



# THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

March 13, 2012

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A man is not necessarily intelligent because he has plenty of ideas,  
any more than he is a good general because he has plenty of soldiers.

. . . Nicolas de Chamfort

**MARCH IS  
LITERARY MONTH**

**Last Week: by Dick Retz**

Our speaker was Joshua C. Swafford who is Executive Vice President of Central Texas Olive Ranch located one mile east of Walburg. Josh has been extremely well prepared for his position in that he graduated from Texas A&M in 2008 with a BS in Agricultural Leadership & Development and a minor in Agricultural Business. While at A&M he was employed by USDA and assisted in Forage Cytogenetics and Plant Breeding Research. Interesting historical background includes the fact that the olive grove is on property that has been in the Mickan family since the 1870's where cattle were raised and row crops were farmed for many decades.

Josh and his grandfather Curtis Mickan broke ground on the first olive grove in Central Texas on January 2, 2009. Three varieties of olives were selected to be suitable for high-density orchards and Central Texas climate as well as to provide the best combination of flavors for the extra virgin olive oil. Central Texas Olive Ranch is second largest olive ranch in the State of Texas with their 23,000 tree orchard. Josh emphasized the importance of freshness of the Extra Virgin Olive Oil and provided details in the process to guarantee freshness.

The product is available at local farmers markets including the farmers market in Sun City. The website is [txolive.com](http://txolive.com). Josh concluded a very impressive presentation with an extensive question and answer opportunity.

**Invocation:** Bill Thompson

**Pledge:** Bob Smith

**4-Way Test:** David Leas

**Visiting Rotarian:** Danny Swafford/Georgetown, noon

**Guests:** Sue Retz/Dick Retz  
Jim Scharff/Lou Gibson  
David Wolf/Adaire Wolf

Members present: 45  
Happy Bucks: \$151.00

**This Week:** **Bob Weimer** will introduce Joe Austin, the new Head Coach for Southwestern's Football program, and Megan Hardin, Athletic Director

**Next Week:** **Lou Gibson** and **Harold Bergh** will present a special programme on membership.

<b><u>Future Programmes:</u></b>	March 27	Bob Smith
	April 3	CLUB ASSEMBLY
	April 10	John Rouse
	April 17	David Stuetelberg

**MISSION:**

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 Why resist temptation? There will always be more.  
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**Dates to Remember:**

March 20(Tues)	Strategic Plan Progress Report 1:15PM – all welcome
March 24-25	PETS, Dallas-Fort Worth (Presidents Elect)
April 17(Tues)	Strategic Plan Due, Report from Teams
April 28 (Sat.)	District Assembly, Killeen (All officers, committees invited)
April 29 (Sun)	<b>Spring Fling Fundraiser</b> (Sun City Ballroom)
May 6 – 9	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 19 (Sat.)	District Conference Part I, Killeen (All invited)
June 16 (Sat.)	District Conference Part II, Bastrop (All invited)
June 26 (Tues)	President's Night, Cowan Creek, (time TBA)

**News From the Boardroom:**

1) **David Leas** reported that the booklet, "Brief Histories of Military Experiences of Club Members and Close Family Members", has been completed and will be made available to our club membership for an approximate cost of \$10. A signup sheet will be available for those members that are interested in purchasing this booklet.

2) **John Chenoweth** asked for board affirmation of awarding 3 scholarships to Jarrell High School seniors - one for \$1,000 and 2 for \$500. The board members affirmed this action.

3) **Bob Weimer** reported on the progress of our "Spring Fling". He reported that the Assistance League members would help with ticket sales and perhaps help in decorating the tables for the event. Various local media will be used in publicizing this fundraising event.

4) **Jamie Mattison** reported that our next Strategic Planning session would be held at our meeting on March 20th.

5) **Bill Miller** reported that **Bob Elam** will be in charge of the club's role in the Sun City Arts and Crafts Show this fall. Our club is expected to receive \$3,500 for helping to sponsor this event.

6) **Bill Miller** reported that the Chisholm Trail Community Association (CTCA) has devised a new form to be used when withdrawing funds from our investments in CTCA.

