



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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A Government big enough to give you everything you want,
is strong enough to take everything you have.

. . . Thomas Jefferson

Last Week: Biographies

Ben Hyde, a former tax accountant, was born and raised in Greenville, TX and attended Texas A&M in Commerce, TX. He worked with the IRS for 34 years and during that time he held various positions; among them were National Director of Coordinated Examination Specialty Programs; Midstates Regional Corporate Examination Director; Key District EPEO Division Chief and in the Midstates Regional International Enforcement Program. Ben also served as the National Petroleum Industry Program (PIP) and was selected to participate in the reorganization of the IRS in 2002 by the Assistant Commissioner of Examination.

After leaving the IRS, Ben spent eight years with PriceWaterhouse Coopers. His experience with the IRS proved very valuable especially for his worldwide clients and Ben was fortunate to be extremely successful in resolving tax controversy issues.

Ben has been married to Marilyn Schwenn for over 37 years and they have a married daughter, Sara, who lives in Round Rock with her husband, David Schmidt and their three children. Ben and Marilyn also had a son, Stephen, who died in December 2008, and in order to focus on their immediate family after his death, Ben and Marilyn moved to Georgetown to be near their daughter and her family.

Bill Thompson and his wife, Pat were were born and raised in Houston; they met in high school and married right after their graduation. After four years at Sam Houston State where Bill studied Business Administration, he felt he had a calling and enrolled in Seminary and earned his doctorate from Hartford Seminary. In 1973 Bill was ordained and spent five years in a church in Illinois before being sent to Bristol Connecticut, and then northern Detroit, Michigan where his congregation numbered almost 4,000 and where he stayed 13 years.

Bill was called back to Texas, San Antonio, in 1994 where he stayed for seven years. For many years during his ministries in several states, Bill also worked with a ministry in Brazil – the John Paul Mission Society – and now that he has retired, he and Pat work full time for the ministry which works with families. They work out of their home and spend 3-4 months each year in Brazil. It is a small ministry and only about \$5,000 is raised annually to assist in the work.

Invocation: Bill Thompson

Pledge: Doyle Brown

4-way test: Bob Smith

Members Attending: 43

Happy Bucks: \$42.00

Guests: Mike Oglesby/John Harding
Courtney Powell/Tom Powell
Pat Thompson/BillThompson

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**Last Week's Rotary Moment:**

The thing that all Rotary members have in common is that, as volunteers, we reach out to our communities and build, support, and organize; also, we save lives and work both locally and globally.

... **Harold Bergh**

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Today's Programme: Mark Ramsey with guest Commissioner Valerie Covey

Next Week: Charley Ray's guest will be Robert LeCour, Suddenlink Communications

Future Programmes:

- 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

Have you read it?

Since 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers program has been preparing more than 600 future leaders to pursue peace around the world. The February edition of *The Rotarian* includes a profile of ten peace fellows.

Dates to Remember:

- Feb 27 (Mon) Assistance League's fundraiser (volunteers needed)
- March 6 (Tues) **Regular meeting at the Oaks**
- 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:

Bill Harrah gave us the news that **Alex Munson** is having carpal tunnel surgery this week; **Bob Derse** is celebrating his birthday; after the mixup of where we were to meet today, **Dick Will** was please to have found his way here; **Chris Mealy** added his dollar for "all the sweethearts"; **John Skannal** was pleased to see Chris Mealy and **E.C.Deaton** here today; a number of members added their cheques for the PolioPlus campaign currently being run; **Bill Harrah** and Joanne, **Bill Miller** and Joan, **Caroline Holloway**, **Doug Lowe** and Marcy, **Jamie Mattison**, and **Rich Petro** and Rita all attended the Foundation Dinner in the Domain last week;

Only in 4 clubs in the District have all members made a donation to the Foundation - *Every Member Every Year*. As **Bill Miller** expressed, our club - one of the four - received a special banner from the Foundation Chairman for last year's effort. Let's try and do the same this year for it helps us to reach out to the world.

We also received a second award – this one for PolioPlus. We were the largest giving club for PolioPlus in District 5870 – a great effort! Bill announced he has already received a number of donations for this year and is looking forward to receiving more before the end of this month. Any donation amount is welcome.

ROTARY WILL BE 107 YEARS OLD ON FEBRUARY 23rd

On 23 February 1905, Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. Harris's desire for camaraderie among business associates brought together these four men and eventually led to an international organization of service and fellowship.

Read about each of the first four Rotarians below, and about Harry L. Ruggles, who is often called the "fifth Rotarian."

Rotary's founder, **Harris**, was born in Wisconsin, USA, on 19 April 1868. He was raised by his paternal grandparents in Vermont and attended the University of Vermont, Princeton, and the University of Iowa. He was Rotary president from 1910 to 1912 and a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago until his death on 27 January 1947.

