



# 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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## 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.

**Today's Programme:** Bill Chapman is bringing Jarrell H.S. Students who participated in RYLA last year and who will talk about their experiences.

**Next Week:** Bob Deffeyes will tell us the history of an item we take for granted every day.

### Future Programmes:

Jan 29	Mr. Mel Penland on the TX Life-Sciences Collaboration Center
Feb 5	Mr. Gene Davenport, Past District Governor
Feb 12	Special Mardi Gras meeting at <u>6PM here at Cowan Creek</u>
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

**Special Dates:** May 31 – June 2, 2013 District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs will be held in Bastrop

### Last Week:

**Invocation:** David Stuetelberg                      **Guest:** Sue Mink/Bob Derse

**Pledge:** Dick Will                                      **Happy Bucks:** \$232.00

**4-Way Test:** Glynn Hatley

*Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot.  
Others look on it as a cow they can milk.  
Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon.  
... Winston Churchill*

## **From the Boardroom:**

The Future Vision Committee will be headed up by **John Chenoweth**. This committee will prepare our club for Future Vision (Rotary International) grants beginning in the 2013-14 Rotary year.

An ad hoc Committee for Nomination of Officers will be headed up by **Bob Weimer** and includes members **Adaire Wolf, Dough Lowe, and Norm Peters**. The purpose of this committee is to develop guidelines for the nomination and election of future club officers. The deadline for the completion of the work of this committee is August 1, 2013.

**Jamie Mattison** reported that Gladys Reyna has been accepted as a Group Study Exchange (GSE) scholar and is being sponsored by our club. Gladys will travel to the Philippines in February for this program. She lives in San Marcos and is being trained for GSE in Temple. Our club previously agreed to reimburse Gladys for her transportation costs for this training, Jamie reported that Gladys is scheduled to attend our Rotary meeting on January 15th.

**John Chenoweth** will periodically list on our website those members who are on Leave of Absence status in order for our other members to keep up with their whereabouts.

At the request of **Doug Lowe**, Jamie appointed an ad hoc committee of the members present meeting to study the duties of the position of Club Treasurer. Doug Lowe will compose a preliminary plan for these duties and bring this plan back to the committee for finalization. The purpose is to divide the duties of this position in order to relieve some of the workload of the Club Treasurer.

**\* \* \* There is absolutely no substitute for a genuine lack of preparation. \* \* \***

## **FUND RAISING:**

**Bill Miller** brought us up to date on the club's Rotary Foundation giving. Our club pledged \$9,715 for the (Rotary) year and as of today the Annual Fund has \$6,750 making us 2/3 of the way there. Of the 66 club members, 30 have given at least some amount and Bill noted that any donation is welcome be it \$15 or \$100 or more. And 16 of those 30 members are Sustaining Members - meaning they donate \$100 (or more) each year. Remember that just \$10/month can be added to one's monthly dues. The Annual Fund is important since some of the money come back every three as a grant to help us with our projects. This year we will be spending some of this grant money to help purchase a van for Brookwood in Georgetown (BiG) along with funds from other clubs, both local and in Mexico, the District, and RI. We have already given \$2,000 to clubs in Honduras to provide a clean drinking water filtration system. Plus we have donated \$1,000 to provide running water to a Mexican community with help from a club in Matamoros. With a Rotary club in Reyonosa we have given \$1,000 towards cleft palate surgery for children. These are examples of projects we have helped - using the matching grants, funds from our District 5870, as well as from our own club.

**PolioPlus** - Bill reminded members our club emphasizes PolioPlus in February. This means all the Happy Bucks collected in February will go to that account. As many members will remember, February has been set aside as "Screw Lou" month. Many members along with **Dick Will, Bill Harrah**, and the very generous **Lou Gibson** have all been in the forefront regarding donations to PolioPlus. So if **ALL members of the club donate** even a small amount, Lou will match that amount ("up to a point!").

**\* \* \* Indecision is the key to flexibility \* \* \***

## Last Week:

**President Jamie Mattison** began the quarterly Club Assembly by noting the recommended amendments to the club by-laws that will be voted on by the membership; as she said, final approval requires a 2/3 vote by a quorum (1/3 of members).

**Doug Lowe** gave a powerpoint presentation of all the changes and encouraged everyone to read them by visiting the club's web site at Rotary Club of Georgetown – Sun City (thanks to **John Chenoweth**).

The item that will affect many members is **Article 11. Leave of Absence**. This article has information regarding dues & meals, leave; and attendance records.

