



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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*Nothing fixes a thing so intently in the memory
as the wish to forget it.*

. . . Montaigne

Last Week:

Alex Munson provided a wonderful insight into the care and feeding of a child psychologist. His academic training in understanding children with an IQ below 40 (medically labeled as morons) equipped him well for dealing with government bureaucrats (colloquially labeled as morons). But, when he talked about morons and bureaucrats in the same sentence, I had a hard time following the talk. I had to remember the word "**bureaucrat**" is made up of 30% "RAT" and 40% "UREA". One clear example was when the bureaucrats examined the basement one state childrens' home as a storage site for state records. They concluded that the building was not safe enough for housing state records but felt it was suitable housing for children.

Alex soon learned that fighting the humanitarian battle for the kids was a losing struggle. When he learned to show the bureaucrats how the state could save money by doing the correct humanitarian thing, he got his programs approved. In government, money is mightier than either the pen or the sword. After all is said and done, a whole lot more is said than is done. The talk led me to a clear understanding why we can all be proud to have a humanitarian like Alex as a member of Sun City Rotary.

. . . Robert Deffeyes

Invocation: Bill Thompson

Pledge: Tom Minor

4-way test: George Olive

Members Attending: 39

Happy Bucks: \$45.

Last Week's Guests: Daniel Dance/Lou Gibson
Hugh Young/Lou Gibson
Mike Oglesby/John Harding
Hayden Boyd & Brittany Snow/John Rouse

Today's Programme: Gene Perry has invited Col. John Kensinger as his guest.

Next Week: Norm Peters with guest Dr. Michael Weir, Chisholm Trail Foundation

The Georgetown Project

Rich Petro advised that the club has received a letter from Leslie Janca, Executive Director of the Georgetown Project, thanking the club for the gift cards we gave them. Ms. Janca wrote, "It was really special seeing the kid's faces light up when they received the gift cards. This meant so much to them. Thank you!"

Future Programmes:

Feb 14	Tom Powell
Feb 21	Mark Ramsey
Feb 28	Charley Ray
March 6	Dick Retz
March 13	John Rouse
March 20	John Rutan
March 27	Bob Smith

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 7, 10:45 a.m.	Next week – Optional Action Planning Meeting, Cowan Creek.
Feb. 11 (Sat.)	Foundation Dinner, Austin (All Invited)
Feb 18 (Sat.)	Pre-PETS, Georgetown, (Any member interested in District affairs)
March 22–25	PETS, Dallas–Fort Worth (Presidents Elect)
April 28 (Sat.)	District Assembly, Round Rock (All officers, committees invited)
May 6 – 9	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 19 (Sat.)	District Conference Part I, Killeen (All invited)
June 16 (Sat.)	District Conference Part II, Bastrop (All invited)

Misc. etc.

Marble Falls Rotary Club is sponsoring a golf tournament on April 28 at the Slick Rock Golf Course at Horseshoe Bay 1PM (\$100 per player); this Thursday a contingent of members is going up to Jarrell to present the RYLA pizza lunch, leaving here at 10:30am; **Rich Petro** presented a cheque for \$300 to the Jarrell Afterschool Programme which was accepted by **John Rouse** (who brought two students with him); the programme was started by **Jamie Mattison** and Brittany and Hayden are part of the inaugural group and the funds will be spent immediately on supplies; John also thanked the club's generosity for RYLA, library books, and scholarship; the Assistance League which helps us to wrap christmas presents at the community center, needs our help on February 27th in setting up chairs, etc. for their fund raiser; various styles of Rotary shirts as shown by **Bob Weimer** were offered for members' perusal and those members who want one are to fill out the order form and bring it and a cheque next week; the shirts will be available within a fortnight; **Bill Thompson** and his wife, Pat, are celebrating their 47th anniversary; **Norm Peters** was pleased to be back after a wonderful and successful trip to Honduras.

