



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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Quote:

To get back my youth, I would do anything in the world except take exercise, get up early, or be respectable.

- - Oscar Wilde

Last week - -

Presiding:

Tom Minor

Guests:

Jo Johns

Sarah Bryce

Invocation:

Gordon Bishop

Lyn Tragesser

Nancy Elam

Pledge:

Byron Calcote

Sing Gibson

Jackie Deaton

4-Way Test:

David Leas

Courtney Powell

Joan Miller

Karen Bishop

Ellen Weimer

Lori Minor

Pat Bender

Effie Selman

Lucy Cabaniss

Jane Hobbs

Betty Calcote

Wanda Ray

Rita Petro

Peggy Racioppi

Marcy Lowe

Patti Munson

Betty Knodel

Judy Harries

Steve Mattison

Maria Leas

Ernestine Brown

Guest Rotarians:

Bob Elam/Colchester VT

Bob Beavers/G'Town Sunrise

Last Week:

..... was President's Night and thus **President Tom Minor's** penultimate meeting as President. The tables were decorated and each one had an unusual and delightful flower arrangement – many thanks to Adaire Wolf for her creativity. And *muchos gracias* to **Bob Weimer** for providing the liquid refreshments.

Tom outlined the achievements made during his tenure and we can be very proud of what the club has achieved under his leadership during the 2010-11 year.

International projects:

Partnering with the Matamoros Professional Club, we equipped a Red Cross Emergency Room.

In Reynosa, Mex. we helped fund the installation of concrete floors in a number of homes. (Kudos to **Jamie Mattison** for her work on these international projects.)

Closer to home:

There was 100% membership participation in the Polio Plus fund raising efforts. And the membership has so far raised a total of \$13,284. As well, out of a membership total of 62, 26 are PolioPlus Sustaining Members.

46 members now hold Paul Harris Awards.

Re the Foundation Annual Fund, 79% of the club have become Sustaining Members;

Bill Harrah donated \$16,000 to the Permanent Fund; and the club donated \$1,000 to the Japan Relief Fund.

Three Jarrell HS students were awarded scholarships and thanks to **Don Bender**, **Herman Knodel** and **John Chenoweth** who worked hard on this project.

John Skannal and **Chris Mealy** were instrumental in organizing efforts to help two students to attend RYLA.

Because of **Barb Pekar's** idea to help the Caring Place we donated enough items to help restock their shelves.

With the help of a matching grant, our club had a security system installed in the Boys' and Girls' Club and also gave them a wall mounted television.

The club donated money to buy wheelchairs in Mexico; and gave the Eagle Locker at Georgetown High School \$500.

Special thanks was given to **Bob Deffeyes** for his contributions to the *Sun Light*; our caterers, **Jeanette and Richard Nemec**, were given a big hand for the wonderful meals they provide every week; **Jackie and E.C. Deaton** were thanked for allowing us to use their home again this year.

Stephen Brown was thanked for his (successful) efforts at making each meeting fun and enjoyable! and **Herman Knodel**, the **Sergeant-at-Arms**, who sets up the room every week – and then stays to put everything away at the end.

Approbation to members of the Food Committee, **Adaire Wolf**, **Barb Pekar**, and **Bob Weimer**, along with **Tom Minor** who is occasionally co-opted into using his pick-up, for ensuring we have a meal whenever the Nemecs are away.

Special gratitude to the person who “has had to put up with a lot this year”, **Lori Minor!!** **Don Bender** has been a help with the programmes; and **John Chenoweth** is invaluable especially because of this computer know-how.

President **Tom Minor** gave special mention to **Bill Miller**, **Renée Mercier**, **John Chenoweth**, **Adaire Wolf**, and **Tom Hobbs** for their work on the Breakfast With Santa project. **Bill Miller** and **Bob Weimer** were praised for their efforts in raising so much money for PolioPlus, as well **Bob Smith** for his individual efforts.

Lou Gibson led a round of applause for all the work and efforts of President **Tom Minor** throughout this most successful year.

Bill Miller was given a well earned round of applause for the work he does regarding the Paul Harris Awards and the Foundation and keeping track of the various donations.

ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR: **Bob Weimer** was presented with this year's award – and a most popular choice it was. Congratulations, Bob!

