



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
January 4, 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Words to Ponder: The happiest people seem to be those who have no particular reason for being happy except that they are so.

W.R. Inge

Today's Programme: **Bob Smith** will introduce **Richard Gelbaugh** who will discuss a surprising item that affects the lives of us all.

Last Time: by **Tom Hobbs**

DECEMBER 7, 1941 - written history has recorded volumes and Hollywood also produced numerous films such as "TORA-TORA" to just name one, which have reinforced the significance of this date to remain in the history of our great nation.

We were fortunate to have speak to the club an individual who was present in Honolulu, Hawaii on that infamous day of December 7, 1941. **Sherb Smiddy** former member of our club, 94 years old, born and raised in Hawaii, and in the Signal Intelligence Corps vividly shared some of his experience.

Sherb personally saw the approach of Japanese aircraft and the delivery of their torpedos into U.S. ships docked in Pearl Harbor! He stated while today those not present know what happened but what about the citizens of the community? Marshall Law was quick to be established with a curfew and lights out regulation. Authorized vehicles for night driving had their lights taped over with a small blue covered center portion to assist in identifying on coming traffic. Local and military Doctors were massed for treatment of casualties, many of which were burn victims.

On the island of Maui, ship repair facilities as well as R & R (Rest and Recuperation) facilities were established. Guard facilities were quickly established on all utility installations. Many fires were created in Honolulu by our own anti-aircraft missiles which did not hit the intended target of the Japanese aircraft. During this surreal event, the local civilian population to include those of Japanese heritage, which were not isolated, remained loyal to U.S. efforts. For some, a real challenge may have been the unavailability of liquor from the states.

"Semi" prepared was used to describe of the U.S. preparation for an attack for which we had "little" pre-knowledge. Sherb closed with sharing the experience of meeting in later years with a Japanese pilot who flew at Pearl Harbor. The pilot profusely apologized and wanted Sherb to know he was only following orders.

Thanks to **Bob Selmen** for arranging for someone who was there on December 7, 1941 for our program.

Breakfast With Santa

We finally completed another very successful BWS year (actually the 10th) on Saturday when all the gifts were delivered. Thanks to all who helped over the past four busy and stressful months.

However, all the hard work was worth it with the smiles and tears on Saturday when Santa made **34 stops** and delivered many colored bags of gifts and H-E-B cards.

-- *John Chenoweth*

Nobody really cares if you're miserable so you might as well be happy.

Future Programmes:

Today	Bob Smith
Jan. 11	A program on Shelter Box presented by Anthony Thompson
Jan. 18	Harold Steadman
Jan. 25	David Stuetelberg
Feb. 1	Bob Weimer
Feb. 8	Dick Will
Feb. 15	Adaïre Wolf
Feb. 22	David Wolf
March 1	Dick Retz

Programme Chroniclers:

Today	Don Mabray
Jan 11	Chuck MacKay
Jan 18	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

Officers and Directors for the Rotary Year 2011-2012

The following nominations have been approved:

Officers

President	Rich Petro
President-Elect	Jamie Mattison
Vice-President	John Chenoweth
Secretary	Herman Knodel
Treasurer	Linda Roberts
Past President	Tom Minor

Directors

Membership	Tom Hobbs
Service Projects	Bob Weimer
Rotary Foundation	Bill Miller
Public Relations	Renée Mercier
Club Administration	Adaïre Wolf

Rotary Quote of the Month

“Service in the Rotarian sense is a mental process. It is an attitude of mind which relates persons and things with action. Thoughtfulness of others is in reality the basis of Rotary service.”

— Frank L. Mulholland, 1914-15 Rotary president, in *The Rotarian* , September 1927

Did You Know?

Dollars and some good financial sense are why the Rotary year starts 1 July – at least that’s what the RI auditors said, according to 1912-13 RI President Glenn C. Mead’s report in the September 1913 issue of *The Rotarian*. The auditors found that the organization’s affairs had been managed “honestly and carefully.” Still, RI was growing and had recently become an international organization, and its needs were changing.

The secretary and treasurer needed more time to prepare, audit, and check the organization’s financial statements by the end of the calendar year. The auditors recommended that the organization close its financial books for the year on 30 June, which was after the RI Convention. The Board of Directors agreed, and ever since, the Rotary year has begun on 1 July.

