



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
June 19, 2012

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Rank does not confer privilege or give power.
It imposes responsibility.

. . . Peter Drucker

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Kelly Barnett **Members Attending:** 41
Pledge: Byron Calcote **Happy Bucks:** \$59.00
4-way test: Charley Ray

Visiting Rotarian: Ned Snead/Sunrise

Guests: Ernestine Brown/Stephen Brown
Lee Snyder/Lou Gibson
Ben & Joanne Gaines/Stephen Brown
Betty Calcote/Byron Calcote
Marion Griffith/Ned Snead
Dina Lee Macron/Carolyn Holloway
Bill Blodgett/Carolyn Holloway

To-day: **Gordon Bishop** will introduce Thom Sloan, S&W Hospital Foundation

Next Week: PRESIDENT'S NIGHT

The location for the President's Night has been changed from the Cowan Creek Pavilion to the Florence Room at Cowan Creek Amenity Center (the room where we have our weekly meetings).
The time is from 6 to 8 pm.

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Tuesday, July 3rd – RYLA in Bastrop – Kitchen Crew needed for lunch

Wednesday July 4th – RYLA in Bastrop – Kitchen Crew needed for lunch

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Future Programmes:

July 10 Club Assembly
July 17 Biographies
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 28 District Governor's visit

Last Week: by Harold Bergh

Our Czech Fest program on June 12th was a celebration of Czech heritage and the people who emigrated to Texas in the 1800's. Famine, oppression, conscription and high taxes resulted in many thousands of people leaving their homeland to seek opportunity and freedom in America.

Texas was one of the places that attracted these immigrants. They developed whole communities, farms and businesses, many of which still exist throughout Central Texas.

Jeanette and Rick Nemec, both with Czech ancestry, catered an authentic Czech meal. They recalled experiences growing up in a rural Texas Czech community. **Harold Bergh** provided traditional Czech music on his accordion. He also accompanied Jeanette and Rick as they sang "Krasna Amerika" (Pretty America), a popular Czech waltz.

A good time was had by all.

How to make up a missed meeting:

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.

What to do when you can't find a meeting:

Rotarians often wonder what to do if there's not a club where they travel or if an emergency causes them to miss a meeting.

One option is to attend a regular meeting of a local [Rotaract club](#), [Interact club](#), [Rotary Community Corps](#) or [Rotary Fellowship](#). Attending one of these meetings counts as a make-up.

Another option is to participate in an interactive activity on a [Rotary e-club website](#).

Bluebonnet --The Texas State Flower

How did the Bluebonnet get named the Texas State Flower? Well, guess what. Politics was involved. Well, DUH. A very powerful Texas politician did not see it that way. He felt that his favorite flower, the cactus flower, was the most representative of the flowers for our state flower. We have cactus everywhere in the state. However, The Colonial Dames of Texas pushed for the bluebonnet to be the state flower. As their exercise in political push, they gave to the Texas legislators an oil painting of the bluebonnet, as many of them had never seen the flower. (They are a lot more widespread now than they were back then.)

No small time politico, the Vice President of the United States was right in the middle of the battle. His name was John Nance Garner, IV, and he served as Franklin D. Roosevelt's VP from 1933 to 1941 and had been speaker of the U. S. House under Herbert Hoover. He was born in Red River County, Texas, in 1868 and was elected to his first political office in 1898. He was a winner of a politician, but a loser in the battle of the flowers. About all Garner got out of backing the cactus as state flower was his nickname, "Cactus Jack". That is how the final scoreboard read:

Bluebonnets, 1

Cactus, 0

And we now have the bluebonnet as our state flower.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

Protection on the Internet:

If you have many tabs open on your browser, certain phishing attacks can guess what other windows you might have open and attack those other windows by trying to steal passwords. If you're doing online banking, you should close your browser, reopen it with only one window running, and then do your banking. When you're done, close the browser entirely so it will flush the cache and clean everything out of memory.

Misc. etc:

Carolyn Holloway will be having her birthday soon; **Herman Knodel** is celebrating to-day – 76 years young; **Tom Minor** told us **Pete Snelson** is on his way to Washington D.C. to be part of the WWII honor flight; **Stephen Brown** reminded us how fortunate we are to have **Rick and Jeanette Nemec**; **Norm Peters** was pleased to be sitting today with guest **Marion Griffith** who flew the Concorde; **Bob Deffeyes** said he woke up to snow last week in Glacier National Park and is happy to be home to thaw out; members were pleased to have **Bill Miller** back; Carolyn Holloway's guest, **Dina Lee Macron**, urged us all to see the “best performance the theater group has put on” - now playing in Sun City ballroom.

The Membership Moment was presented by **Carolyn Holloway** who talked about women in Rotary. (See article in last week's Sun Light)

We were pleased to have prospective Eagle Scout, **David Cavazos**, with us today. David is working on his Eagle Scout badge and he told us about his plans for making and donating 25 care packages for the Annunciation Home. These packages will hold things the new mothers need such as diapers, bottles, blankets, etc. and David asked for our support and donations.

Historic Moments: Why the Rotary year begins 1 July

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year.

Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently."

Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it.

. . . Harry S. Truman

60th High School Reunion

He was a widower and she a widow.

They had known each other for a number of years being high school classmates and having attended class reunions in the past without fail. This 60th anniversary of their class, the widower and the widow made a foursome with two other singles. They had a wonderful evening, their spirits high. The widower throwing admiring glances across the table. The widow smiling coyly back at him. Finally, he picked up courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?" After about six seconds of careful consideration, she answered, "Yes,..... yes I will!"

The evening ended on a happy note for the widower. But the next morning he was troubled. Did she say "Yes" or did she say "No?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. He went over the conversation of the previous evening, but his mind was blank. He remembered asking the question but for the life of him he could not recall her response. With fear and trepidation he picked up the phone and called her.

First, he explained that he couldn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the past evening.

As he gained a little more courage he then inquired of her. "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say "Yes" or did you say "No?"

"Why you silly man, I said 'Yes. Yes I will.' And I meant it with all my heart."

The widower was delighted. He felt his heart skip a beat. Then she continued. "And I am so glad you called because I couldn't remember who asked me!"

Many Thanks:

We are almost at the end of another Rotary year and the editor would like to say Thank You to all those who have been so generous in their thanks for the Sun Light. However, it would not have been the same if BOB DEFFEYES hadn't been such a generous donor of the many, many delightful and interesting articles he has forwarded for inclusion over the last couple of years.

Thank you, Bob !!

. . . the editor