



# The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
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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.

**Today's Programme:** PDG Suresh Pahwa will present a programme about Rotoplast and also speak about EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year)

**Next Week:** MARDI GRAS PARTY (6PM at Cowan Creek)

### **Future Programmes:**

Feb 19	Ms. Pat Holland, Assistance League of Georgetown
Feb 26	Ms. Ailcea Jones, author
Mar 5	Ms. Sheila Allee, author
Mar 19	Mr. John Delaney, Drug Policy Forum of Texas

**Upcoming Events:**

February 9, 2013	Jarrell ISD Band Fundraiser
May 31 – June 2, 2013	District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
June 23 – 26, 2013	Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

### **Last Week:**

**Invocation:** Kelly Barnett  
**Pledge:** Don Bender  
**4-Way Test:** Bob Derse

**Visitors:** Bob Crandall/Herman Knodel  
Valerie Skinner/Carolyn Holloway  
Bob Smith/Carolyn Holloway  
Linda Hasting/Malcolm Hensley  
Karen Livingston

**Visiting Rotarians:** Don Kaminky, Naperville, Illinois  
Mike Boll, Bend, Oregon  
Kathy Allredd

**Happy Bucks:** \$68.00

*Preconceived notions are the locks  
on the door to wisdom.*

## **Last Week:** by Valerie Skinner (daughter of Carolyn Holloway)

Today's speaker, Mel Pendland, was introduced by **Carolyn Holloway**; he is current President of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Board of the Texas Life-Sciences Collaboration Center (TLCC), gave a fascinating presentation about the formation and future of the TLCC.

Recognizing that Georgetown was a community full of enormous intellectual capital, in 2003 Dr. Kerry Oliver, CEO of Radix BioSolutions, proposed a collaborative center where cutting edge biotechnical companies could be housed under one roof, sharing access to resources such as wet labs, expensive diagnostic and clean room equipment. Georgetown Rail Equipment Company built the 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 buildings, which opened in 2007. Supportive funding was also provided by the City of Georgetown, the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Southwestern University.

Careful selection of the companies to be invited to join the TLCC included the insistence that the company own its intellectual property, have received previous grant funding and have an established management team in place. This vetting process has resulted in a 100% success rate among member companies in a field where 90% of businesses fail.

Mr. Pendland shared some of the exciting breakthroughs being made at 3 of the 8 current companies in the Center. One company, Molecular Templates, is developing a science to potentially eliminate the need for chemotherapy and radiation treatments for melanoma. DiFUSION Technologies has developed a technology that dramatically reduces the incidence of post-surgical infections from orthopedic implants. DisperSol Technologies is working on improving the bioavailability of pharmaceutical drugs, which will allow patients to receive greater impact from lower doses.

Phase 2 is on the horizon as a 9<sup>th</sup> tenant is on the way, which will completely fill the available space. The biotech companies involved in the TLCC are making a huge economic impact on Georgetown, but are also in a position to make enormous contributions in the quality of life for people around the world. (The TLCC is located in the Georgetown South Commercial Park to the east of Austin Avenue.)

## **Misc. etc.**

**Glenn Hatley** told members that this week **Rev. Kelly Barnett** is taking a group of parishioners from the Worship Place to Nicaragua to dig a well; and to continue the *Service Above Self* theme, Kelly said that when he asked church members if there were three who would consider taking the group to the airport at 4 o'clock in the morning, he had 10 offers! Kelly and his wife will celebrate their 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary during their time away; **Gary Sandercock** is delighted to be going to the Super Bowl to cheer on the 49ers; newly installed member, **Connie Clark**, added her dollar in memory of her grandfather who died recently; members were happy to see so many guests today; **Jamie Mattison** was happy for all the Foundation happy bucks.

**Adaire Wolf** and **Stephen Brown** unfurled a banner encouraging us all to remember next week's Mardi Gras party – wear beads, masks, and note that the appropriate colours to don are purple and green! Attendance sign-up sheets were distributed.

## **New Member Induction:**

PDG **Bill Bryce** inducted **Connie Clark** who is sponsored by **Lou Gibson**. Bill talked about the Rotary motto - Service Above Self - by relating the story of Herman C. Wallace, who was born in Oklahoma but joined the Army in Lubbock and served with Company B, 301st Engineer Combat Battalion, 76th Infantry Division near Prumzurley, Germany. On February 27, 1945, he was helping clear enemy mines from a road when he stepped on an S-type antipersonnel mine ("Bouncing Betty"). Knowing that if he stepped aside the mine would be thrown upward and spray the area with fragments, probably killing two comrades directly behind him, he elected to place his other foot on the mine and in so doing confined the blast to the ground, thereby saving the lives of his comrades. He was awarded the **Congressional Medal of Honor**. As Bill said, while we will probably not have an opportunity to perform such a heroic act, it is incumbent upon us to put others first and not put ourselves ahead.