Loehr, a mining engineer, was born on 18 October 1864 in Carlinville, Illinois. He was a Rotarian for only a few years, never holding office at the club or international level. But that first Rotary meeting was held in his office, Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. He died in Chicago on 23 May 1918.

A Rotarian for only a few years, **Shorey** served as recording secretary during the club's first year. He was born in Maine in August 1862 and died in March 1944.

Schiele, a coal dealer, served as the Chicago club's first president in 1905 and Rotary International's third treasurer in 1945. Born in Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1870, Schiele attended Terre Haute Business College and served in the U.S. Army during the Spanish-American War. He was president of the Schiele Coal Company from 1902 until his retirement in 1939. He and Harris became lifelong friends and lived near each other on the South Side of Chicago. Schiele died on 17 December 1945 and is buried near Harris at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Originally from Michigan, **Ruggles** was a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, and joined Rotary at its second meeting. He was treasurer of the Chicago club during its first year, president from 1908 to 1910, and a Rotary director from 1912 to 1913. He is known for having introduced singing to Rotary club meetings. His printing company, H.L. Ruggles & Co., printed the first issue of *The National Rotarian* and the first Rotary songbook. He died on 26 October 1959, an honorary member of seven clubs in addition to his home club, the Rotary Club of Chicago.

Snow Season

The deep snows are already beginning in Colorado where I first joined Rotary. Our Rotary Club could expect to cancel our meetings a couple of times a year due to heavy snowfall during the night before our breakfast meetings. However, that was nothing like the snow at Ruby, Colorado, a few miles above Crested Butte. In 1899, Ruby had a snowstorm dump 254 inches of snow on them, over 20 feet in one storm! The town disappeared. Only the tops of the miner's chimneys were above the snow.

That same storm buried a narrow gauge railroad near Leadville. When the train failed to show, folks went out on skis to dig up the train and rescue the frightened passengers and crew. Colorado has a wide range of precipitation. From 600 inches of snow a year at Wolf Creek Pass ski area to almost zero at Delta. In fact, Delta gets 7.7 inches of total precipitation a year, whereas Tucson, Arizona, gets 10.6 inches a year.

So, we can rejoice that they get to enjoy all that white stuff while we enjoy our mild Georgetown winter. "Yes, but what about the summer heat?" they ask. Well, I have never had to shovel 15 inches of heat off the driveway before I could get my car out of the garage.

. . . . **Bob Deffeyes**

MEDICO TEAM:

Our club has worked (via MEDICO) with the Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula Honduras on a school supply programme. It was done several years ago with our members collecting throw-away supplies from students in the Georgetown and Jarrell public schools at the end of the school year. . . . much of the supplies in very good shape and usable. All were sorted by our club members, boxed, and shipped in pallets to the club in Honduras who was responsible for distribution to rural schools where supplies were non-existent.

I personally witnessed a delivery while serving on a team. A pick-up truck came down the dirt road to the school where our team was set up for clinics, and two large boxes were dropped off. I quickly recognized the tape (donated wrapping tape from DELL) sealing the boxes and grinned, knowing I most likely had sealed that box back here in Georgetown. The team was being assisted by the local school teacher (signing in for the patients) and I took the boxes to another room (he had not yet seen them), and filled a wooden empty cabinet with the supplies. I then brought him into the room and watched tears swell in his eyes - tears of amazement and joy.

I had no idea this delivery would take place while I was in the country . . . simply blew my mind! It made sense, however, as our MEDICO team was being hosted by that same Rotary club. They had held back the two boxes for delivery to let me see the impact of that programme on that little room school house in the middle of nowhere . . . typical of the forgotten rural people of Honduras.

. . . **Norm Peters**

HELP!

We are in the planning stages for the "Spring Fling" fundraiser this April 29th to be held at the Ballroom in Sun City that will be advertised and open to all Georgetown and Sun City Residents. **Tickets will be \$10.00 per person.**

Food, music, a beverage table including wines, a dessert table and many raffle packages will be on hand. The concept is the same a last year; purchase tickets and put them in a bucket at the items location.

A drawing will be held by night's end .. about 8pm. Several live auction items are needed and will be auctioned at the end.

The Net Profits will be distributed to the End Polio Campaign, GISD Nest, Brookwood Adult Care Georgetown, and the SC Rotary Endowment.

We need the help of all club members in finding items to be raffled off .. Spa Packages, Massage certificates, any kind of Sports related items, Newspaper/magazine subscriptions, etc. Please put on your thinking caps and help us out.

The *End Polio Team* will be very appreciative.