From 2012 International Assembly:

RI President-elect Sakuji Tanaka spoke to the 530 governors-elect gathered in San Diego and asked them to build *Peace Through Service* as a realistic goal for Rotary. As he said, "It is something that cannot be achieved only through agreements, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find and that we can achieve, every day and in many simple ways."

Brian Beesley, governor-elect of District 9650 (Australia) said the theme is relevant to Rotarians of all ages and ethnicities.

Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Jennifer E. Jones, emphasized the importance of telling Rotary's story in a compelling way and said the job of the incoming officers is to motivate and inspire fellow Rotarians, especially by speaking to clubs.

Did You Know?

Bad weather likes workdays. An Israeli-American team correlated 15 years of pollution records with the National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center's records on storms. They found that hailstorms over the eastern United States peak in the middle of the week when summertime air pollution is at its worst.

Coffee Dependency In Rotary

Some Rotary Clubs meet at 7:00 a.m.! No those are not Zombies, those things with eyes at half-staff, tousled hair, socks that don't match and a barely detectable pulse are Rotarians BEFORE their first cup of coffee in the morning. (Yes, Sun City Rotarians, there is a world out there at seven in the morning.) These clubs meet bsr, (before sun rise) when their blood pressure is lower than their age. So let's take a look at the coffee that brings them back to life.

In legend, the discovery of coffee was by Kaldi, an Arabian goatherd. In 850, Kaldi noticed the strange behavior of his goats after eating some red berries. He tried the berries. The goats noticed the strange behavior of Kaldi after eating the berries and they decided to kick the habit. Kaldi discovered the caffeine buzz and soon the Muslims started to use coffee in connection with their very long religious services. The priests soon declared coffee to be an "intoxicating beverage" and proclaimed it prohibited by the Koran. When the priests banned it, coffee-drinking spread rapidly in Arabia.

The Europeans take a while to catch on. Seven hundred years later in the 16th century, coffee began to be used in Europe in politics, religion, medicine and other forms of entertainment. In 1652, the first coffee house in London spawned a new growth in coffee as a recreational drug, thereby paving the way for Starbuck's. Medical claims of coffee included cure for dropsy, sore eyes, scurvy, gout and dull Rotary speaker aftermath. If the British do it, why not here? In 1670, Dorothy Jones of Boston received the first license to sell coffee in America.

In 1670, almost all of the world's coffee came from Yemen. With the popularity boom, coffee was soon growing throughout the tropics. Louis XV even grew coffee in his Paris greenhouse. (Rumor had it that he grew some other weird stuff in that greenhouse.) Today, the estimates are that 44% of the usable land in the tropics grows coffee.

The plant genus *coffea* has about two dozen species. *Coffea Arabica* accounts for most of the world's production. Coffee trees covered with thousands of white blossoms are spectacular, but only for a few days. The bees take over and do all that stuff that dad told me about when I was a little kid. Blue green berries follow. For a thousand years, folks grew coffee in the shade of tall trees. Recently a biologist with overactive glands developed a coffee tree that grows in full sun. Sun grown means more berries per acre. More berries make more bucks for Starbucks. American songbirds ain't stupid. When the snow and ice hits here, they are down in the tropics sipping a fresh cup of Java. As the tall tree canopy is chopped down for sun grown coffee, our songbirds' winter home is being chopped down. Bird watchers are deeply concerned, but there are a lot more coffee drinkers than there are bird watchers. Stay tuned. The bees are striking back. The bee-pollinated trees seem to produce 40% more beans than the self-pollinated sun grown trees. And, a lot of users report that bee pollinated beans have richer flavor.

As near as I can find out, the world production of coffee is about 17,191,000,000 pounds. The \$1.20 a pound in 1990 moved to \$1.72 this year in anticipation of crop shortages. That yields a \$29 trillion dollar world market, some small part of which goes to sleepy headed Rotarians who meet at 7:00 a.m.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

Senior Perks:

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9:00 pm and ask, did I wake you?
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 4:00 pm.
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints more accurately predict barometric pressure changes than the meteorologists at the National Weather Service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.

And Never, Never, Never under any circumstances, take both a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.