A great deal of thought and preparation and discussion have gone into the proposed changes and now the board members have voted on them twice.

Now, it is incumbent on members to take the time to read and consider the changes before voting which will take place during the January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

## Misc. etc.

**Gary Sandercock** has recently celebrated his birthday and wedding anniversary; **John Chenoweth** celebrated his 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary last week at the Fiesta Bowl in Phoenix; **Pete Snelson** said he has been to see **Chris Mealy** who asked to be remembered; **Bob Elam** will celebrate his birthday tomorrow; **Ron Ferreri** has been away attending his grandson's graduation; **Rich Petro** has given the club an IOU for \$1; members were happy to see the rain; **Dick Will** is home again and is grateful for the good food he had at Scott & White and the great nurses; **Stephen Brown** reminded members about the Mardi Gras meeting we'll have on February 12<sup>th</sup> - bring beads, wear a mask and remember Lent is the next day!

**Bob Derse** who was here with his daughter, Sue Mink, told us the memorial service for his late wife, Trudy, will be on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wellspring United Methodist Church.

## Amputees:

The first bionic foot was manufactured by iWalk in 2011. It costs about \$70,000 and uses robotics to emulate the action of the foot, ankle, and calf. The U.S. military helped fund its development and dozens have gone to wounded veterans.

The number of amputees in the U.S. is predicted to rise from more than 1.6 million today to 3.6 million by 20509. Many amputees are the result of diabetes.

About 6,000 people in Haiti lost a limb in the 2010 earthquake or soon after. The Rotary Foundation, Rotary clubs in several countries, and Grove Church in Virginia USA contributed nearly \$600,000 to produce and distribute the Jaipur limb in Pignon, a municipality in Haiti. A typical artificial limb costs between \$1,600 and \$3,100; a Jaipur limb costs \$40 and lasts for three to four years, or longer if worn with a shoe.

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## Did You Know?

It takes about ½ gallon of water to boil macaroni, and about 1 gallon to clean the pot.

No English word rhymes with "month".

Emus cannot walk backward.

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

Camel's milk does not curdle.

. . . *With thanks to Stephen Brown*

**The Object of Rotary** . . . is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- FIRST.** *The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;*
- SECOND.** *High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;*
- THIRD.** *The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;*
- FOURTH:** *The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.*

**Character is the ability to carry out a good resolution long after the excitement of the moment has passed.**

### **Obesity Stats:**

Experts at the CDC and NIH say obesity leads to surging risk of disease. For many, weight loss may be an important goal.

**Diabetes:** a Nurses' Health Study of 114,000 women found the risk of getting diabetes was 93 times as high in obese subjects. A follow-up study found the same association in men.

**Reproduction:** The Nurses' study also suggests that 25% of ovulatory infertility may be due to obesity.

**Heart Disease:** Analysis of 300,000 people found the obese have an 81% higher risk of coronary artery disease.

### **Of God And Sudoku**

The famous mathematician Leonhard Euler (1707 – 1783) studied the math games that lead to modern Sudoku. He also wrote a famous equation that proved the existence of God. Let's start with Sudoku and work our way up. Euler studied puzzles called "Latin Squares". These are puzzles like magic squares and Sudoku. In a magic square, if you add the numbers in all the rows, columns and diagonals they total the same number. In a Latin square, each row and column contains all the numbers in the puzzle, but never the same number twice. Sudoku is a special case of Latin square. Euler would have loved it.

In 1979, there was a Sudoku like puzzle called Number Place. This puzzle came to Japan is about 1985 and morphed into "single number" in Japanese, written as Sudoku in English. In 2004, the puzzles were widespread enough that the London Times began to print it. Then it really caught on as U. S. papers began to print it. The Austin Statesman prints an easy puzzle each Tuesday, a moderate puzzle on Thursday and difficult puzzles on Saturday and Sunday.

Now on to the Euler proof of God. He was blind by 1776, but continued to do mathematics. Catherine the Great invited him to live in St. Petersburg. Blabber mouth Denis Diderot, the French philosopher visited and was trying to convert the Russians to his form of atheism. Catherine asked Euler to put a cork on this guy. Euler went to him and gave him an equation that proved the existence of God. He gave him this message, "A+b<sup>n</sup>/n = x, therefore God exists. Please respond if you do not agree". The equation was meaningless, however Diderot did not know anything about math, so he shut up and brooded over the meaning of the equation that proved the existence of God. So Latin squares were not the only puzzle that Euler studied. Shutting up philosophers was a complex puzzle that he solved quickly and easily.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**