



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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There isn't much thrill in success
unless one has first been close to failure.
... William Feather

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Kelly Barnett
Pledge: Don Bender
4-way test: Bob Selman

Members Attending: 38
Happy Bucks: \$49.00

Visiting Rotarian: Ned Snead/Sunrise

Guests: David Blackburn/George Olive

Last Week:

President Jamie Mattison led the club in the first Club Assembly and noted there will be a Club Assembly meeting every quarter. Today the club focused on the Strategic Plan. **Don Bender** started by saying he, **Bob Weimer**, and Don **Mabray** urge members to solicit speakers who are entertaining and enlightening. This is important to keep the club vital growing.

Bill Miller then gave us an update on the club's Foundation giving for 2011-12. To begin, the Permanent Fund now has \$35,601 in it. The club's Special Giving programme has given a total of \$9,424 towards an eye clinic in India, to disaster relief, and to PolioPlus. Re PolioPlus, our club is the District 5870 leader in total giving which is a remarkable feat and we should be proud! As well, our Annual Fund giving total of \$10,318 (50% of which will be returned to the District in 3 years) translates into an average of \$175/member.

Groups then got together to discuss the plan in preparation for it to be put in front of the Board for its consideration.

Misc. etc.

Charley Ray is celebrating his 89th birthday on July 12th; and on that date **Kelly Barnett** will have been in the military for 37 years; **Rich Petro** was pleased to be in the "cheap seats" now; **Bill Grusy** is celebrating his 91st birthday on Friday 13th; **Herman Knodel** was happy to be with the RYLA camp people; several members were pleased to have had some rain; **Jamie Mattison** reminded members that all are invited to board meetings which can also count as a make-up. **Stephen Brown** and Ernestine along with the **Nemecs** are all going to Europe tomorrow to take a barge trip;

The GSE team, comprised of non-Rotarians between 25 and 40 along with one Rotarian leader, will be going to the Philippines this year. Anyone interested in leading the team – please fill out an application for this great month long trip which will take place in Feb - Mar 2013.

Paul Harris Awards:

Bill Miller, club Foundation chairman who keeps track of the Paul Harris donations, gave **D on Bender** his initial Paul Harris; and **Bob Derse** was given his Paul Harris +3.

As **Jamie Mattison** affirmed, those who donate \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation either all at once or in total over time are given a Paul Harris pin. And each \$1,000 thereafter merits another.

Future Programmes:

- July 24 Tom Minor's guest, Bill Wilbanks, will speak about High School Sports
- July 31 Carolyn Holloway's guest will be Kim Howard from Estrella
- Aug 7
- Aug 14
- Aug 21 Ron Swain, Sr. Advisor to the Southwestern University President
- Aug 28 District Governor's visit

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Aug 11 Rotary session on Foundation, Membership, & Future Vision
Lake Aire Medical Center, 2423 Williams Drive, Georgetown.
Cost of \$15 includes lunch. 8:30am – 1:15pm
- pt 14-15 28th Annual Bi-District Reunion
Two nations coming together providing Peace Through Service.
Embassy Suites, Conference Center, San Marcos.
- Oct 27 Schwertner Ranch & Event Center, Salado 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Denim & Diamonds, Rotary Foundation Gala & Fundraiser. Gourmet Texas
Fare, Entertainment, Prizes, Auction. Win a .5 carat diamond!

Membership Moment:

. . . was presented by **Jamie Mattison**. In the Philippines there is an all women Rotary Club and this club opened a center to serve women and children from the city slums. Last year they had 56 children there and provided daycare and preschool. The staff provides vocational training sessions for mothers in order to help them increase their skills; and there are free medical clinics and nutrition information for those women and children.

News From the Boardroom:

The first item of business was the presentation of the final draft of the Strategic Plan by **Doug Lowe**. Doug explained the process used in the compilation of the final draft. This document will be voted on at the Board Meeting on July 17th and then shared with the entire club membership

Bill Miller stated the our Club would award Paul Harris points to Bobby Whitson of the Harker Heights Rotary Club resulting in Bobby getting his Paul Harris Plus Three Award. You will remember that Bobby did a superb job in handling the auctioneering duties for our Spring Fling last April. **John Chenoweth** and **Bob Weimer** volunteered to travel to Harker Heights to make this presentation.

To-Day:

We will hear biographies from our newest members.

What do you know about Friday 13th?

Bill Grusy enlightened us about all sorts of information regarding that date. For instance, the 13th falls on a Friday more often than on any other day; and this year it falls on a Friday not twice, but three times – January, April, and July all of which are 13 weeks apart. Judas Iscariot was the 13th member at the table of the Last Supper. Also, on the 13th, Bill celebrated his 13th birthday and as he noted there were 13 members in his family; and now, counting his children(3), grandchildren(5) and great grandchildren (4) there is that #13 again!

