



# The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
January 29, 2013

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## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

**Rotary Prayer:** May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place service above self, in our daily endeavors.

And may we always test ourselves and our efforts to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding.    Amen.

**Today's Programme:** Mr. Mel Penland on the TX Life-Sciences Collaboration Center  
Also today we will hear from Ms. Kathy Allred, District 5870 Co-ordinator for the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon June 23-26, 2013. (Malcolm Hensley is our club's co-ordinator.)

**Next Week:** Mr. Gene Davenport, Past District Governor

### Future Programmes:

Feb 12	Special <b>Mardi Gras</b> 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

**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:

<b>Invocation:</b> John Schwebke	<b>Visitors:</b> Paul Turner/Ray Bergman
<b>Pledge:</b> Ray Bergman	Barry Tripp
<b>4-Way Test:</b> Doug Lowe	

**Happy Bucks:** \$174.00      **Visiting Rotarian:** Nelson Barrett/Downtown

### Membership Moment with Lou Gibson

Lou spoke a few minutes about the club's Endowment Fund, established about three years ago with \$25,000 and which now has \$44,000. As Lou said, the club may not invade the corpus but has the use of the earnings for funding local projects as selected by the president.

## **Last Week:** by Art Tragesser

### **History of the No. 2 Yellow Pencil as told by Bob Deffeyes**

The earliest evidence of the use of pencils came in 1922 in Egypt when they opened the tomb of King Tut which dated back to 1500 BC. There in the tomb were various necessities for future life, gold, furniture and various things, including pencils. The name pencil comes from the Egyptian word Penicillum which means small tail. Paper or Papyrus was also invented about this time.

Romans also wrote on wax tablets with a metal rod. The Roman senate then passed a law that lead would have to be used as a pencil. So, Penicillum became lead. Erasers were also invented about this time.

The use of lead for pencils goes back to a legend that says that a tree blew down and under the roots was a graphite rock. People found that they could write with graphite. This evolved into something called a Wadd of graphite. Later, the Wadd of graphite was covered with string. "Porte Crayons" then evolved with graphite in a wood carrier. In 1567 a search was on for new graphite sources. They found graphite sources in China that was better than the old graphite.

When Napoleon was at war with England in 1793 he couldn't get suitable graphite to satisfy his communication requirements. Conte developed a mixture of graphite and ceramics so that they could make a pencil with any hardness you wanted. The number 2 pencil ultimately became very popular. Later, H. David Thoreau's father started a pencil factory. The pencils they made are still with us today. Two billion pencils are made per year.

## **Roll of Fame**

Each year clubs in District 5870 have the honor and privilege to nominate one member in their club to the District 5870 Roll of Fame. The Roll of Fame was established during Rotary year 1957-1958, so it has a long and very honored tradition in recognizing and honoring those Rotarians who have distinguished themselves with outstanding service to their clubs, their community and humanitarian service around the world.

The *Nomination Form* must be completed and submitted to the committee no later than March 22, 2013. Members inducted into the Roll of Fame will be recognized and honored at the Conference of Rotary Clubs during the Awards Ceremony on Sunday morning June 2.

## **Our Past Members:**

Hugh Bailey McAfee, Jr	1999
Robert L. Gooderl	2000
Adaire Wolf	2005
David Leas	2008
William H. "Bill" Miller	2010
Louis Gibson	2011

## **Did You Know?**

The full name of Los Angeles is:

El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles de Porciúncula.

## **From the Boardroom:**

- 1) The first item of business was the review of the financial reports for our club for the first six months of this Rotary year.
- 2) Paul Turner has made application to become a member of our club. Bob Weimer made the motion seconded by John Chenoweth that Paul's membership be approved. The vote in favor of this motion was unanimous. Paul Turner is being sponsored by Ray Bergman.
- 3) Doug Lowe, Club Treasurer, presented an agenda outline for the Financial Review Committee to consider and make recommendations for the handling of some of the fiscal activities of the club. This committee will report back on these recommendations in three weeks.
- 4) Ben Hyde has submitted his resignation to our club.