PDG Bill Bryce, though not officially a member of this club, has nevertheless played a very large part in it, and he was awarded a plaque thanking him for all the years he has helped and guided our club in its endeavours.

Paul Harris Upgrades: The following members were awarded with upgrades:

+1	Gordon Bishop	+2	John Chenoweth	3+	Harold Bergh
	E.C. Deaton		Robert Deffeyes		Rich Petro
	Jamie Mattison		Bob Derse		Adaire Wolf
	Art Tragesser				
	Bob Weimer				
+6	Lou Gibson	+7	Lou Gibson		
	Bill Miller				
	Trubee Racioppi				

As well, **Jackie Deaton** and **Carol Will** were presented with their Paul Harris Awards.

President-Elect, **Rich Petro**, asked the 2011-12 Officers and Directors to come forward and, as he has done many times before, **PDG Bill Bryce** performed their swearing in.

In the meantime, a big hand of applause was offered to the 2010-11 Officers and Directors who have made the club proud and successful.

Previous Week: by **Bob Smith** with **Charley Ray** (programme by Bob Derse)

Bob Derse, at age 21 was employed by RCA and worked there for the next eight years. His latest assignment at RCA was as supervisor of the engineers to make sure their work was in accordance with the voluminous number of government regulations.

Later, he operated a family business which was manufacturing various pieces of equipment used in the banking industry. This experience provided Mr. Derse with the knowledge and problems of operating a small business. He set himself up as a consultant for small businesses and discovered that of the millions of small businesses in the U.S. 98% have fewer than one hundred employees. He also found that Texas produced 37% of the new jobs in the country. Most all small business is managed or operated by one person.

As a consultant for a small business, Bob recognized the many challenges the owner of a small business has and mentioned:

1. Personnel: select and hire employees to fill positions; evaluate competent people; determine the degree and quality of their education; determine their ability to work with today's technology. (Note: many good jobs that pay well do not require highly educated people but do require good work habits; dependability; and aptitude.)
2. Purchase necessary equipment.
3. Know and understand rules and regulations which are extensive.
4. Remember the owner is responsible for any employee mistakes.
5. Be responsible for all debts.
6. Work within all minimum wage regulations.
7. Manage cash flow and cost of inventory.
8. Deal with his own work related stress.

To grow, a small business owner must be capable of evaluating property and have the ability to finance building, equipment, and infrastructure. A small business owner must maintain a personal and humane relationship with his employees and their families.

In summary, to own a small business is a real challenge!

Future Programmes:

July 5	Nathan Cabaniss
July 12	<u>D.G. Suresh Pahwa</u>
July 19	New Member Bios
July 26	Bill Harrah
August 2	Ron Ferreri
August 9	Ben Gaines
August 16	Tom Hobbs
August 23	Carolyn Holloway
August 30	Susan Ward

Future Recorders:

Pete Snelson
Don Anthis
Don Bender
Gary Brown
Stephen Brown
Byron Calcote
Nathan Cabaniss
John Chenoweth
Wayne Courtney

Today's programme: E.C. Deaton

Next Week: Nathan Cabaniss will introduce Mickie Ross from the Historical Museum.

Bob Deffeyes' Rule for Foundation Donations :

Money is like manure. You get the best effect if you spread it around a little.

News, etc:

The following have had birthdays recently: **Jamie Mattison**; **Herman Knodel**; **John Chenoweth's** father-in-law (now 90!); **Chuck MacKay**; **Chris Mealy's** father (now 88!); **Bob and Trudy Derse** are celebrating their 56th anniversary; **John and Janice Rouse** will celebrate their 30th anniversary; **Tom Hobbs** is still hounding **Don Anthis** about his attendance record! honorary Rotarian, **Lynda Peters**, is in Nicaragua leading Team #134; **Bob Deffeyes'** daughter has now achieved her second doctorate but has had to go to Montreal to find a job! **Richard and Jeanette Nemec's** daughter has just passed her neo-natal state exam; and **Art and Lyn Tragesser** have celebrated an anniversary recently; long time member, **Trubee Racioppi** and his wife, Peg, are moving to Louisiana – our good wishes go with them.

THE LAWS OF GOLF:

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to miff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you?

