



# 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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**Words to Ponder:** We receive three educations: one from our parents; one from our schoolmaster; and one from the world. The third contradicts all that the first two teach us.  
- Montesquieu

**Last Week:** HORSES FOR HEROES by *Jamie Mattison*

*Adaire Wolf* introduced the speakers from the Horses for Heroes program at Ride On Center for Kids (ROCK). *Adaire* touchingly showed her emotion about the program because, as a ROCK volunteer, she has seen firsthand the overwhelmingly positive effects of the program on soldiers.

Kristin Gonzalez, Learning Director, spoke first on the history of Horses for Heroes. She told us that Fort Hood contacted ROCK in 2005 and inquired about the program for children, wondering if the same kind of therapy could be done for injured soldiers. The ROCK staff enthusiastically agreed and they began the first equine therapy program for soldiers in the United States. Since that time, 93 other programs have begun across the country, following the lead of ROCK's Horses for Heroes.

Lisa Walker, Director, then brought us up to date on current events at ROCK. She explained the rigorous assessment that horses must pass to become a ROCK horse. She was glad that they recently obtained a large horse suitable for riders who need a larger mount. The Horses for Heroes program meets on Tuesday evenings and includes a home cooked dinner for all. We are invited to come visit to see the interaction between staff, soldiers and horses. Simply call ahead at (512) 930-ROCK to tell them you are coming. Or, better yet, become a volunteer!

**TODAY:** **David Wolf** has arranged for a programme that is completely different from any that have been presented before! There will be a club wide quiz and game show – with prizes!

**NEWS, ETC:** Attendance: 48 members    H.B. \$134.00

**Renée Mercier** heard on the Charlie Rose show Bill Gates talking about Polio Plus and mentioning the efforts being made by Rotary; **Lou Gibson** will celebrate a birthday this week; **Stephen Brown** reminded us there will be a special Mardi Gras meeting here on the 8<sup>th</sup> with Harold Bergh playing and Jeanette and Richard preparing a special meal; **Bill Miller** urged us not to forget February is Polio Plus Month; **Bob Weimer** said our next big fund raiser for Polio Plus will be the Walk-a-thon on May 14; **Rich Petro** gave notice about the Rotary International Convention which will be held this year in New Orleans from May 21<sup>st</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>; the next registration date is March 31<sup>st</sup> (\$340) after which the cost will be \$380. Hotel reservations' deadline will be April 21<sup>st</sup>; **Stephen Brown** reminded us about the Mardi Gras theme for the meeting here on March 8<sup>th</sup> – complete with a special meal by **Jeanette and Richard Nemec** and music provided by our own **Harold Bergh**.

**NEXT WEEK:** Dick Retz will introduce Paul Brandenburg who will give us an update on the city.

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Love doesn't make the world go 'round, but it makes the trip worthwhile.

**BLESSING:** Logan Cummins  
**PLEDGE:** Bob Smith  
**4-WAY TEST:** Bob Elam

**Guests:** Laura Coburn/Chris Mealy  
Carol Marie Cobb/Chris Mealy  
Robb Hipp/David Wolf

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bob Elam/Colchester, VT  
Ray Allen/Liberal, KS  
Asst. Gov. Jim Albers/Georgetown

**Future Programmes:**

Today	David Wolf
March 1	Dick Retz
March 8	Dick Will
March 15	Don Bender
March 22	Harold Bergh
March 29	Gary Brown
April 5	Stephen Brown
April 12	<u>Meeting at the Boys' and Girls' Club</u>
April 19	Tom Minor
April 26	Gordon Bishop

**Programme Chroniclers:**

Today	Chris Mealy
March 1	Renée Mercier
March 8	Barb Pekar
March 15	Rich Petro
March 22	Tom Powell
March 29	Trubee Racioppi
April 5	Mark Ramsey
April 19	Charley Ray
April 26	Dick Retz

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 8	Mardi Gras theme for meeting
March 18-20	Pets (President-elect Training Seminar)
April 12	Rotary meeting @ Boys' and Girls' Club
April 16	District Assembly in Killeen
May 14	Polio Plus Walk-a-thon
May 21-25	RI Convention in New Orleans
June 3-5	District Conference in Fredericksburg
June 4	Foundation Dinner in Fredericksburg
June 22	President's Night

**Silvester Schiele Fellows**

“ I am a Silvester Schiele Fellow.” Hmmm. That sounds pretty good doesn't it? Like a Paul Harris Fellow, only with bigger words so it sounds more impressive. Anyway, I am finding a little resistance to get the Silvester Schiele Fellows recognition organized.

Who was Silvester anyway? Well, he was a pretty important guy. He was a Rotarian from Chicago. And he served as a club president there. So with 50,000 club presidents every year, what is so special about Silvester? Well, he was the First President of a Rotary Club. No **NOT** Paul Harris, it was Silvester. So in his memory, everyone turn in your Paul Harris Fellow awards and get a Silvester Schiele Fellow award.

Paul Harris was the founder and organizer of the first Rotary Club, but Silvester was elected as the first President. By the year 1910, there were 16 Rotary clubs linked by the National Association of Rotary Clubs. In that year Paul Harris became the first President of the National Association. By 1912, Rotary expanded to Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland so the association became The International Association of Rotary Clubs. Paul Harris again served as the first President of the International Association. In 1922, the name was shortened to Rotary International. In honor of our founder and long time RI President, in 1957 the idea of Paul Harris Fellow came into being to encourage donations to our foundation. Somewhat slow to develop, the awards became more popular in the 1970's.

Things change. In 1957, you could get a Chevrolet Impala station wagon for \$3000. Tuition at Caltech was \$900 a year, about the same as a Paul Harris Fellow award. Today, tuition has risen to \$34,437 a year, but you can still be a Paul Harris Fellow for only \$1,000, a best buy! So I thought maybe RI could price the Silvester award at \$34,437. What do you think? Maybe not a lot of people would donate just to say, “ I am a Silvester Schiele Fellow.”

- Bob Deffeyes