# **Lisbon, Portugal**

## **Site of the 2013 Rotary International Convention**

What a super description our last week's speaker, Kathy Allredd, gave us about what you gain from an RI convention! That was very helpful to hear and of equal help to me is to learn a little about the great city that will host the meeting. I was there in December of 2012 and was very impressed. With European cities being terribly expensive, the first thing we noticed about Lisbon was that prices were more like Texas. Lisbon was very affordable!

### **Castle of São Jorge**

This hilltop became a fortification when Julius Caesar took over in 48 BC. The fort grew over a long period of years. Walls were built, towers, a moat, cannons, until today it is a full-fledged mostly Moorish style castle. The castle over-looked the harbor and defended Lisbon from invasions. Today, the castle still plays a very important defensive role. It defends the Portuguese economy because it is the number one tourist attraction of Lisbon. The castle is surrounded by many acres of beautiful gardens. This is a "must see" site for you at the time of the Rotary convention.

### **Monument to the Discoveries**

Discoveries celebrates the Age of Exploration during the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries when explorers from here went all over the world to trade with India, the Orient, and the New World. A prince now called "Henry, the Navigator", leads this spectacular monument. Under Henry's guidance, Portugal took over Madeira, the Azores, and Tangiers. (The same company that built the Oakland Bay Bridge in San Francisco built the identical bridge in the photo's background.)

### **Monastery of San Jerónimo**

If you like to visit the spectacular cathedrals of Europe, you will love the Monastery of San Jerónimo. The main cathedral is a world heritage site, partly because it is a great example of Manueline-style architecture. It was built around 1500 at the urging of Henry, the navigator. You can gain some feel for this site from a short video tour on u-tube. All these years I thought that Geronimo was a Native American chief. It turns out that he is Saint Jerome!

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

### **Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi receives award at Rotary Global Peace Forum**

Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Myanmar's democracy movement and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, delivered the keynote address at the Rotary Global Peace Forum held in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 25-27 January. She was honored with the Hawaii Peace Award for her longstanding pursuit of democracy through peaceful, nonviolent means. After 20 years of house arrest, Suu Kyi was released in November 2010, and last year was elected to Myanmar's parliament as a member of the pro-democracy opposition party.

Suu Kyi told the attendees that absolute peace is an unattainable goal, but one that we must nevertheless continue to endeavor toward. She said that democratic institutions are necessary to guarantee human rights.

"The kind of peace we want is very simple. We want permanent peace," said Suu Kyi.

She also noted that young people have an important role to play. The Honolulu forum emphasized the importance of getting youth involved in the peace process.

"We must help our young people so that they may be able to take over our task of nation building," Suu Kyi said. "We depend on our young people to take us forward."

**forgiveness is not always easy. At times, it feels more painful than the wound we suffered, to forgive the one that inflicted it. And yet, there is no peace without forgiveness.**

## Jihad in Pakistan: Jihadis murder two more polio workers with roadside bomb

This was the third jihad attack this week against polio workers. And it's no wonder: last summer, [a Pakistani Muslim cleric said that polio vaccinations were un-Islamic](#). More recently, the [Taliban was murdering people who were administering the polio vaccine in Pakistan](#). And the quest for Islamic purity continues.

PARACHINAR, Pakistan — **A roadside bomb killed two Pakistani polio workers** on their way to vaccinate children in a northwestern tribal region near the Afghan border on Thursday, an official said. The two men were on their way to Malikhel village as part of the U.N.-backed anti-polio campaign when the bomb hit their motorcycle, said government administrator Yousuf Rahim. The attack - the third this week against polio workers in Pakistan - took place in the Kurram region, a known **militant** stronghold.

On Tuesday, gunmen riding on a motorcycle shot and killed a policeman protecting a polio team in Gullu Dheri village of Swabi district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. The polio workers escaped unharmed in that attack. **In a separate incident in the northwest on Tuesday, a man wounded a polio worker with an axe.**

Rahim said it was not immediately clear if the two workers killed Thursday were the actual target of the bombing. Javed Husain, a doctor at a hospital in the town of Parachinar, said the slain men were working as contractors for the government-run anti-polio program in the area. No one has claimed responsibility for the attacks but suspicion fell on **Islamic militants**.

Some of the **militants** oppose the vaccination campaign, **accuse health workers of acting as spies for the U.S. and claim the polio vaccine is intended to make Muslim children sterile.**

Pakistan is one of only three countries where the crippling disease is endemic. The virus usually infects children living in unsanitary conditions; it attacks the nerves and can kill or paralyze. As many as 56 polio cases were reported in Pakistan during 2012, down from 190 the previous year, according to the United Nations. Most of the new cases in Pakistan were in the northwest, where the presence of **militants** makes it difficult to reach children.

In December, **gunmen** killed nine polio workers in similar attacks across Pakistan, prompting authorities to suspend the vaccination campaign in the troubled areas. The U.N. also suspended its field operations in December as a result of the attacks, though it has since resumed some activities.

. . . . Robert Spencer on January 31, 2013

*When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second.  
When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour.  
That's relativity.*

. . . . Albert Einstein