Other interesting facts about the 13th:

- the traditional hangman's noose has 13 knots of rope and there are 13 steps to the gallows;
 - the blade of a guillotine falls 13 feet;
 - in Formula 1 racing, there is no car with the number 13;
 - a witch's coven has 13 members;
 - according to Smithsonian magazine, "fear of the #13 costs American a billion dollars per year in absenteeism, train and plane cancellations, and reduced commerce on the 13th of the month."
 - President Franklin Roosevelt never travelled on the 13th and refused to have a meal with 13 present
 - the Universal Studios located in California does not have a studio numbered 13;
 - there is no Gate 13 in the Fresno Airport, among other airports;
 - 90% of American skyscrapers do away with the 13th floor;
 - The 13th card in a deck of tarot cards stands for death.
- etc. etc.

RYLA recap:

Tuesday, July 3rd - approx. 9:00 a.m., Sun City Rotary Volunteers - Harold Lawless, Tom & Lori Minor, Bob Smith, Don & Pat Bender, Charles Ray & Herman Knodel, headed off to report for duty at the Camp RYLA Kitchen near Bastrop.

Tom Minor reported - Things went well today for lunch . We ended up preparing chopped beef sandwiches, salad, chips, and watermelon for them. The brisket was already cooked and we had to cut it up. Every one was there who had signed up. We all worked nonstop for over 3 hours

Wednesday, July 4th - approx. 9:00 a.m. - Sun City Rotary Volunteers - Jamie Mattison, Rich Petro, Doug & Marcy Lowe, John Chenoweth, & John Skannal, headed off to report for duty at the Camp RYLA Kitchen near Bastrop.

It's being reported: John Chenoweth slaved over the fire for long periods of time cooking ground beef for the homemade enchilada's that Rich Petro & Doug Lowe were seen preparin refried beans. Marcy Lowe was busy preparing box after box of minute rice along with special blends of taco seasonings into a finished product of mexican rice - (must have been 50#'s of rice !!) Jamie & John S. were busy washing apples, oranges, banana's & preparing same into a fruit salad, along with preparing a tossed salad. After lunch was prepped, we all quickly put the food out on the serving line & fed the approx. 140 folks who were eager to be served a meal.

After a quick lunch ourselves, we all jumped in the clean up the kitchen & get it ready for the next team of Rotarians who would soon arrive to prepare the evening meal. Fun was had by all !

As of Monday, July 9th, - Our Club has now received lengthy e-mails from both of our 2 club sponsored campers proclaiming what a great time they had at Camp RYLA last week.

I'd like to say "Thank You - to all the members of the Sun City Rotary Club" who collectively support R.Y.L.A., with scholarships for the individual campers we awarded to attend camp, & additionally paying for a meal for the camp.

John Skannal & the Sun City RYLA Team.

Rotary Foundation Information:

What are strategic partnerships and how do they work?

A strategic partnership is a relationship between The Rotary Foundation and another international organization that has a unique or specialized knowledge or expertise in one or more of the areas of focus. Strategic partnerships are large-scale, multi-year relationships. Rotary's [strategic partners](#) provide financial resources, technical expertise, advocacy, or a combination thereof. These relationships will produce mutually beneficial project portfolios that fulfill the goals of the partners and enhance service opportunities for Rotarians through packaged global grants.

What are the areas of focus and how were they selected?

The six areas of focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

The Trustees identified these as critical humanitarian issues that Rotarians are already addressing worldwide. Previous Rotarian experience and interest in these areas will promote project success.

What is sustainability and why is it important?

The Rotary Foundation defines sustainability as the capacity for maintaining outcomes over the long term to serve the ongoing need of a community after grant funds have been expended. A sustainable project typically involves local community leaders in planning so that they are invested in the project's long-term success. Training and the exchange of information prepare communities to maintain results and solve problems on their own, after the Rotary club's involvement has ended. Sustainable projects offer enduring value and a greater return on Rotary's investment of money and volunteer hours.

Free Tomatoes

Although I had lived in Midland, Texas, in 1942, I had not lived in the Lone Star State for 27 years. I returned to Graham, the Capital of the Possum Kingdom in 1969. Driving from Fort Worth to Graham one spring day took me through Mineral Wells. It was lunchtime, but I did not want to take the time to eat in a restaurant, so I stopped at a farmers' market to buy cherries and apricots. As I got out of the car and looked straight up, the clouds were traveling in three different directions. The low clouds were moving east, the middle clouds going south and the high level clouds were headed north-west. As I paid for my purchase, I asked the seller, "What is the weather going to do? The clouds are traveling in three different directions." As he handed me my change, he seller replied, "Well, Sonny, we have a saying in these parts. Nobody predicts the weather, but fools and newcomers." I could not resist replying, "That's an interesting thought, old timer, but now that you mention it, those are the only kind of folks I have seen since I got here." As I ran for my car, he threw in some tomatoes **for free**, literally.

... **Bob Deffeyes**

