



"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

January 14, 2014

## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

**Rotary Prayer:** The gift of Rotary is evident in this room. Friends all about us with special gifts to share. We ask you to be with each and every one of us as we move about our daily lives, always keeping in mind the special talents we have. Let us be fair and kind to those in our paths today. Let us focus on the objects of Rotary and implement these with your help. Amen.

### LAST TIME:

Presiding: John Chenoweth  
Pledge: Gary Sandercock  
4-Way Test: Lou Gibson  
Invocation: Membership  
Members attending: 54

### VISITORS:

Jason Hall/Lou Gibson  
Jana Duty  
Margaret Johnson/Boyd Johnson

### VISITING ROTARIANS:

Tom Moore/Minnesota  
Sherry Ellis/Downtown  
DG Rich Kaye/Killeen Heights

**This Week:** Mario Serra - repairing to-day's automobiles

Jan 21: Linda McKenney, Personal Life Coach & Motivational Speaker

Jan 28: Norm Peters, founding member, financial advisor, basketball official.

### ShelterBox . . . .

. . . . was founded in 2000 in the small town of Helston in Cornwall, UK. That same year the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard adopted it as its millennium project. Little did they know that it would become a [Rotary project partner](#), with an ever-growing number of international affiliates.

The first consignment of 143 boxes was sent to earthquake victims in the Indian state of Gujarat in January 2001. Over the next three years the project matured and by the end of 2004 nearly 2,600 boxes had been dispatched, following 16 major disasters. On 26 December 2004, news came of the devastating [Indian Ocean Tsunami](#) and ShelterBox faced its most significant challenge, one that would change its course forever. Donations and volunteers poured in and they were able to ramp up their operations on a scale unimaginable just six months earlier.

In 2005 Shelter Box sent out more than 22,000 boxes, almost 10 times the number out in the previous three years. Not only were they sending aid to victims of the Tsunami, but they were also able to help those who had lost their homes in [Hurricane Katrina in the USA](#) and the massive earthquake that hit the [Kashmir region of Pakistan](#). In just a few short months, ShelterBox had emerged as a major player in the field of international disaster relief.

They have continued to build on the Tsunami experience, helping as many people as possible, and as quickly as they can, the moment disaster strikes.

They have now worked on every continent, responding to [earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, typhoons, hurricanes, volcanoes and conflicts](#).

Leadership is the key to 99 percent of all successful efforts.

**Last Week:** by Ray Bergman

Mr. John Shaughnessy, who is a Sun City resident, was our speaker today. John has met a lot of high prominent celebrities, politicians and sports people in his 30 year law enforcement and his 10-year baseball scout careers in the Boston, MA area.

At the age of 12 he experienced his first murder. During his law enforcement career, he began in the snow shoe patrol in the Berkshires watching over the summer homes of the elite from Boston. In the 1960's he became a court officer and prosecuted minor cases followed by a fire arms instructor and then worked on tractor trailer patrols. John also worked as a body guard for Boston politicians and at the local race track monitoring winning horses and betting irregularities. Eventually John became a detective and an instructor handling robberies and accidental deaths. Mr. Shaughnessy categorized the 5 causes of death:

Accidental; Suicidal; Homicidal; Natural and Undetermined

He indicated that the best form of DNA was saliva.

His two closing statements were:

“You DO have to profile when investigating a case” and

“Behind every good man is a woman.”

### **Dates to Remember:**

January 2-18, 2014 International Assembly – San Diego, CA

**\*\*** February 8, 2014 District Rotary Foundation Dinner  
Omni Austin Hotel Downtown

March 6, 2014 Mardi Gras evening

May 16-18, 2014 District Conference  
Lake Conroe

June 23-26, 2014 RI Convention, Sydney, NSW, Australia

**\*\*** 2014 Foundation Dinner: The registration for the 2014 District 5870 Foundation Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, February 8, at the Omni Austin Downtown Hotel is now OPEN. You can register by going to the District website at [www.rotarydistrict5870.org](http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org). The cost is \$70 per person ...event parking is free in the hotel's underground garage. The dress is Business Attire. Making it most special is that RI President Ron Burton is scheduled to join us as our guest speaker!

*The club with the highest number of members in attendance, and the one with the highest percentage of members attending, will EACH win a Paul Harris Fellow to give to any member of their club. And, yes, a club can win both if it qualifies!*

### **ROTARY AND POLIO ERADICATION**

In 1988, Rotary helped launch the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) with the WHO, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Since then, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the polio eradication effort.

Overall, the annual number of new polio cases has plummeted by more than 99 percent since the 1980s, when polio infected about 350,000 children a year. Only 223 newcases were recorded for all of 2012. More than two billion children have been immunized in 122 countries, preventing 13 million cases of paralysis and 250,000 deaths. Polio today remains endemic in only three countries, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan, although “imported” cases in previously polio-free areas - such as the Horn of Africa -- will continue to occur until the virus is finally stopped in the endemic countries.



