



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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Words to Ponder: Things could be worse. Suppose your errors were counted and published every day, like those of a baseball player.

Today's Programme: **Harold Steadman** will introduce Deborah Hoffman, executive Director of Habitat for Humanity.

Last Week: by **Chuck MacKay**

Today's program was presented by Anthony Thompson. "Tony" is a member of the Northwest Austin Rotary Club. He has become an enthusiastic active volunteer of a program of support to disaster victims known as : 'Shelter Box".

The program began in 1999 – 2000 in England and has expanded with the aid of Rotarians. It became an official Rotary program in 2010. The "shelter box" is a tough, green plastic box containing a 10-person tent and other equipment designed to enable a family of up to 10 people to survive for at least six months. The contents of the box will depend on the unique conditions relative to the disaster that has occurred. Other items may include insulated ground sheets, thermal blankets, a multi-fuel stove, cooking equipment, tools, mosquito nets, water containers, etc. The program does not distribute food items, leaving that to other organizations such as the Red Cross, etc.

The program has provided worldwide relief in over 45 countries including the USA. They have answered calls after tsunamis, earthquakes, floods, cyclones, and hurricanes, including hurricane Katrina. As a result of the Haiti earthquake 10 years ago, 28,000 boxes were delivered. Tony related several interesting stories about the deliveries including a fascinating tale of how a flotilla of small boat owners from Florida were recruited to volunteer their services in transporting the boxes into Haiti when it was learned that larger ships were unable to enter the harbor.

In his fast-paced, well prepared speech, Tony related interesting facts about locally getting the employees of Neman Marcus involved in the program, and how a Duchess in England became a staunch supporter. He mentioned that the program has not been successful in retrieving the emptied boxes as the recipients have used them for other purposes such as storing food items and even in some cases as a basinet.

He closed his remarks by asking: "What can you do to help". The answer is sponsor a box. Each box costs \$1,000. This includes about \$650 for the box and its' contents and the balance is the cost of delivery. The speaker brought along a sample box and its content's for all to view after the meeting. This was a great presentation and a very worthy cause.

Homer Nods: The club's share of proceeds from the Arts & Crafts Fair was \$7,785 not \$11,785 as previously noted.

N.B. The Membership Chairman, **Tom Hobbs**, has sent out a survey and would like each member to respond. It's not an onerous task – so go ahead, fill it out and return it!

HAVE YOU SIGNED IN TODAY?

BLESSING: Logan Cummins
4-WAY TEST: Norm Peters
PLEDGE: Bill Bryce

Guests: William C. Cates
Pete Snelson/Chris Mealy

Visiting Rotarians: Brad Curlee/Georgetown Noon
Buzz Ferweda/Georgetown Sunrise
Jim Larson/Appleton
Ray Barron/Georgetown Noon

NEWS, ETC: Attendance: 46; Happy Bucks: \$138.00

Harold Bergh urged members to get tickets to the Follies as it is a great show; **Tom Hobbs** is awaiting the birth of a grandson; **John Chenoweth** was pleased to have donated blood today; **Tom Powell** recently celebrated his 84th birthday; **Chris Mealy** was pleased to have Pete Snelson here today; Buzz Ferweda (Sunrise club) urged members to support his club by purchasing tickets (\$5/adult; \$1/children) for the game at S.W.Univ's Robertson Gym at 4pm on Feb 20th and then a meeting at Mell's Bowling Alley.

Future Programmes:

To-day	Harold Steadman
Jan. 25	David Stuetelberg
Feb. 1	Bob Weimer
Feb. 8	New member Bios
Feb. 15	Adaïre Wolf
Feb. 22	David Wolf
March 1	Dick Retz
March 8	Dick Will

Programme Chroniclers:

To-day	E.M. Lawrence
Jan 25	Bill Miller
Feb 1	Alex Munson
Feb 8	George Olive
Feb 15	Jamie Mattison
Feb 22	Chris Mealy
Mar 1	Renée Mercier
Mar 8	Barb Pekar

For All Those Born before 1945: (Part 2)

For you, time-sharing meant togetherness – not computers or condominiums; a “chip” meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware, and software wasn't even a word! In 1940, “made in Japan” meant junk and the term “making out” referred to how you did on your exam. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of!

You hit the scene when there were 5¢ and 10¢ stores where you bought things like ice cream cones for 5¢ and 10¢. For one nickel you could ride a street car; make a phone call; buy a Pepsi or enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy coupe for \$600, but who could afford one? A pity, for gas was 11¢ a gallon.

In your day, cigarette smoking was fashionable; grass was mowed; Coke was a cold drink; and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was grandma's lullaby and aids were helpers in the principal's office.

You were certainly not before the difference between the sexes was discovered, but you were surely before the sex change. You made do with what you had and were the the last generation that was so dumb as to think one needed a husband to have a baby!