## **Misc. etc.**

**Stephen Brown** has celebrated all the 7's birthday and in case anyone forgot, yesterday was Stonewall Jackson's birthday; **John Chenoweth**'s father is 93 and going strong; **Doug Lowe** is going to drag himself to Waikiki with his wife to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Groundhog Day; **Ron Ferreri** is stepping into the breach while Doug is away; **Bob Smith** and others were glad to see **Charlie Ray** back; Stephen reminded us about the Mardi Gras party next month on the 12<sup>th</sup>; **Bill Chapman** urged members to read about the Jarrell ISD band fundraiser and to support the effort (see below).

**John Skannal** told us the popular pizza luncheon for RYLA will be held on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> 11:45 – 1:00 in Jarrell; if the past is any indication, it will be well attended, but members are needed to help out.

**Malcolm Hensley** brought up the subject of the International Convention which will be held in Lisbon this year. Malcolm has wanted to go to a convention for years and asked if anyone is interested in joining him this year for what will no doubt be a great trip – especially if Malcolm comes equipped with some more of his great jokes!

## **The Sun City Rotary Club is proud to support The Jarrell ISD Band**

“Valentine’s 2012 Night at the Casino” on Saturday February 9, 2013 from 6pm to 10pm at the Sun City Ballroom. The cost is \$50 per ticket.

The night will feature great food from CJ's Catering, adult beverages, a jazz band, and a mock casino hosted by professional dealers.

Throughout the evening numerous door prizes will be given away, concluding with a Grand Prizes of \$500, \$750 and a Las Vegas get-a-way. 100% of the profits from this event will support Jarrell Band students.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing us at [jarrellband@gmail.com](mailto:jarrellband@gmail.com) or calling Kathina Allen at 512-746-5255 or Magda Rogers at 788-3635

## **Membership Responsibilities**

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help club members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

### **Attendance**

Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community.

If members miss a meeting of their own club, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by [attending a meeting](#) of any other [Rotary club](#) in the world.

### **Service**

By participating in local and international service projects, club members can volunteer their time and talents where they're most needed.

The Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the club's effective functioning.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the club undertakes to improve life in its community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace.

New Generations Service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, service projects, and exchange programs.

The young man knows the rules, but the old man knows the exceptions.

... Oliver Wendell Holmes

## The proposed bylaws changes

Early this Rotary year, we established an ad-hoc committee for bylaws. The committee reviewed our bylaws and identified a number of areas they thought would either bring us up to current practice or be an improvement in how we function. The ad-hoc committee approved the changes and then our Rotary board approved them. It is now up to the membership to decide on final approval.

We shared hard copies of these amendments and discussed them at our January 8 meeting. The amendments are also posted on our website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?did=5870&pid=53685>

To pass the bylaw amendments, we must have a quorum present (1/3 of the membership) and 2/3 of the members present at the meeting must vote in favor of the changes. We will vote on these bylaws on **February 5th.**

. . . **President Jamie Mattison**

## **Giving away a horse**

A retiring farmer in preparation for selling his land, needed to rid his farm of animals. So he went to every house in his town.

To the houses where the man is the boss, he gave a horse. To the houses where the woman is the boss, a chicken was given.

He got toward the end of the street and saw a couple outside gardening. "Who's the boss around here?" he asked.

"I am." said the man.

"I have a black horse and a brown horse," the farmer said, "which one would you like?"

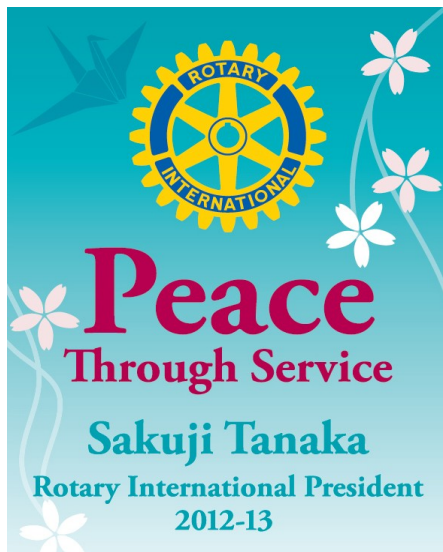
The man thought for a minute and said, "The black one."

"No, no, no, get the brown one." the man's wife said.

"Here's your chicken." said the farmer.

Split one candy bar, and . . . .

. . . you can save a child from poliovirus. It might not seem a big deal, but for the same price you can save that child from polio through a tax deductible donation to The Rotary Foundation.



You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream.

. . . C.S. Lewis