



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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FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

Rotary Prayer: Today we pray that we receive Your special blessing because we are committed to be a real service organization to help humankind. May each of us in our daily routine come to know the joy of caring and sharing with others not as fortunate as we are. May our motto that includes serving, caring and sharing be for us life in service. Amen.

Invocation: Glenn Coward
Pledge: John Schwebke
4-Way Test: Bob Weimer

Rotarian Guest: Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise Club
Guests: Jo Johns/Bob Smith
 Jo Hatley/Glynn Hatley
 Linda Meehan
 Pat Holland

Today's Programme: Ms. Pat Ailcea Jones, author, and editor of the *Georgetown View* magazine

Next Week: Ms. Sheila Allee, author of *Family Secrets*

Future Programmes:

- Mar 12 Mr. Bob Weimer, Spring Fling
- Mar 19 Mr. John Delaney, Drug Policy Forum of Texas
- Mar 26 Mr. Norm Peters, MEDICO
- Apr 2 Club Assembly
- Apr 9 Mr. Dave Lovelace, Sun City Theater building
- Apr 16 Biographies
- May 14 GSE team from the Philippines

Upcoming Events: May 31 – June 2, 2013 District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
 June 23 – 26, 2013 Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

Membership Moment with **Lou Gibson** and **Harold Bergh**

Being a Rotarian means serving your community, networking, making friends and building international relationships.

Rotary creates the perfect venue to give back to the community we live in while enjoying the camaraderie of positive, caring and active individuals.

Harold noted that the special Sun City M&Ms are free (although if you absolutely insist, he'll accept the money!)

Special Mention:

Dan Barr related the story of his neighbour who was bamboozled into giving out her routing number. Dan very quickly took her to the bank where **Donna Taylor** was on top of it immediately and thus prevented any loss of funds. “Service Above Self” in action.

Last Week:

With great panache, **Ernestine Brown** related the story of how the Assistance League began originally in California by Anne Banning with help from her friend Ruth Montgomery as a guild that gradually grew to become a national organization. But in 1999 it was started here in Georgetown and it was **Joanne Harrah** who introduced Ernestine into the organization in 2006.

As *Operation Schoolbell*, the league here in Williamson County clothes boys and girls K – 5 from three school districts: Jarrell, Georgetown, and Florence. Those children who are part of the federal lunch programme are the ones eligible to go shopping for clothes at Walmart with a parent, and any absence is noted by the school counselor who goes and calls them. Each child may buy clothes totaling up to \$75. As Ernestine, in her second year as president, pointed out, clothing hundreds of children adds up to quite a bit of money and to this end the League has a number of fundraisers with the major one being in the fall. *Ring The Bell* is the financial backbone of the organization and apart from receiving donations from the corporate world and general donations, the Assistance League operates a profitable thrift store and 100% of all monies raised stays in Williamson County. Several of the attendant AL volunteers modeled clothes purchased from the thrift shop.

As well as clothing many children, the League donates books for the school libraries, and many volunteers spend time with children helping them to read.

The AL tries to reach out to the elderly as well as the younger generation and to this end has formed the *New Friends* programme which reaches out to Alzheimers residents in the Wesleyan, providing a day of music, singing and dancing. Linda Meehan who helps organize the days said, “It is definitely a feel good programme.”

At the conclusion of the programme, **Jamie Mattison** presented Ernestine with a cheque for \$500.

Misc. etc: **Lou Gibson** has celebrated a birthday; **Connie Clark's** husband ran the marathon last week; many members added into the pot for the *Get Lou* effort to raise money for PolioPlus; now that **Doug Lowe** has returned from Hawaii, **Ron Ferreri** is glad to relinquish the job of treasurer.

The Rotary Foundation:

This past year was one of major accomplishments for Rotary and your Rotary Foundation. Extraordinary progress was made toward the eradication of polio. We made history when India was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries — leaving just Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. A difficult road lies ahead, but thanks to the commitment and generosity of Rotarians and friends, we are confident that Rotary will lead the way toward a polio-free world.

We also expanded Rotary’s reach in new and effective ways by entering into partnerships with Mercy Ships and UNESCO-IHE. And we built on our record of humanitarian service by continuing our strong relationships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID, Aga Khan University, Oikocredit and the Rotary Peace Centers.

Over half a million young people worldwide participated in our New Generations programs. Their involvement in Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotaract and Interact clubs, and RYLA events helped them develop skills that they’ll need to become service-minded community and global leaders - and future Rotarians. In 2012, The Rotary Foundation also earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator and the Wise Giving Alliance.

John Hewko, General Secretary

Rotary International & The Rotary Foundation

Q: How many optimists does it take to screw in a light bulb?
A: None, they're convinced that the power will come back on soon.

New email scams target Rotarians

Several Rotarians have recently reported receiving a fraudulent email which reports to be from an Australian Rotarian stuck in London, England. The email scam claims the individual was robbed at gunpoint while on holiday and that she needs money to get home. Please be aware this email is a scam.

Other recent scams include:

Several Rotarians have reported receiving a fraudulent email sent out in the name of a senior Rotary leader, a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, seeking money. The email scam claims that the individual is stuck at an airport with lost luggage and needs the cash to get home.

An email scam with the subject line "Award Winning Notification Final" has targeted Rotarians claiming that they are one of 21 winners of a promotional program held on 1 January 2012 by the Rotary Foundation. The fake promotion says winners will receive US\$1 million cash payment. The email is signed by "Mr. Jerry Blake, The Promotion Manager, Rotary Foundation Int (UK), London, United Kingdom."

An email scam targeting Rotarians and Rotaractors claims the recipient has won hundreds of thousands of euros through an international promotional program conducted by the "Euro-Millones Lottery". Attached to the e-mail is a PDF letter signed by "Luis Alberto, Vice President" with a photo of Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

An email scam with the subject line "Dear Award Beneficiary!!!" has targeted Rotarians claiming the recipient has won US\$500,000 and two HP laptops from RI. The email asks for contact information and is signed by "Mrs. Sarah Olic, Programme Co-ordinator, Rotary International".

RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any email that appears suspicious.

Y Your Rotary Foundation Donations at Work:

Combating hunger

In Romania, children have eggs, milk, and meat because of a Foundation grant that enables local farmers to buy animal feed, packaging materials, and other supplies. The farmers agree to donate a portion of their products to children's hospitals, schools, and orphanages.

In Alaska, USA, the Rotary Club of Anchorage East is also [fighting hunger](#) by distributing food to low-income families through a mobile food pantry. Projects such as these address two areas of focus: maternal and child health and economic and community development.

Height

Because the motto of the Olympic Games is "Faster, Higher, Stronger" (from the Latin "Citius, Altius, Fortius"), the pundits took advantage of the many opportunities to talk about the incredible *height* of an athlete's form or jump. The noun forms of deep, wide, broad, and long are depth, width, breadth, and length, so one might think the noun form of height would be *height*. But it isn't; the correct form is height.

