the ballot. You must vote in May to keep the Homestead tax cap for 65 and over, even if you are not yet 65. If you are a Texas homeowner then this is important to you. If not, it is important to your friends who are. It is an amendment to correct an error made by the lawmakers when they voted for a reduction in school property taxes in 2005.

When the lawmakers voted for a one-third reduction in school property taxes beginning in 2006 and to be completed this year, they forgot about the homestead exemption for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The state constitution caps school property taxes for homeowners 65 years and older and those who are disabled. However, they DID NOT get the same reduction when the property tax cut for schools was voted on two years ago. So an amendment is on the May ballot to correct this error. The problem is that most voters who are younger than 65 or not disabled probably won't even notice the amendment or care.

PLEASE get out and vote for this amendment if not for yourself, then for your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends. The fear is that with a low voter turnout, the amendment could very well not pass. So, please pass the word and VOTE for the constitutional amendment.

(NOTE: election dates are subject to change because of the redistricting suit) Early voting will take place April 30 - May 5 from 7 AM to 7PM; May 6 from noon – 6PM; and May 7 & 8 from 7AM – 7PM.

### **Seniors at Dunkin' Donuts:**

A group of seniors was sitting around talking about all their ailments.

"My arms have gotten so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad; I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an "X" at election time, my hands are so crippled," volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you!"

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said a fourth, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said a woman cheerfully - -

"We can still drive."