



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
July 31, 2012

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THE GREAT SECRET OF SUCCESS IN LIFE IS FOR A MAN
TO BE READY WHEN HIS OPPORTUNITY COMES.
BENJAMIN DISRAELI

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Lou Gibson
Pledge: John Harding
4-way test: Rich Petro

ROTARY PRAYER:

Almighty God, You feed our bodies with daily food,
now feed our spirits with your grace, that through
the fellowship of this Rotary Club we may truly
serve You in serving others. Amen

Members Attending: 42

Happy Bucks: \$84.00

Visiting Rotarians: PDG Gonzalo Garza/Downtown
PDG Bill Bryce
Phillips Baker/Downtown
Buzz Fereda/Sunrise

Guests: Paula Doerfler
Charles Bailey

Last Week: Tom Minor introduced Bill Willbanks

If one goes to www.TexasBasketballChamps.com, one can read about the history of Texas Boys & Girls Basketball (1921-2012) with information and narratives on over 700 state championship teams. This history was compiled by our speaker, Bill Willbanks. For the past 12 years he has spent countless days traveling throughout Texas talking with many of these champions. People living in the small towns and cities are grateful to Bill for helping them to remember past championship teams and their players. Bill also has done much research in track and field events interviewing many of this field's past champions.

For his work, Bill was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame in May in a ceremony held in San Antonio. He has also been named the state historian for high school basketball. Bill also played on the 1958 Belton team which won the state AA title that year.

For over 25 years, Bill taught criminology courses as a professor at FIU in Miami, FL. He has written several books on fallen men and women police officers. On a recent visit to Washington, I visited the memorial dedicated to those police officers killed in the line of duty. Their names are inscribed on the memorial.

Today: **Caroline Holloway** will introduce Kim Howard from Estrella

Misc. etc. **Bob and Ethel Deffeyes** will be in San Fransisco next week to celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary; **Tom and Lori Minor** are now celebrating 47 years together; **Lou Gibson** is pleased to be back home in "God's copuntry"; **Ron Ferreri** is baching for a couple of weeks while his wife visits her sister; **Buzz Fereda** said Cool River Cafe is the venue for the F1 party this Thursday; **Caroline Holloway** was happy to be back home – with a new banner - from Breckinridge; **Dick Will** is home from Hawaii where he went parasailing and went on a submarine among other activities! He then was in Nebraska drilling for oil and finally hit a good one at 3:30AM; **Malcolm Hensley**, while rummaging around in the Happy Bucks, said he was pleased to be a Rotarian; **Gonzalo Garlza** attested he was happy to be in his favourite Rotary club; **Glynn Hatley** is glad to be back from New Mexico and Colorado; **Jamie Mattison** is deserting us for two weeks while she is in Michigan.

Future Programmes:

- Aug 7 Georgetown Mayor George Carver
- Aug 14
- Aug 21 Ron Swain, Sr.Advisor to the Southwestern University President
- Aug 28 Visit from Distric Governor, Rick Price

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Aug 11 Rotary Foundation and Membership Seminar
Lake Aire Medical Center, 2423 Williams Drive, Georgetown.
Cost of \$15 includes lunch. 8:30am – 1:15pm
- Sept 14-15 28th Annual Bi-District Reunion
Two nations coming together providing Peace Through Service.
Embassy Suites, Conference Center, San Marcos. Attendees have an opportunity to win a get-away vacation at the Casa de Los Suenos in Isla Mujeres, Mexico.
- 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!

July is - Bring A Friend to Rotary - month

Membership Moment:

. . . was presented by **Tom Minor**. A couple of years ago a young man called Louis Pierce came to our club seeking donations for a project he was working on – building storage boxes for the R.O.C.K. kids. He needed \$200 and the hat was passed among the members; Louis ended up with \$300. He has completed his project which was featured in the local magazine, the *View*, and Louis is now an Eagle Scout. As Tom said, we helped Louis, and Louis helped the kids – a good example of Service Above Self.

Gunmen Attack U.N. Doctor in Polio Effort

Islamabad – Gunmen fired on a U.N. Vehicle in the southern city of Karachi, seriously wounding a Ghanaian doctor who was part of an urgent campaign to eradicate polio from Pakistan. The attack was a further blow to the three-day polio vaccination drive, which already faced Taliban threats. The Taliban claim the vaccination campaign is a cover for U.S. espionage, citing the Pakistan doctor who helped the CIA track Osama bin Laden in early 2011.

Polio Eradication Update For The Week Ending 07/07/12

New Polio cases reported in the last week: Pakistan 0, Afghanistan 0, Nigeria 4, Chad 0

Eight Bits Of Happiness

Happy Dollars? How about eight-bits of happiness. Well, you know that two-bits is twenty-five cents. So eight-bits is the value of a "Happy Dollar". That all goes back to the 1700's, referring to the Spanish American Peso, "also called the Spanish dollar" our unit of currency. In early Texas, folks had to know that. Coins were rare back then and most things were done by bartering. What coinage was available in early Texas was the Spanish silver dollar, or "pieces of eight". Some of these coins were made in Mexico City as early as 1535 but also in the 1730's. The coin could actually be cut into eight pieces. These little wedges were called "bits". The US dollar was pegged to the Spanish dollar at one to one, so a "bit" was worth 12.5 cents. When the U. S. minted the quarter dollar, it was worth \$.25, or "two bits". This scheme of things was official in 1785 when the United States adopted this model for our currency. The Mexican currency was called "peso del ocho", or literally "weight of eight" referring to the weight of the silver in one bit. So the symbol used for the peso was originally "p^s" which gradually became written \$. We still use \$ as we pitch our "Happy Dollars" into the bowl each week. Your eight-bits probably brings a lot more than eight bits of happiness as your Rotary Foundation puts that money to work for others.

