



**"Service Above Self"**

# 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:** *As we gather here today as members of Rotary, we pray that we are ever mindful of opportunities to render our service to fellow citizens and to our community. Keeping in mind always the enduring values of life, exerting our efforts in those areas and on those things upon which future generations can build with confidence. Let us continue to strive to make a better world. Amen.*

### **LAST TIME:**

Presiding: John Chenoweth  
Pledge: Mike Oglesby  
Invocation: Membership  
4-Way Test: Adaire Wolf  
Members attending: 30

**VISITORS:** Larry Fowler/Lou Gibson

### **VISITING ROTARIANS:**

Tom Moore/Minnesota  
Larry Baird/Downtown  
Ron Garland/Downtown

**This Week:** President John Chenoweth will present a programme.

### **Future Programmes:**

Feb 11: Club Assembly  
Feb 18: Pete Frendenburg, Head Coach, Mary Hardin Baylor  
Feb 25: Ginna F. O'Connor, Executive Director, The Caring Place  
Mar 4: No meeting  
Mar 11: Liz Stewart, Senior University  
Mar 18: The Honorable George Carver, Mayor of Georgetown

### **Important Dates:**

February 8, 2014 District Rotary Foundation Dinner – this Saturday  
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown  
March 6, 2014 *Mardi Gras evening* (no regular mtg on March 4th)  
May 16-18, 2014 District Conference  
Lake Conroe  
June 1-4, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

*"The best way to win the esteem of others is by observing the simple rules of decency.  
If they won't accomplish the desired result, nothing will."*

*... Paul Harris*

## ..... the 'Affordable Golf Club Act'

Congress and the President have passed a new law titled: "The Affordable Golf Club Act" declaring that every citizen must purchase a new set of golf clubs, before April 2014.

This law has been passed, because until now, typically only the wealthy or financially responsible have been able to purchase new golf clubs without the assistance of their government. This new law ensures that every American can now have "affordable" golf clubs of their own, because everyone is equally entitled to new golf clubs. And if you want to keep the golf clubs you already have, you can do that, until April 2014.

These affordable golf clubs will cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each depending on your income level. This does not include taxes, pull cart, electric cart fees, green fees, membership fees, balls, tees, gloves, range finders, storage fees, maintenance, or repair costs. In order to make sure everyone participates and purchases their affordable golf clubs, the costs of owning golf clubs will increase 50% each year up to 400% by year 2018. This way, wealthy people will pay more for something that other people don't want or can't afford to maintain. People who can't afford or refuse to maintain their golf clubs will be fined. However, children under the age of 26 can use their parents' golf clubs until they turn 27 at which time they must purchase their own golf clubs.

If you don't want or think you don't need golf clubs, you are still required to buy them. If you refuse to buy a set or make claims that you can't afford them, you will be fined \$800 until you purchase a set or face imprisonment. People living in farming areas, ghettos, inner cities, Wyoming, or areas with no access to golf courses are not exempt. Age, health, prior experience or no experience are not acceptable excuses for not buying, maintaining, and using your golf clubs.

A government review board that doesn't know the difference between a hook and a slice will decide everything. This includes when, where, how often and for what purposes you can use your golf clubs along with how many people can ride in your golf cart. The board will also determine if participants are too old or not healthy enough to be able to use their golf clubs.

They will also decide if your golf clubs have outlived their usefulness or if you must purchase specific accessories, like a range finder with slope adjustment or a newer and more expensive set of golf clubs. Those that can afford memberships at expensive golf country clubs will be required to buy memberships. If you are already a member and you like your membership you can keep your membership. After April 2014, a different country club will be assigned for you to purchase a membership.

Government officials are exempt from this new law as they and their families and some of their friends and a few of their friends friends can obtain golf clubs at taxpayers expense.



### **Last Week:** by David Stuetelberg

Speaker Jan. 28th – **Norm Peters** - Sun City Rotary founding member, Financial planner college basketball Referee, and fellow lowegee.

Last weeks presentation by Norm Peters was a brief history of his career with various high schools and colleges leading to his eventual passion of a basketball referee. He was an active member of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association – Austin chapter until retirement at 65. His officiating days started at age 38 working middle school and high school games. The "hardwood hopalong" advanced to major games in college women's officiating at age 50.

