



# 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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## **JULY IS BRING A FRIEND TO ROTARY MONTH**

**Rotary Prayer:** Dear Lord, being in Rotary allows us to serve others. We ask that You help us remember always the Four Way Test as we work today and everyday. Help us to serve humbly and willingly as we focus on the needs of our community. Thank you for our gifts and help us to use them wisely. Amen.

### **LAST WEEK:**

**Presiding:** Bob Elam and Bob Weimer  
**Invocation:** Harold Bergh  
**Pledge:** Art Tragesser  
**4-Way Test:** Alex Munson  
**Greeters:** Sharon and Keith Goudy

**Guests:** Leonard Butcher/Lou Gibson  
Bill Waugaman

**Last Week:** The two Bobs presided over the meeting in the absence of President John Chenoweth who was in Bastrop at the RYLA camp. Items for the silent auction at Summerfest this coming Sunday have been increasing in number and we now have a wonderful selection. CJ's will be catering the event and members were urged to buy more tickets. The auction items will be presented on long tables in the middle of the ballroom along with buckets at each item in which raffle tickets can be placed. As well, there will be a massage chair for anyone who feels a little stressed!

With John last week at RYLA were Lori & Tom Minor, Pat & Don Bender, Harold Lawless, Carolyn Holloway, Doug Lowe, Bob Smith, and RYLA coordinator, John Skannal. Check out their photo on the website.

**Today's Programme:** Review of R.I. President Ron Burton's keynote address

**Future Programmes:**

July 16	Dr. Paul Gaffney, Dean of the Sarofim School of Fine Arts at SWU
July 23	Mr. Robert Deffeyes, Bird photography
July 30	Mr. Brian Harrison, Scott and White Healthcare Foundation

**Upcoming Event:** July 12 Marble Falls Rotary Fish fry

**Membership Moment:** with Harold Bergh

Harold brought his Rotary M&Ms to hand out to guests – and anyone who has a prospective member in mind. And this month is Bring a Friend to Rotary month. As Harold noted, it is not easy to grow the membership in this club since due to circumstances many members have to drop out. As well, Harold reminded us he has to use a special medical code to obtain these M&Ms because they are not available over the open market!

*In the Book of Life, the answers aren't in the back.*

**Misc. etc:** **Bob Deffeyes** has returned from a trip to France but had a discussion with the local police in the airport on his return about an unattended bag he noticed; it turns out the bag contained fistfuls of money! **Bill Miller** is going on a cruise to the Baltics; **Leonard Butcher** has applied to become a member of the club; **Art Tragesser** is back from a long trip to the Far East; **Alex Munson's** granddaughter came for a visit from California, complained about the 108 ° weather here and left – to Las Vegas where it was even hotter! **Ron Ferreri** is happy his granddaughter is home from a trip to South Africa; **Malcolm Hensley** is happy to be back from the RI Convention in Lisbon; it was 118° in Palm Desert when **Harold Bergh** left to return to Austin which was much cooler; last week **Bob Weimer** welcomed a new granddaughter. **Bill Miller** gave us the news **Chuck Mackay**, one of our charter members who sadly is no longer able to attend meetings, is doing well after recent surgery.

## **Meet the 103rd Rotary International President**

Ron D. Burton – *Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma*

Ron D. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar, the Oklahoma Bar Association, and the Cleveland County Bar Association. He is also a member of the American Bar Association, the ABA Section of Taxation Exempt Organizations Committee, and the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate, and Trust Committee on Charitable Organizations. He was vice president of the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and received the Silver Beaver Award. He also received the Norman United Way and Junior League Volunteer of the Year Civic Award.

His extensive service to The Rotary Foundation includes vice chair and member of the Foundation Trustees, vice chair of the Future Vision Committee, and member of the International PolioPlus Committee and PolioPlus Speakers Bureau. Other service includes national adviser for the Permanent Fund Initiative, member of Permanent Fund Leadership Team, and consultant to the Development Committee. In addition, he has served as a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator and moderator of the regional Rotary Foundation coordinator training program.

