



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
TUESDAYS 12 NOON IN SUN CITY BALLROOM
JULY 6, 2010



HAPPY NEW ROTARY YEAR

NEW OFFICERS 2010-II

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| President | Tom Minor |
| President-Elect | Rich Petro |
| Vice President | Jamie Mattison |
| Past President | Lou Gibson |
| Secretary | Art Tragesser |
| Treasurer | Linda Roberts |
| Foundation | Bill Miller |
| Membership | David Leas |
| Communication | Alex Munson |
| Administration | Adaire Wolf |
| Fundraising and Special Projects | John Chenoweth |

❧ ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR: JOHN CHENOWETH ❧

Thought of the Week:

Nothing makes it easier to resist temptation than a proper bringing-up, a sound set of values – and witnesses.
Franklin P. Jones

Today's Programme:

Bill Miller will present District 5870 Governor, Tim Buckley.

Next Week:

George Olive has invited C.J. Smith, the manager of HEB, to give a presentation.

Previous Week: by **Don Bender**

Renée Mercier introduced our speaker, Mr. Manfred Reimann who is also a Sun City resident. He is a published author and gave us an enlightened look at his latest work entitled, "Chasing The Sun". He has had an earlier book entitled, "Treasures From The Barrier Reef", published in German. As an introduction to his talk, Mr. Reimann gave us an overview of his life as a young man growing up in East Germany under the Communist regime. His book, "Chasing The Sun", (written in English) follows up on this theme as he chronicles his life as a non-communist party member living in East Berlin prior to the fall of the Berlin wall. After escaping from East Germany in 1968, he migrated to the United States and worked as an electrical engineer in marine electronics. He finally settled in Sun City in 2005.

Important Dates:

July 4-9 RYLA camp at Bastrop
July 6 Volunteers from our club will prepare the noon meal at the RYLA camp
July 9 Marble Falls Rotary Club fish fry at Marble Falls High School at 6:30PM
Oct 8-10 Bi-District Friendship Conference in Corpus Christi

Future Programmes:

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| July 13 | George Olive | Sept 7 | Charlie Ray |
| July 20 | Alex Munson | Sept 14 | John Rouse |
| July 27 | David Leas | Sept 21 | John Rutan |
| Aug 3 | Barb Pekar | Sept 28 | Ruth Allison – District 5870 Governor |
| Aug 10 | Norm Peters | | |
| Aug 17 | Rich Petro | | |
| Aug 24 | Tom Powell | | |
| Aug 31 | Trubee Racioppi | | |

Last Week:

The President's Dinner evening was very special and it was gratifying to see so many friends and spouses in attendance. The tables were decorated with flowers and there were special programmes on each table. NEMEC was the caterer and as usual they provided an excellent dinner. President **Lou Gibson** opened the meeting, **Al Cummins** gave the invocation, **Don Bender** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, and **Renée Mercier** led us in reciting the 4-Way Test.

Lou began by thanking everyone in the club for helping to make his presidential year such a success but called Secretary **Art Tragesser** and Treasurer **Linda Roberts** for special mention. He also thanked President-elect **Tom Minor** and Vice President **Rich Petro** for their counsel and advice throughout the year; and **Don Bender** for keeping track of weekly programmes.

Bob Selman, who has been Sergeant-at-Arms for 6½ years was awarded a Paul Harris this evening by **Bill Miller**; **Chris Mealy** was awarded his Paul Harris +2; **Tom Minor** a Paul Harris +3; and **Lou Gibson** a Paul Harris +5.

Lou expressed his thanks to NEMEC for the great meals they have provided; and also to the many who helped with the various programmes and undertakings in which the club has participated, such as Breakfast With Santa, Polio Plus, and others. He made mention of **Bill Miller** whom he regards as a mentor. The most significant achievement Lou is proud of is the establishment of the club's Permanent Endowment helped principally by the \$25,000 donation from **Caroline and Graeme Holloway**.

With **David Leas'** hard work, the club added 15 new members but suffered 10 resignations due to the economic situation, members moving away, etc. Our goal for the Rotary Foundation giving was greatly exceeded; the successful backpack programme, chaired by Bob Weimer, spent \$4,200 total to buy food; Breakfast With Santa was a very big project led by John Chenoweth; Christmas was a happier time for 121 children and 38 needy families due to our club's ability to buy the children presents and clothes and \$100 gift certificates to the families to buy Christmas dinner; special thanks to **Barb Pekar, Adaire Wolf, Harold Berg**, and others for making it possible as well as **Trubee Racioppi** and **Harold Lawless** for picture taking;

As well, the Jarrell Christmas outreach programme was given \$1,500; the club raised money for the Wheelchair project raising over \$1,100 to provide chairs for 17 people in various parts of the world; we sponsored a hole-in-one for the veteran's golf tournament; sponsored 4 Jarrell H.S. students to attend RYLA in July; we gave \$1,000 scholarship to Lyon's College in memory of Graeme Holloway; club members donated over \$4,000, ably helped by **Bob Weimer's** managing of the Walk-A-Thon for Polio Plus, and the grand total this year will be in excess of \$10,000.

Then President **Lou Gibson** called President-Elect **Tom Minor** to the podium. Tom asked his team to come forward and **Bill Brice** formally inducted the new 2010-11 officers. Tom very graciously called on all former Presidents to stand and be recognized: **Chuck MacKay; Adaire Wolf; Barb Pekar; David Leas; John Skannal; Bill Harrah; and Chris Mealy**.

Tom gave us an idea of what he will be concentrating on this Rotary year: the Boys and Girls Club of Georgetown; and becoming more involved in the Eagle Locker programme. Also around the 1st of October we're going to move and our weekly meetings will be held in the new Cowan Creek amenity center. He challenged us to continue having great programmes, get to know each other better and above all – have fun!