Norm discussed many interesting facets of calling games, and some of the experiences he had along the way. I know we have laws now protecting whistle blowers but I guess they don't cover referees.

*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.*



*For anyone who would like to learn more about Rotary, the above is an excellent site.*

### **ROTARY'S WHEEL EMBLEM**

A wheel has been the symbol of Rotary since our earliest days. The first design was made by Chicago Rotarian Montague Bear, an engraver who drew a simple wagon wheel, with a few lines to show dust and motion. The wheel was said to illustrate "Civilization and Movement."

Most of the early clubs had some form of wagon wheel on their publications and letterheads. Finally, in 1922, it was decided that all Rotary clubs should adopt a single design as the exclusive emblem of Rotarians. Thus, in 1923, the present gear wheel, with 24 cogs and six spokes was adopted by the "Rotary International Association."

A group of engineers advised that the geared wheel was mechanically unsound and would not work without a "keyway" in the center of the gear to attach it to a power shaft. So, in 1923 the keyway was added and the design which we now know was formally adopted as the official Rotary International emblem.

### **Texas Ramp Project:**

*The Texas Ramp Project builds wheelchair ramps for disabled, low-income, or elderly people who can't afford to buy one. TRP is an all-volunteer group funded by United Way, local churches, civic organizations (ROTARY), and individuals who work to build ramps for those in need. Since incorporating in 2006, TRP has built more than 4,167 safe, durable ramps across Texas including 34 in Williamson County in 2003. Locally there are four teams and each one builds one ramp per month and Rotary's "day" is the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month.*

**Larry Baird**, (Rotary Club, downtown)

*(The club's DAP grant plan to give money to the TX Honour Flight was turned down, so thanks to Ron Garland (downtown club) has asked us to join them in the Ramp Project.)*



### **District Assistance Program Grants**

DAP Grants provide funding for . . .

. . . short-term (9-to-10 months) local humanitarian service projects, that enhance the community and/or improve the lives of the less fortunate in the community, and involve active, personal (hands-on) participation by Rotarians.

Clubs must, at a minimum, provide project funding that matches the grant amount received from the District.

Overview of Sun City-Rotary Club's

**Permanent Endowment Fund** at Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation

... **Bill Miller**

Dec.31, 2013 Balance:	\$73,917
Started June 2010 with:	25,000
Added Donations:	38,792
Total Earnings:	16,841
Fees-to-Date	(1,716)
Net Earnings	15,125
Grant \$'s Dispersed	(5,000)
<u>Available for Grants</u>	<b><u>\$10,125</u></b>

The Challenge by **Dr. Alex Munson** accounted for over \$21,500 of the new donations listed above.

**TOP CHALLENGES IN POLIO ERADICATION:**

INSTABILITY: Health teams are working with security agencies to go quickly into dangerous areas to immunize children.

COMMUNITY APATHY: Partnerships with NGOs, religious groups, and leaders are helping with public education and countering propaganda against the oral polio vaccine.

ACCOUNTABILITY: In the southern part of **Nigeria**, which is polio-free, Rotarians are helping to monitor campaigns; **India** is providing technical assistance to Nigeria; **Afghanistan** has increased technical support to its high-risk districts; **Pakistan** is trying to address issues in their high-risk districts.

MISSED CHILDREN: Health workers are now using satellite imagery to identify settlements; UNICEF, Rotary, WHO, and Pakistan's government are working together to track transient families.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS: Advocacy is critical to raising the \$5.5 billion needed to finish the job.

**Misc. etc.**

*Ron Ferreri was happy to get down his driveway today; Craig Barber is happy to not be in Seattle; Stephen Brown advised that his neighbour, Carolyn Holloway, has a new car with which she is having a small problem!); Bob Deffeyes heard from the Colorado IRS that he had \$400,000 in income last year – a great surprise since he not only doesn't live there but didn't have that sort of income last year! Bill Harries is pleased to be not driving on IH35 today.*

*Carolyn is still looking for a host family for a young man from Argentina who will be here for three months. Please contact her if you know someone who will step up.*

*President John Chenoweth said during this month all the Happy Bucks will be going to PolioPlus rather than to the RI Foundation.*

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Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak;  
courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

... Winston Churchill