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

**Act as if what you do makes a difference . . . it does.**

### **Misc. etc.**

Passing the Happy Bucks bowl, members were pleased the very cold weather has now gone; **CJ**, our new caterer and an honorary Rotarian, is happy to be our new caterer; members were pleased to have our **District Governor, Rich Kaye**, here today; **Tom Minor** is happy he "had the good sense to leave Chicago".

President John Chenoweth presented **Bob Elam** and **Bob Lowe** with Rotary bumper stickers for their help during BWS. He also thanked **Tom Minor** for editing the *Sun Light* for the last six months.

**DG Rich Kaye** asked **Bill Miller** to join him as he presented the club with a banner signifying its success as being an EREY club during the 2012-13 year.

**JIM WHITAKER**, supported by **Mike Oglesby**, and **MIKE FURMAN**, supported by **Lou Gibson**, were inducted as new members by **DG Rich Kaye**.

Welcome to Jim and Mike !!

### **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA):**

Last year, by passing the hat at the Conference of Rotary Clubs, we were able to raise \$1,700. A lot of money indeed, but it was only about half of what we actually needed. With some gracious support from the Foundation in California that supplies the hands we were able to make it work. But this year we won't need that help! Your contributions have raised an incredible \$3,850!

And, speaking about RYLA, it is a six-day, co-ed, leadership camp that focuses on social responsibility, global citizenship, and personal growth. The deadline for getting the Club Sponsorship Form in is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014. This holds your camper(s) a spot.

All Club Sponsorship Form requests received after this date will go on the waiting list for camper placement. Fees paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> can take a \$25/camper discount. After January 31<sup>st</sup>, the price goes up to \$475 per camper.

### **Rotarians Light the World**

Nearly one quarter of the world population lives without access to electricity or safe light. As a result millions suffer from burn injuries each year. Most of them are children. These families see by kerosene lamps, candles and open flames, all of which are dangerous and toxic. According to the World Health Organization respiratory illness is the #1 cause of death in children under 5 years of age that live in areas without access to electricity. Rotarians are taking action to change this.

Working with the Grid Earth Project, a Texas based 501 (C) 3 Charity founded by Rotarians from District 5870, a safe solar light is being provided to those forced to live off the grid, all over the world. It's a worldwide problem requiring a worldwide solution. Providing a light to families individually allows each to determine their own course for improving their lives. Light is a tool to build a better life. Many families spend a large part of their income on kerosene or candles. Solar lights eliminate this cost and help break the cycle of energy poverty forever. At the Bi-District Reunion, Grid Earth unveiled a new web-based fund raising program for Rotary which supports the ongoing International work of the Grid Earth Project while raising funds for other Rotary Club projects at the same time. For more information contact: [info@GridEarth.org](mailto:info@GridEarth.org). This revolutionary fund raising method utilizes social media to increase your Club's reach far beyond local fundraising.

Every night children all over the world struggle to see clearly and to breathe clean air, while their families struggle just to exist.  
Salute To Herman Knodel

Herman does a LOT of great things for our club, but recently he was overloaded and asked me to handle an inquiry about our club from our Fearless District Governor. I appreciated being asked and found it an interesting task. Maybe you would be interested in this bit of information I found about our club members.

Dear Mr. District Governor,

Your letter of March 23 addressed to our Club Secretary has been referred to me for answer. You asked for a listing of our club members broken down by sex and by age. I was not sure if you wanted a list of members broken down by both or two lists broken down by each. In Sun City Rotary Club, it makes NO difference. I found that none of our members have been broken down by sex, age seems to be a more serious problem for the Sun City members. Several of our members seem to be in the process of being broken down by age and we will keep you informed of their situation as it develops.

In gathering the data for this study, we seem to have an **inverse** relationship between age and sex. Our data also indicate that many of our members are older at this time than they were at our last report on January 1, 2011. This inverse relationship between age and sex would seem to indicate that our club is very safe from being broken down by sex in the future. Nothing in this study should be interpreted to mean that our members are giving up on sex. Instead, our data seem to indicate the opposite is true. Sex seems to be giving up on our members.

We respectfully suggest that the DG might get more benefit from the study if it were broadened to include members broken down by alcohol. Alcohol seems to more of a problem here in the Austin area than either sex or age. Our President has appointed a study group to look into this problem and we will meet next Friday evening from 4:00 until 6:00 during Happy Hour at Donovan's Bar and Grill. You are welcome to join us for those deliberations.

We also have to report that two members were broken down by falling from stepladders. That data did not seem to fit into any of the categories offered on the report form. We are looking into having them join a support group at the local Scott & White clinic and hope that will work. We were unable to locate a **Ladder Climbers Anonymous** organization in our area, but are looking at one in Round Rock as a possible solution.

Sincerely yours,  
Bob Deffeyes  
Sun City Rotary Club



A penny saved is government oversight.