



# THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
February 8, 2011

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**Words to Ponder:** Sainthood emerges when you can listen to someone's tale of woe and not respond with a description of your own.

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**Today's Programme:** The following new members will present their bios:

Logan Cummings  
E.M. Lawrence  
Doug Lowe

**Last Week:** by **Alex Munson** and **Bill Harrah**

For his program, **Bob Weimer** invited speakers to share information about the EAGLE LOCKER program of the Georgetown Independent School District. Roy Green, Service Learning Coordinator for GISD, John Copelan, Sun City Representative/Advocate for EAGLE LOCKER, and Mike Lindsay, student president at Georgetown High School, spoke of this developing and expanding program that provides assistance to students who are homeless. This is a student run operation with adults providing only coordination and advice. Initially started at GHS, it has expanded to involve 9th grade campuses and all intermediate schools. As Mike Lindsay aptly stated: "We want to provide for our fellow students!"

A homeless student is also a classmate, who for a variety of causes, does not reside in a permanent home; but, he/she may be living with relatives, in a motel, or some type of temporary shelter. A common feature is that the home "environment" is crowded with little personal "space" or area for personal items, and other factors that result in a student's ability to maximize his/her educational potential. Funds for personal items are also often limited.

Students may be referred by a counselor or a concerned fellow student or self-referred. All communication is kept confidential. Items needed frequently are personal care products, school supplies and clothing. Items available for these students-in-need are bought from cash contributions or from donations. Besides the obvious educational benefits of learning about social problems, EAGLE LOCKER allows volunteer students who run the program to provide service to others in accordance with Rotary's Four Way Test but, more so, to learn the true meaning of empathy.

Rotarian Bob Weimer announced that he will be making an area available at his store to accept donations of requested items and for cash contributions. A donation of \$500 from the Sun City Rotary Club was a surprise benefit for our invited speakers.

**NEWS, ETC:** Attendance: 47 members      H.B. \$41.59

Members were very happy to be here and not further north in the snow and ice; **Bob Deffeyes** was pleased Ground Hog Day will soon be here. **Bill Miller** reminded us about last year's challenge to raise funds for Polio Plus and urged every member to contribute \$10-15 this month. **Dick Will** and **Lou Gibson** were encouraged (?) to agree to match the totals raised.

**NEWS FROM THE BOARDROOM:**

- Next week at the February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Paul Harris recipients will be recognized.
- Our club is working with the Service Club Coalition on the Homeless Children Project and a motion was moved, seconded, and approved to contribute \$100 to the project.
- Another walkathon is planned for the spring and work on this has begun.

**BLESSING:** Al Cummins  
**4-WAY TEST:** Bill Miller  
**PLEDGE:** Stephen Brown

**Visiting Rotarians:** Bob Elam/Colchester, VT  
Ray Barron/Downtown  
Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise

DO YOU SEE  
YOUR NAME ?

**Future Programmes:**

Today	New member Bios
Feb. 15	Adaire Wolf
Feb. 22	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	George Olive
Feb 15	Jamie Mattison
Feb 22	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:**

Feb. 19	District Pre-Pets Training in Round Rock
March 18-20	Pets (President-elect Training Seminar)_
April 16	District Assembly in Killeen
May 21-25	RI Convention in New Orleans
June 3-5	District Conference in Fredericksburg
June 4	Foundation Dinner in Fredericksburg

**Gates letter praises Rotary's work toward polio eradication**

In a [letter](#) posted on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation website today, Bill Gates praises Rotary International for its central role in the fight to eradicate polio, and refers to Rotary as a "key partner" in the global effort to rid the world of the crippling disease.

The annual letter from Gates, cochair of the Gates Foundation, focuses on education and polio, and notes that the eradication effort has benefited immensely from Rotary's support. Rotary launched PolioPlus -- a program to immunize the world's children against polio -- in 1985 and became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative three years later, along with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

"Everywhere I go to learn about polio, I see Rotary members helping out with the hard work," Gates says in the letter. "I feel sure that with continued support, we will be able to show significant progress."

Gates also mentions that he will be taking three trips focused on polio this year, including additional trips to India and Nigeria. The Gates Foundation has awarded US\$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for use in the global effort to eradicate polio. Rotary has responded with [Rotary's US\\$200 Million Challenge](#). As of January, Rotary clubs have raised \$160 million.

Gates has also recently joined Rotary's "This Close" campaign, aimed at increasing awareness of and support for polio eradication. More than 20 international and regional luminaries have appeared on billboards, print ads, and in television and radio public service announcements.