Burton has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Jetta, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris, Bequest, and Arch C. Klumph Societies.

### **A First for Rotary:**

*As Rotary clubs continue to promote diversity in their membership, Rotary is marking a milestone. Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International.*

*"Women have contributed significantly to Rotary initiatives, and will continue to do so," says Matthews, who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director. "No doubt, the unfortunate and sometimes misleading image of 'an old boys' club' will be buried for good.*

*"Whether the job is done by a male or female is immaterial," she adds. "What is important is that the individual who serves is effective in that role. With that said, I am extremely proud to be the first woman vice president and am thankful for the California pioneers who pursued membership of women in Rotary."*

*A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East, Matthews has served Rotary in numerous capacities. In addition to her service as trustee and director, she has been a regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president's representative, lead seminar trainer for the International Assembly, Future Vision Committee member, RI training leader, and district governor.*

*She is a recipient of Rotary's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. Matthews is a Bequest Society member, Major Donor, Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and Paul Harris Society member.*

## **ROTARY CODE OF CONDUCT:**

As Rotarians - we should:

EXEMPLIFY the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities.

USE our vocational experiences and talents to serve in Rotary.

CONDUCT all personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others.

BE FAIR in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings.

PROMOTE recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society.

OFFER our vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in our community.

HONOUR the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavor or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians.

NOT SEEK from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship.

## **WHAT IS ROTARY?**

Rotary International is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help to build goodwill and peace in the world. There are approximately 1.2 million Rotary club members belonging to 34,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. *Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary celebrated 100 years of service in 2005. The Rotary Foundation has awarded more than US\$2.1 billion in grants, which are administered at the local level by Rotary clubs.*

### **What is the purpose of Rotary?**

Rotary clubs exist to improve communities through a range of humanitarian, intercultural and educational activities. Clubs advance international understanding by partnering with clubs in other countries. Rotary also encourages high ethical standards in all vocations.

### **What do Rotary clubs do?**

Rotary clubs address critical issues at home and abroad by providing health care and medical supplies, clean water, food, job training, youth development, and education to millions of people in need. Examples of Rotary's focus areas include:

**Polio Eradication** - In 1985, Rotary International created PolioPlus – a program to immunize all the world's children against polio. To date, Rotary has contributed more than US\$1 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional US\$200 million toward a US\$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much needed polio vaccine, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$6 billion to the effort. With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Rotary volunteers assist in vaccine delivery, social mobilization and logistical help in cooperation with the national health ministries, the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**Peace** - In an effort to educate tomorrow's peacemakers and ambassadors, up to 110 Rotary World Peace Fellows are sponsored each year to study at one of the eight universities for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. Since 2002, 431 fellows from over 75 countries have participated at a cost of more than \$23 million.

International Education - Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships. Each year, about 1,000 university students receive Rotary scholarships to study abroad. Rotary clubs also coordinate a high school- age student exchange program that has sent nearly 8,000 students abroad for three months to a year.

Humanitarian Projects - Rotary clubs initiate thousands of humanitarian service projects every year. These volunteer- driven projects address the root causes of conflict, such as hunger, poverty, disease and illiteracy.

Literacy - Rotary clubs work to improve literacy rates worldwide. A unique, Rotary-pioneered approach called the Concentrated Language Encounter (CLE) has proven very effective in resource-strapped developing countries. It was so successful in Thailand, that the Thai government adopted the program nationwide.

Water Management - Recognizing the importance of clean water, many Rotary clubs help to stall wells and develop water treatment and distribution systems to increase access to fresh drinking water for communities in need, especially in developing countries.

## ***Stopping polio transmission by end of 2014 realistic, says Independent Monitoring Board***

The Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) reports that "stopping polio transmission by the end of 2014 is a realistic prospect," if certain weaknesses are addressed and full funding is secured. The IMB, which met 7-9 May, independently verifies progress toward the achievement of a polio-free world.

In its [report](#), the IMB commended the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) for changes that have helped reduce polio cases to the lowest levels ever, and underscored further steps that need to be taken.

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**The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary International, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and governments of the world, with the support of many others around the globe.**



