



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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. . . . if all men were just, there still would be *some*,
though not *so much*, need of government.
Abraham Lincoln

LAST WEEK

Presiding Officer: Rich Petro 39 members
Invocation: David Leas \$45.00 Happy Bucks
Pledge: Doug Lowe
4-Way Test: John Chenoweth

Visiting Rotarians: Bob Elam/Colchester VT
Malcolm Hensley/Odessa East
Darrick McGill/Downtown

Guest: Gary Sandercook/E.C. Deaton

News etc: Rich Petro advised that, with other clubs in the district, we are going to join an effort to help children with cleft palates in India. It is estimated there are about 38,000 children who need the surgery and the venture, called **Rotoplast**, is being spearheaded by our District Governor, Suresh Pahwa. **Bob Deffeyes** is going to Canada next week – where he says they speak English! **David Wolf** donated in praise of our 235th birthday; **Stephen Brown** is off next week to enjoy a Russian riverboat cruise for a fortnight; we were reminded by **Bill Harrah** that the Marine Corps is still one year older than the Navy; **Tom Minor** was pleased RYLA went so well yesterday; **Bill Miller** is going to escape the heat by travelling to Oregon for a couple of weeks; **Jamie Mattison** is looking forward to going to RYLA tomorrow and then to Utah next week; **Herman Knodel** congratulated **John Chenoweth** for shooting a 73 last week.

Chris Mealy, chairman of the GSE Selection Committee for the District, advised that it is time to think about selecting a leader for GSE for next March/April. This time, the group will travel to Brittany, France and stay for about 5 weeks. The selection of the leader will be made on August 20th and the application deadline is August 10th. This will be the last trip under the auspices of Rotary International as RI is ceasing support, although the programme can continue with help from the District. Chris urged members to consider applying.

Bob Derse received a Paul Harris +2 from **Bill Miller**.

TODAY: District Governor **Suresh Pahwa** will be our guest.

Chisholm Trail Days:

Our club, along with most Georgetown service clubs, are part of the Homeless Project Coalition. Club members will be volunteering on Oct. 15 to help run the events and activities. Part of the profits from this event will be donated to Eagle's Nest, a project to help homeless teens in Georgetown. **Bob Weimer** represents our club at Coalition meetings.

LAST WEEK: by **Pete Snelson**

A special invitation to attend and participate in the Chisom trail day activities October 14-15, 2011 at San Gabriel Park was extended by Mickie Ross, Ex Dir of the Williamson Museum, sponsors of the annual event. Activities will include a longhorn cattle drive through the park. Highlighting the events will be a cook off of various types of food representing the early days of western life. Included will be such categories will be meat, beans, etc. Prizes will be awarded in each category. Music will be a special part of the program throughout the day.

In addition to the special event the museum provides educational (trunk programs) for schools throughout the country. This activity relies on the financial support provided by various civic club organizations and which provide some 10,000 students an opportunity to learn about early days of Williamson country, and its pioneers.

Next Week: New member bios

Future Programmes:

July 19	New Member Bios
July 26	Bill Harrah
August 2	Ron Ferreri
August 9	Ben Gaines
August 16	Harold Lawless
August 23	Susie Ward
August 30	Doug Lowe
Sept 6	Carolyn Holloway
Sept 13	Lou Gibson
Sept 20	Bill Grusy
Sept 27	Don Anthis

Future Recorders:

Bob Derse
Gary Brown
Stephen Brown
Byron Calcote
Nathan Cabaniss
John Chenoweth
Wayne Courtney
Logan Cummings
Al Cummins
Bob Deffeyes
Ron Ferreri

Dates to Remember: Oct. 15-16 Chisholm Trail Days
Nov. 4-6 Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair

You know you're getting older when...

Everything that works hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You feel like the morning after, and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book only contains names ending in M.D.

Your children are beginning to look middle-aged.

Your mind makes contracts your body can't keep.

You look forward to a dull evening.

Your knees buckle and your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.

Approbations:

Our club has participated in another successful Rotary Youth leadership Awards(RYLA) camp in Bastrop . A big Rotary thank you to **John Skannal** for leading the way. John, **Chris Mealy**, and **Tom Minor** selected the 2 students from JISD. Thanks to **Doug Lowe**, **Lori Minor** and all the members and wives who volunteered to go to the camp on July 4th and 6th to prepare lunch for about 150 campers. Cooking 60lbs of chicken in 1 ½ hours was no mean feat! What a great experience for the students and volunteers!

To **Don Bender** who has willingly agreed to keep track of members' responsibilities in regards to providing programmes each week.

To Past President **Tom Minor** who ensures there is a book for speakers to sign each week. He liaises with the Librarian at Jarrell H.S. to obtain those books which they'd like to have.

To **Adaïre Wolf** and **Barb Pekar** for their work in making President's Night such a success and enjoyable for all.

Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended. The convention of the Rotary Clubs of America was held in Rotary's birthplace, Chicago, in 1910.

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even *The Rotarian* changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in *The Rotarian* that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signalized by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

GREAT News From California

Moeshia is doing well

The last several weeks have brought us nothing but bad news. Brushfires swept across the West while the East was inundated by floodwaters. The ugly news from Pakistan and Afghanistan filled the headlines. Obama is fighting budget loan limit battles as he tries to pull real beans out of an imaginary hat. To stuff the paper, the editors have exposed us to obscure stuff like recognizing the symptoms of anthrax and new theories on the geology of alabaster. (Until now, I thought that alabaster was an illegitimate Muslim.)

But, wait! Here is some joyous good news from Moeshia the pig. We read about this happy news on our trip to Canada, where the newspapers still publish happy news as well as the death and destruction news. Moeshia is now a FAMOUS pig. No NOT a law enforcement officer type of pig, she is a Vietnamese potbellied pig of very special talent. Moeshia was the "Poster Pig" for the Humane Society's fundraiser.

But, all the news was not too good. Moeshia has not been feeling well lately. In fact, she was going through quite a serious illness. She has atrial septal defect. That ain't good news. In fact ANYTHING with atrial in it is usually not good news. Combine atrial with defect, and you got yourself a problem. Just ask one of our medical guys, like Alex. They can explain that kind of problem to you. But basically, Moeshia had blood leaking from one side of her heart to the other with sort of half-hearted results. Not good. Not good.

But, WAIT, help is on the way! Yes help came riding over the distant hill in the form of The Rescue Shelter for Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs in Lebec, California. The shelter is part of a support group for owners of potbellied pigs and they are doing good work. Cindy Holloway, Moeshia's owner and confidante arranged with the RSVPP (rescue shelter for VPP) for surgery. The shelter managed to arrange for heart-lung bypass equipment and got a piggy surgeon to volunteer his time at a cost savings of \$11,000. His kind act cut the cost of the operation to \$4,000 total. The surgery lasted three and a half hours, but Moeshia is recovering nicely, thank you for asking. Yes, help arrived.

All of you wonderful Rotarians who feel strongly compelled to donate to the Shelter for Vietnamese Potbellied Pigs can feel free to donate to **Bob Deffeyes** or to **Rich Petro** who will see that your contribution gets handled in an appropriate manner. Please give your donations in small-unmarked bills, no checks or credit cards will be accepted.

-- Bob Deffeyes

Eye Halve a Spelling Chequer

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rarely ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect in it's weigh
My chequer tolled me sew.

-- Sauce unknown

