



# 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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## MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

**Rotary Prayer:** Let us pray. We are thankful for this day that You have given us, for its blessings, its opportunities, its challenges. May we appreciate and use each day that comes to us. We pray for strength and guidance for each day as it comes, for each day's duties, for each day's problems. May we be challenged to give our best always, and may we be assured of Your presence with us. Amen.

### Last Week:

<b>Invocation:</b>	James Scharff	<b>Rotarian Guest:</b>	PDG Gonzalo Garza
<b>Pledge:</b>	John Chenoweth	<b>Guest:</b>	Matt Lindeman/Mike Oglesby
<b>4-Way Test:</b>	Tom Minor	<b>Happy Bucks:</b>	\$57.00

**Today's Programme:** Judge John Delaney, Drug Policy Forum of Texas

**Next Week:** Mr. Norm Peters, MEDICO

### Future Programmes:

Apr 2	Club Assembly
Apr 9	Mr. Dave Lovelace, Sun City Theater building
Apr 16	Biographies
Apr 23	Mr. Herb Fulton, Boxing
Apr 30	Mr. Lou Gibson, Shriners
May 7	Mr. Henry Martinez, IRS
May 14	GSE team visiting from the Philippines
May 21	Mr. John Sullivan, Georgetown Fire Chief
May 28	Memorial Day speaker

**Upcoming Events:**

April 6	Austin Rotary Club Centennial luncheon ( <u>RI President-Elect Ron Burton</u> will speak)
May 31 – June 2, 2013	District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop <u>RI President-Elect Ron Burton</u> will speak.
June 23 – 26, 2013	Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

### Membership Moment with **Lou Gibson** and **Harold Bergh**

Our dynamic duo somehow got their wires crossed at first about who was going to introduce whom, but they managed to sort it all out and Lou very graciously introduced Harold who (bravo!) remembered to bring the special Rotary M&Ms. All laughing aside, membership is very important and we need to be on the lookout for new members to help us in our Rotary mission.

## **Last Week:** by Malcolm Hensley

Last Tuesday's speaker was John Copeland with the Locker Program. The "Locker Program" is the successor to "The Eagles Nest" which is Georgetown's charity program to take care of the many Homeless School Children estimated to be in excess of 230 who live wherever they can and still have enough incentive to stay in school which is quite admirable in this writer's point of view.

A new stronger Board has been formed including leading local citizens including some of our own Rotarians. Four of these identified students are also included on the Board to get their input. The Locker Room helps with whatever the student needs including new clothes, graduation caps & gowns, etc.. The High School has two counselors dedicated to helping with this project and the Intermediate School has one counselor. The elementary school nurse leads her school's efforts in this behalf to identify and help these students.

Application for a new IRS 501C (3) status has been completed to separate themselves from The Chisolm Trail Charity. Those who want to Keep Their Charity Dollars At Home should remember this worthwhile organization.

## The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists announced last Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives electrons and all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a **Higgs boson**, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a massive explosion known as the Big Bang. The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later became popularly known as the "**God particle**."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data. "The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandela, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN, each involving several thousand scientists.

Whether or not it is a Higgs boson is demonstrated by how it interacts with other particles and its quantum properties, CERN said in the statement. After checking, scientists said the data "strongly indicates that it is a Higgs boson."

The results were announced in a statement by the Geneva-based CERN and released at a physics conference in the Italian Alps.

## **What exactly is polio?**

**Polio is:** A crippling and potentially fatal infectious disease, polio (poliomyelitis) still strikes children mainly under the age of five in countries in Asia and Africa.

Polio can cause paralysis and sometimes death. Because there is no cure for polio, the best protection is prevention. For as little as US\$0.60 worth of vaccine, a child can be protected against this crippling disease for life.

It can cause paralysis within hours, and polio paralysis is almost always irreversible. In the most severe cases, polio attacks the motor neurons of the brain stem, causing breathing difficulty or even death.

Historically, polio has been the world's greatest cause of disability.

If polio isn't eradicated, the world will continue to live under the threat of the disease. More than 10 million children will be paralyzed in the next 40 years if the world fails to capitalize on its US\$9 billion global investment in eradication.

