



# 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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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

\*\*\* January is Rotary Awareness Month \*\*\*

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Membership	Lou Gibson
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Today's Programme: Adaire Wolf will preside over a Club Assembly.

### Breakfast With Santa update:

In spite of a challenging season for fund-raising, Rotarians and others somehow managed to get the job done and even established some [new "high-water marks"](#) for the project. Although we weren't able to spend quite as much per child or give quite as big of H-E-B gift cards as past years, we actually helped more kids and families than we've ever done before, including the expansion of BWS to include providing some help to dis-advantaged teenagers served by the Locker/Nest program. Here is a quick summary of some key numbers for BWS 2011:

- \* Purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts for 120 kids (43 families) - [highest number of families](#)
- \* Put together 80 envelopes with movie and bowling tickets plus McDonald's and Subway gift cards - [first time for the teenagers](#)
- Served BREAKFAST to **925** people - [shattering last year's record of 850](#)

Special thanks go to **Pat Hooper** and **Frank Nastars** (otherwise known as Santa Claus); and to Assistant Fire Chief, **Clay Shell**, and members of the Georgetown Fire Department.

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### **Future Programmes:**

Jan 10	Don Mabray (Guest: Jay Black of the Tx Hall of Fame)
Jan 17	Renée Mercier
Jan 24	Alex Munson
Jan 31	Gebne Perry
Feb 7	Norm Peters
Feb 14	Tom Powell
Feb 21	Mark Ramsey
Feb 28	Charley Ray

### **POLIO PLUS UPDATE:**

With just one case of polio reported in the last 10 months, India is more determined than ever to ensure eradication of the disease. As part of that effort, Rotarians helped administer bivalent oral polio vaccine to more than 35 million children during a Subnational Immunization Day on 13 November. The vaccine is effective against the two remaining types of the virus. Sporting their signature yellow vests and caps, the Rotarians also helped organize free health camps and polio awareness rallies, as well as distribute banners, caps, face masks, comic books, and other items to the children.

On 20 November, a team of Rotarians from District 3700 (Korea) served in a health camp in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, which included immunization of children against polio. The camp was organized by Indian Rotarians in cooperation with local health officials and UNICEF. The following day, the team took part in a door-to-door mop-up campaign, administering vaccine to children who otherwise would have missed receiving it. A TV news crew from Korea accompanied the Rotarians throughout their visit, taking the End Polio Now message back to their country.

And in Mumbai, Rotary leaders John Germ, chair of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge Committee; Rotary Foundation Trustee Ashok Mahajan; and RI General Secretary John Hewko joined Indian Rotarians in immunizing children. "This year, there have been just over 500 cases worldwide. The fact that only one of those cases is in India is a tremendous achievement that reflects the determination of the nation's leaders and its citizens to finally rid their country -- and the world -- of this terrible scourge," Hewko wrote.

India's next National Immunization Days are scheduled for January and February, and a series of supplementary activities are planned through June. At the same time, intensive surveillance for the wild poliovirus is continuing throughout the country. "Rotary has invested heavily in surveillance in India over the last 12 months," said Bruce Aylward, the World Health Organization's assistant director-general for polio eradication and related areas, at a September meeting of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "That's the reason we can say with confidence that we think we're getting close to zero [cases] in India."

### **News From the Boardroom:**

The resignation of Wayne Courtney has been accepted.

Meal costs for guests last month were deducted from our Rotary Funds.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

#### **Texans and the Bridge Over the River Kwai**

The Brits alone did not build the bridge over the River Kwai, made famous by the movie, song and story. They had to have some Texans to get the work done while the Brits whistled the song. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 131<sup>st</sup> Field Artillery of the 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division of the Texas National Guard was part of the group that built the bridge. Invading Japanese forces captured the Texans on Java. They became POW's, but the Army did not know, or would not disclose, what happened to this unit. The press dubbed them as "The Lost Battalion". For the 40 months following their capture, these soldiers did work building railroads and bridges, including the bridge over the river Kwai. Only after the war did returning POW's tell their story about helping build the famous bridge.

Thanks to **Bob Deffeyes**

## **Rotary Foundation's Annuities:**

Annuity interest rates have changed as of January 1, 2012. All those those interested in this type annuity should call Bill Harrah at 868-0610.

## **Rotary and Aga Khan University announce strategic partnership**

Aga Khan University's Advanced Nursing Studies programmes ensure that nurses and midwives are able to advance their skills and knowledge as well as their career opportunities. Last year the Rotary Foundation Trustees reached an agreement with [Aga Khan University](#) to form a strategic partnership under the Foundation's [Future Vision Plan](#).

The private, nonsectarian university promotes human welfare and development through research, teaching, and community service. Through the partnership with Aga Khan University, the Foundation will offer packaged grants for Rotary clubs and districts to establish vocational training teams. The teams will enhance the clinical and administrative skills of health educators at the university's campuses in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Team members will also work with local Rotary clubs and the university to carry out service projects related to the training. Rotary grants will fund nursing and midwifery scholarships at the three campuses for students selected and mentored by District 9200 (Eritrea; Ethiopia; Kenya; Tanzania; Uganda).

"Our Rotary clubs in East Africa are eager to partner with the top-notch professionals at Aga Khan University to help ensure that mothers and their infants receive the best health care possible," says RI Director Samuel F. Otori, of Kampala, Uganda. "This partnership represents an immense contribution to the health and well-being of families throughout our region."

Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar adds that the partnership "is an important step toward meeting the United Nations Millennium Development Goals for maternal and child health." The UN Millennium Goals call for a 75 percent reduction in the maternal mortality ratio -- and a 66 percent reduction in the mortality rate of children under five -- by 2015.

According to the United Nations, developing countries account for **99 percent** of the more than 350,000 women who die each year from complications during pregnancy or childbirth. In sub-Saharan Africa, 1 in 30 women is at risk, compared with 1 in 5,600 in developed countries. The region also records the highest child mortality rates, with one in seven children dying before age five.

## **What does Aga Khan University offer Rotary?**

Chartered in 1983 in Pakistan, Aga Khan University operates facilities in eight countries, including teaching hospitals, nursing schools, medical colleges and teach training institutes. The university's curricula reflect the unique needs of the communities and countries where its schools operate, so that students and graduates can immediately apply their training where it will have the most impact.

Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's [areas of focus](#). Packaged global grants developed by the Foundation and Aga Khan align with the area of maternal and child health. Because the administrative work of designing the project and finding a cooperating organization has already been done, Rotary clubs and districts can focus on identifying beneficiaries, providing technical expertise or direct service, and publicizing the project. One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

# Murphy's Travel Laws

## Murphy Laws For Frequent Flyers

No flight ever leaves on time unless you are running late and need the delay to make the flight.

If you are running late for a flight, it will depart from the farthest gate within the terminal.

If you arrive very early for a flight, it inevitably will be delayed.

Flights never leave from Gate #1 at any terminal in the world.

If you must work on your flight, you will experience turbulence as soon as you touch pen to paper.

If you are assigned a middle seat, you can determine who has the seats on the aisle and the window while you are still in the boarding area. Just look for the two largest passengers.

Only passengers seated in window seats ever have to get up to go to the lavatory.

The crying baby on board your flight is always seated next to you.

The best-looking woman on your flight is never seated next to you.

The less carry-on luggage space available on an aircraft, the more carry-on luggage passengers will bring aboard.