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

Calling all Sun-City Club Rotarians to "Service Above Self",

Each of us have the opportunity to assist the San Pedro Sula Usula Rotary Club provide a remote Honduras village with clean drinking water by financially supporting their "**Bio-sand Filter Program**". This is an International Grant with Rotary International and their monies will be matched by their District Funds as well by Rotary International Funds.

I hope each of our membership will pitch-in with 10,15, 25 or more dollars to support this project. A family can be provided clean water for less than \$100 so any amount can help. If donating by check please make payable to the "Georgetown-Sun City Rotary Club" and write "Honduras Clean Water" on the check's Memo line. Give check to Doug Lowe or me. We need to receive your check at next week's meeting if at all possible.

Thanking you in advance for your Service-Above-Self action,
Bill Miller, Club Foundation Chairman

A cat's dictionary:

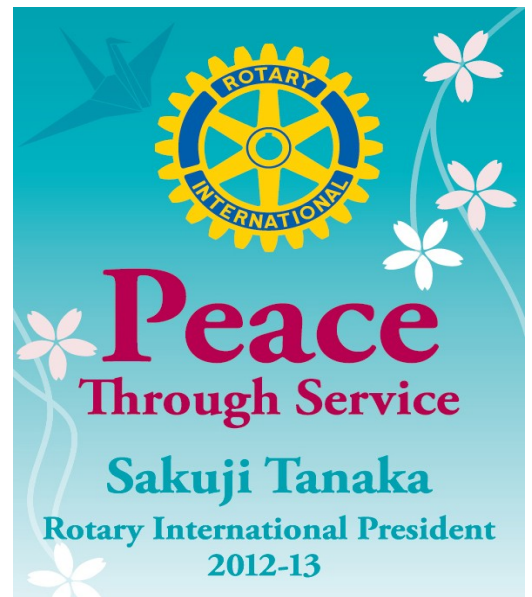
Purring: Sound of a cat manufacturing cuteness.

Purrverse: Poem about a strange kitty.

Purranoia: The fear that your cat is up to something.

Human being: Automatic door opener for cats.

Purrpetual motion: A kitty playing.



Rotarian carries the Olympic torch

In 1958, Bob Izon ran the mile in world-record time in the under-16 age category, becoming the English schools champion. But the most meaningful run of his life took place in May, when the founding member of the Rotary Club of Hereford Wye Valley, Herefordshire, England, carried the Olympic torch through his hometown. Izon is one of several Rotarians who have carried the torch on its relay to the new Olympic Stadium in London for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics on 27 July. "I consider myself very fortunate to have been chosen, as half the bearers are ages 15 to 25," he says. "It gave me a chance to pursue three objectives: inspire the younger generation, publicize Rotary's good works, and show that a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not always condemn one to a nonactive life."

Parkinson's disease

Izon was diagnosed with the disease in 1992 but has remained active as a Rotarian, a justice of the peace, and a school board member at St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Hereford. The school's students and their parents lined the road on 24 May for Izon's portion of the torch relay. Members of his club bore a huge banner publicizing Rotary and their upcoming charity duck race. During an all-school assembly the next day, students spent more than two hours taking turns holding the torch that had carried the flame and having their photographs taken.

"The atmosphere within the school hall was highly emotional, and quite a few of us were close to tears," recalls Izon. "This was truly the most remarkable week in the 144-year history of the school." Izon's Parkinson's is now largely under control. In 2003, he participated in a trial procedure at the University of Birmingham Hospital, in which electrodes were placed in his brain, alleviating many of the symptoms. He has continued to participate in Rotary service projects. Serving as a volunteer dentist on a medical mission to help Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong years ago, he says, reminded him that millions lack access to health care.

Rotary Peace Fellow helps tsunami survivors build new memories

If you had minutes to flee a disaster and could take only one item, what would you choose? Most people name a possession that is often impossible to replace: their photos. In Ishinomaki, Japan, which was obliterated by an earthquake and 20-foot tsunami last March, survivors escaped with their lives and nothing else.

Photojournalist Allison Kwesell traveled by bus in November to Ishinomaki from Tokyo, where she is a **Rotary Peace Fellow**, armed with two cameras, photo albums, and donated Fuji instant film. She joined two photographers who had formed Photohoku, named for the Tohoku region, where the disaster struck. The nonprofit aims to help survivors build new albums – and new memories.

"As a journalist, I often feel that I am taking stories from the victims of disasters, war, and poverty," Kwesell says. "I believe such stories have the power to effect change, but my photos and words might never directly help the people who let me into their lives." But this trip was different. The team asked survivors if they'd like to pose for photos, then gave them the instant prints. The photographers started albums for them and listened to their experiences.

Kwesell recalls photographing a woman with her grandchildren in front of their temporary home: "She told me she was happy I chose to photograph her there, because it gave her the courage to move forward. She said she believes that one day, she and her family will look back on the photo and remember what they overcame."

Pun of the day:

I'm reading a book about gravity; it's impossible to put down.
