



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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Points to ponder: Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast.

– Oscar Wilde

Last Week: by **Bob Weimer**

DON CARDONA WAS INTRODUCED AND SHARED HIS EXPERIENCES OF LIFE THAT EVENTUALLY ENDED UP IN SAN MIGUEL MEXICO. DON REMINDED US THAT SAN MIGUEL IS ONE OF THE TEN TOP PLACES TO RETIRE.

DON ORIGINALLY FROM CANADA RETIRED IN 1989 AND MOVED TO SUN CITY 1 YEAR AGO 2010. IN 1975 DON, HIS WIFE AND SONS LEFT CALIFORNIA BY SAIL BOAT TOWARDS MEXICO SAILING FOR ONE YEAR. AND RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA.

IN 1985 THE WONDER LUST TOOK THEM TO PORTA VALERTA, MEXICO AND THEN OFF TO SAN MIGUEL DUE TO THE VERY FOND MEMORIES THEY HAD OF THE AREA. DON, STILL SEARCHING FOR A PLACE TO SETTLE FOUND A QUIET SPOT IN FRONT OF THE CATHEDRAL AND DECIDED TO RETIRE TO SAN MIGUEL, DOING SO 5 YEARS LATER.

IN SAN MIGUEL THEY FOUND A HOME AND SETTLED IN. DON SHARED THAT HIS PASSION FOR THE AREA AND PEOPLE LED HIM TO HELP DEVELOP THE LIBRARY, SAFE AND LOCAL NIGHT LIFE, A COMPUTER CLUB AND A VERY WELL RESPECTED BI-LINGUAL NEWSPAPER.

MODERN DAY VIOLENCE AND UNREST IN MEXICO FORCED DON TO LEAVE HIS SAN MIGUEL AND RETURN TO THE STATES. HE HAS ESTABLISHED NEW ROOTS IN OUR CITY OF GEORGETOWN (SUN CITY). DON REMINDS US IF WE TRAVEL TO MEXICO THAT WE FLY, AND TRAVEL ABOUT ONLY IN THE DAY LITE HOURS.

Presiding Officer: Rich Petro

Invocation: Al Cummins

Pledge: Wayne Courtney

4-Way Test: David Leas

Guests:

PDG Tim Buckley/N W Austin

Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise

Malcolm Hensley/Odessa East

Tommy Coleman/Georgetown

Ray Barron/Downtown

From the Boardroom:

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This week: **Bob Derse** will present a programme on working with small businesses.

News, etc. 44 members Happy Bucks: \$50.00

Although the Orange Crush Team “won” bragging rights for providing the most number of items for for the Caring Place (congratulations!), as **Adaire Wolf** said, “*our club is the true winner, along with all the families we helped with the fight against hunger in our community.*”

Since December 2007 and the Gates matching funds initiative, our club has raised the most money for Polio Plus (over \$27,000) – due in no small part to **Bill Miller's** efforts; **Bill Harrah** played second base in the college world series championship game – 60 years ago! **Harold Lawless** graduated from medical school 57 years ago this month; President **Tom Minor** is headed for Chicago next week to be with family; **Richard and Jeanette Nemetz** brought a special helper this week – Riley, their granddaughter; **Norm Peters** and his wife, Lynda, have celebrated their 50th anniversary.

The Sunrise Rotary Club has invited members to attend the installation of their officers on Thursday, June 23rd at 6PM at the Georgetown Country Club; **Buzz Ferweda** (from the Sunrise Club) is proud that his son sponsors the Formula 1 racing club; **Alex Munson** has reassured the club that he does not twitter! **Bob Weimer** and **Chris Mealy** echoed the thoughts of many when they recognized the achievements of Bill Miller and Lou Gibson. **David Leas** passed around a form and asked former military men to fill it out and return it to him so he can arrange for a special meeting in order for us to hear their amazing stories.

PDG Tim Buckley congratulated Bill and then he formally presented **Lou Gibson** with the Roll of Fame Award signed by John Kenny, President of RI 2010-11. Many congratulations, Lou ! As Tim noted, few members can achieve the requirements for this award thus making it very special for our club.

With sadness: **Gordon Bishop's** grandson graduated from High School last week but was killed shortly after in an automobile accident. Our hearts grieve for his loss.

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Polio

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The poliovirus invades the nervous system, and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age, but mainly affects children under five years of age.

PolioPlus

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\$800 million 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 \$4 billion to the effort.

Polio Today

Today, endemic wild poliovirus has been eliminated from all but four countries in the world (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan), and less than 2000 cases were reported worldwide in 2008. Though great progress has been made, challenges remain. Overall, the quality of immunization campaigns must be improved, and more funding is critically needed. In response, governments, donors and international agencies have endorsed a plan with clear milestones to tackle these and other challenges to a polio-free world.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative

With its community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm and top private sector contributor to a global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio. Since its launch in 1988, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNICEF - has reduced the incidence of polio by more than 99 percent. At the time, more than 125 countries were polio-endemic, and more than 350,000 children were paralysed by the disease each year.

Rotarians in Action

Besides raising funds, over one million men and women of Rotary have donated their time and personal resources to help immunize nearly two billion children during mass immunization campaigns throughout the world. Rotarians prepare and distribute different types of mass communication tools to get the message to people cut off from the mainstream by conflict, geography or poverty. Rotarians also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, administer the vaccine to children and provide other logistical support.

Lasting Legacy

The savings of polio eradication are potentially as high as \$ 1.5 billion per year - funds that could be used to address other public health priorities. The savings in human suffering will be immeasurable.