7) **Lou Gibson** made the motion seconded by **Tom Minor** that Don Anthis be dropped from our club membership due to non-attendance. This motion was unanimous approved by the board.

**Constitutional Trivia:**

Only two Constitution signers went on to become President of the United States: George Washington and James Madison.

Thomas Jefferson did not sign the Constitution: he was serving as the U.S. Ambassador at the time.

At 4543 words, including the signatures, the United States Constitution is one of the shortest constitutions in the world.

At the age of 81, Benjamin Franklin was the oldest delegate to the Constitution Convention; he travelled to and from the State House in a sedan chair carried by four prisoners from Philadelphia's Walnut Street jail.

More than 12,000 amendments have been proposed since 1789, but only 27 have made it all the way through the approval process.

The lovely penmanship on the original parchment came from the hand of an assistant clerk named Jacob Shallus. He received \$30 for his troubles.

### Misc. etc.

**Adaire Wolf** and **Bill Thompson** will each celebrate their birthdays this week; and on the 9<sup>th</sup>, **Bob Smith** will be 91! **Bill Harries** was in Mexico recently and visited the only English-speaking Rotary club in Mexico; our guest, **Danny Swafford** from the Georgetown Rotary, reminded us his club is having its fundraiser and bar-b-que on April 13<sup>th</sup>; **Bob Weimer** added that our clubs will reciprocate by attending each others' events; **Bill Miller** announced the club is approaching 90% participation in the PolioPlus race to achieve 100% and **Lou Gibson** added that he and **Dick Will** have already paid in their matching amounts; **Bob Deffeyes** is back from California where he said gas prices are a dollar higher than they are here; **Norm Peters** is now a great-grandfather to a son! **Dick Will** is pleased to have his Rolls-Royce back in driving condition; **John Chenoweth** was thankful **Lou Gibson** still has some money left for Happy Bucks after his donation to PolioPlus; **Bill Grusy** is back from Arizona; **Bob Weimer** urged members to bring something unusual to raffal e during our Spring Fling and to tell friends and neighbours to come to the event; President **Rich Petro** advised that Rotary shirts are here for those who ordered one.

### Rotary Moment with **Harold Bergh**

Why Join Rotary?

Maybe you have seen a need in the community and wondered how you could help.

Maybe you want to use your professional skills to help others, or even to learn new skills.

Maybe you are seeking connections with other service-minded professionals in your community or abroad.

Whatever your reasons, joining Rotary can help you achieve these goals and so much more.

### The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST: The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND: High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD: The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH: The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

## Rotary's Organization:

### Mission

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**Clubs**  
Rotarians are members of [Rotary clubs](#), which belong to the global association Rotary International (RI). Each club elects its own officers and enjoys considerable autonomy within the framework of Rotary's constitution and bylaws.

**Districts**  
Clubs are grouped into [RI districts](#), each led by a district governor. District leaders, including assistant governors and various committees, help guide and support clubs. Annual district conferences celebrate achievements and bring Rotarians from different clubs together.

**RI Board**  
The [RI Board of Directors](#), which includes the [RI president](#) and president-elect, meets quarterly to establish policies. Directors are elected to represent Rotary clubs within a particular zone (group of districts).

**The Rotary Foundation**  
[The Rotary Foundation](#) is overseen by its [Board of Trustees](#), which includes the [Trustee chair](#) and chair-elect. Trustees are appointed by the RI president, with approval from the RI Board.

**The Secretariat**  
The Secretariat, or staff, of Rotary is led by the [general secretary](#), who is Rotary's chief executive officer. The staff works to serve Rotarians from the international [headquarters](#) located near Chicago, and at international offices in [Argentina](#), [Australia](#), [Brazil](#), [India](#), [Japan](#), [Korea](#), and [Switzerland](#). The office for RI in Great Britain and Ireland ([RIBI](#)), located in England, serves clubs and districts in that region.

## Lipstick

According to a news report, a certain private school recently was faced with a unique problem.

A number of middle school girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the maintenance man who had to clean the mirrors every night.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required. He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers, and then there are educators.