## Misc. etc

**Glynn Hatley**, who has a great website, is once again throwing his hat into the race to be a representative for Sun City; **Tom Minor** urged us to hurry and get tickets to "South Pacific"; **Harold Bergh** said the *Sun City Singers* will be performing next month featuring **Gary Sandercock**, along with Harold and his wife among many others; **President Jamie Mattison** said the club has raised \$5,000 for PolioPlus with perhaps a little more to come; **Malcolm Hensley** is confirmed to go to Lisbon for the RI convention and would love to have company; **Bill Harries'** musical son and grandson are going play at SXSW; **Carolyn Holloway** reminded members about the Austin Rotary Club Centennial luncheon on April 6<sup>th</sup> that will feature President-Elect Ron Burton.

**Tom Minor** presented **Pete Snelson** with his first Paul Harris, a gift from his wife, Susan.

## News From the Boardroom:

- 1) Bob Crandall has made application to become a member of our Club. He is sponsored by Herman Knodel.
- 2) The Board approved the expenditure of some \$200 for the RYLA pizza lunch held at Jarrell High School and \$112 for the king's cake at the Mardi Gras party.
- 3) Bob Weimer made the motion seconded by John Chenoweth that Happy Bucks that are needed be designated to the Annual Fund in order that our Club can meet Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) goal.
- 4) Our next fund raising project will be held on July 7, 2013 at the Sun City Ballroom. This event will be similar to the Spring Fling that we held in the spring of 2012. The theme will evolve around the 4th of July celebration. Bob Weimer will secure this date and the food caterer for this event.
- 5) Several other ideas for fund raising projects were discussed and will be reported back to the Board at a later date.
- 6) Doug Lowe reported that currently we have \$700 in our Community Services bank account which is \$1,700 short of our commitments of \$400 for our International grant to Heartbeat and \$2,000 for Jarrell High School scholarships. Bill Miller will check if these needed funds may be available through our Endowment Fund.

The following persons have resigned their membership in our Club:

Charles Ray, Bill Grusy, and Dennis Morgan

## My Messy Desk

I sit here looking at my messy desk. In fact, my study has two desks, because I am twice as messy. I just never throw stuff away, except for things that make it to the wastebasket accidentally. Then I have to go looking for the lost item. I was getting ready for my presentation to Sun City Rotary and realized that I may be the **ONLY** club member who has to wear a hard hat to look for a #2 yellow pencil on my desk.

We used to live in California, but felt we had to move as an earthquake might start a landslide, or a deskslide. That was an unnecessary move, and an expensive one. I now realize that I could have put a retaining wall around my desktop for less than the cost of the moving. Long range it cost me income because I had to give up the mushroom business I ran on the side -- the side of my desk.

Our beloved family cat mistook my desk for a compost pile but went elsewhere to make her "contribution". Instead, she went to use her sandbox because it was so much neater and cleaner than my desks. She is a very neat tidy Abyssinian cat. If it were her desk, it would be spotless. A kitty treat for her would be a daily desk cleaning with Lemon Pledge. She would keep it so clean that it would look like it was for sale.

So, I just sit here looking at my messy desks and being happy that my cat doesn't own a dump truck.

. . . . Bob Deffeyes

*The first step in forgiveness is the willingness to forgive.*

**Have you missed a meeting? Here is one way to make up – go to the [Rotary e-club website](#).**

Rotary e-clubs are Rotary clubs that meet electronically. Like all Rotary clubs, e-clubs meet weekly, perform service projects in local and international communities, support The Rotary Foundation, and enjoy fellowship among members.

The key distinction is that an e-club conducts its weekly meetings on a dedicated website. Because e-clubs meet online, members can access the site at their convenience at any point during the week.

The flexibility in meeting times offers members with hectic business schedules, physical disabilities, or location constraints the opportunity to be part of a Rotary club.

In addition, Rotary e-clubs offer an opportunity for all Rotarians to make up a missed meeting online.

**If Men Were to Rewrite "The Rules"**

- Rule # 1      Anything we said six or eight months ago is inadmissible in an argument. All comments become null and void after seven days.
- Rule # 2      If we say something that can be interpreted in two ways, and one of the ways makes you sad or angry, we meant the other way.
- Rule # 3      It is in neither your best interest nor ours to make us take those stupid Cosmo quizzes together.
- Rule # 4      You can either ask us to do something OR tell us how you want it done -- not both.
- Rule # 5      Whenever possible, please say whatever you have to say during commercials or time-outs.
- Rule # 6      Christopher Columbus didn't need directions and neither do we.
- Rule # 7      When we're turning the wheel and the car is nosing onto the ramp, you saying "This is our exit" is not necessary.

