



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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A patriot must always be ready
to defend his country against his government.

... Edward Abbey

Last Week:

Attending the Sun City Rotary Lunch on Tuesday March 13th was Southwestern Universities Associate Athletic Director Ronda Seagraves who talked briefly about the Sports program at the University. Telling that the Womens Softball program is 4 years old and that Mens LaCrosse is 3 years old. the LaCrosse team was the first in the state of Texas at the time. Director Seagraves said that the game of LaCrosse is very exciting to watch since there are many physical parts of the game. Very much like the activity of Football on the field.

Director Seagraves said that the University had 260 applicants for the Head football coach position but Joe Austin had more to the right attributes than any other applicant. Coach Joe Austin was then introduced to the attendees. A surprise person in the audience was Mr. and Mrs Morris Bratton. Mr Bratton was a 1947 SU graduate and a football team member in 1947 under Head Coach Medley. Coach Austin was interested in talking football with Mr. Bratton.

Coach Austin then went on to share his coaching history of 13 years. First at Concordia University in Minnesota and after 4 years their team became division champions. Next Coach Austin was recruited by Debuque University with a new, small member team, Joe went on to mold that the players into a first place ranking team. Coach Austin then moved on to Hannover University where he again built a team and took them to conference champions after only 3 years as head coach. It was then suggested that Joe look into the opportunity at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. Coach Austin indicated that he had a few good years at Hannover and really wanted to go for another championship. However after a close mentor continued to encourage Joe to look at SU, he did just that.

Coach Austin commented that he and family found that the city Georgetown and the University fit all of the requirements on his list of why he would consider moving. Great community, really good schools, and a large commitment by Southwestern to build all of the facets needed to start a competitive football program. And so here we are today. Coach Austin begins his search for assistant coaches, scouting high school programs, interviewing current student potential players and working closely with the athletic department at Southwestern to build a first class sports complex and program over the next few years.

Coach indicated that in his past schools, his requirement of team members was to be better or equal in GPA to all other campus students.

Coach Austin went on to explain his offense and defense strategies and indicated that there will be special game day themes, a kids day, a city fire and police day, a soldiers day and so on.

In the mean time Southwestern games will be played at the GISD Complex. Coach Austin and Director Seagraves both indicated that there has been huge amount of support from GISD to assist in the use of their field and facilities.

"We invite all of Georgetown to watch us practice and to get to know our players and coaching staff". Coach will visit as many schools and community events as is possible so he can get to know all of Georgetown.

Invocation: Bill Thompson
Pledge: Ray Bergman
4-way test: Stephen Brown

Members Attending: 44
Happy Bucks: \$50.

Guests: Kent Huntsman/Bill Harrah
Jim Scharff/Lou Gibson
Harold Steadman/Bill Harrah
Morris & Nettie Ruth Bratton/Caroline Holloway
Ben Gaines/Stephen Brown
David Wolf/Adaire Wolf
Leonard Lee/Carolyn Holloway

Today's Programme: **Lou Gibson** and **Harold Bergh** will present a programme on membership.

Next Week: **Bob Smith** will introduce Robert R. Payne, author of "Earhart's Flight Into Yesterday" - the story of Amelia Earhart's last flight.

Boardroom News: **James Scharff's** nomination for membership was accepted by the Board.

Future Programmes:

April 3	CLUB ASSEMBLY
April 10	John Rouse
April 17	David Stuetelberg
April 24	Don Bender (with guest Sarah Hinton, Manager of Georgetown airport)
May 1	Ray Bergman ("Around the majors in 60 days")
May 8	Gary Sandercock (subject will be Cryogenics)

Dates to Remember:

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)	Spring Fling Fundraiser (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)

Misc. etc. **John Chenoweth's** mother and sister have birthdays on St.Patrick's Day; **Jamie Mattison** is very happy it's Spring Break right now; **Tom Minor** reminded members tonight is the soup supper fund raiser for the Caring Place at St. Helen's Church; **John Harding's** daughter and son-in-law will celebrate their wedding anniversary on the Ides of March; **Ben Hyde** has three grandchildren visiting; **Bob Deffeyes** has donated a rather different 4-way test! **Norm Peters** saw his brand new great-grandson a couple of days ago; **John Chenoweth** has donated blood yet again; **John Harries** has returned from a visit to Kansas City; **Bob Selman's** granddaughter is 29 to-day; **Don Mabray** boasted that the Baylor women's team is 34-0; **Ron Ferreri** has returned from a trip to Mexico; **Bob Weimer** thanked members for bringing cheques and as well as items for the April 29th Spring Fling.

Neighbourhood News: Former member, **David Wolf** and his wife, member **Adaire Wolf**, have been working on a project to develop their 100+ acre tract on Williams Drive almost opposite to Scott & White. The development process, which started about 4 years ago with innumerable meetings with the city, is now almost ready and David presented their prospective plan which will have residential condos, office space, and some retail establishments - perhaps a restaurant and a Sprouts grocery store.

Rotary honors Prime Minister Cameron for supporting a polio-free world

Rotary International has recognized David Cameron, prime minister of the United Kingdom, with its Polio Eradication Champion Award for his leadership and dedication to a polio-free world. RI President Kalyan Banerjee presented the award to International Development Secretary Andrew Mitchell, who received it on the prime minister's behalf at a reception at the House of Commons on 14 March.

The award is the highest honor Rotary presents to heads of state, health agency leaders, and others who have made significant contributions to the global polio eradication effort. "We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rid the world of the evil of polio," Cameron said in a statement about the recognition. "The commitment of Britain and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, with the support of millions of Rotarians, has helped bring this crippling and often deadly disease to the brink of eradication."

India's milestone

"On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members worldwide, I am honored to recognize the commitment of Prime Minister Cameron for his outstanding support of efforts to eradicate polio," said Banerjee. "My own country, India, has just surpassed the milestone of a year without polio. We would not be so close to achieving the goal of a polio-free world without the longstanding support and continued leadership of the United Kingdom. We encourage other G8 countries to follow the UK's lead in continuing their support so that the world will soon be polio free."

The United Kingdom has been a strong supporter of the global polio eradication initiative with contributions and commitments totaling more than US\$960 million through 2012. "It is an honour for the UK and the prime minister in particular to be recognised in this way," said Mitchell. "Britain is at the forefront of the fight against polio and last year alone, Britain helped fully immunise over 45 million children from the crippling disease. None of this would be possible without the public-private partnership of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and the tireless leadership of Rotary International and its dedicated members. I urge all other countries and organisations to play their part now to achieve our ultimate goal of a world free from polio."

Did You Know?

Canada has more lakes than all other countries combined.

There has been only one president who was a bachelor – James Buchanan

The 50 tallest mountains on earth are all located in Asia.

In 2005, at least 2.5 million American drivers aged 85 or older had valid driver's licenses.

By law, French workers get at least 30 paid vacation days each year.

Only female mosquitos will bite you.

Montana is the only U.S. State that borders 3 different Canadian provinces.

(Alberta, British Columbia, and Saskatchewan)

Have you seen the March 18th Edition of the *Williamson Sun*?

In the “City Week” extra, the front page featured a long and interesting profile of our own **Pete Snelson**.

And on the penultimate page was a great photo – and article - taken last week of the speakers brought by **Bob Weimer**: Southwestern University Athletic Director, Ronda Seagraves and newly hired Head Football coach, Joe Austin. Also in the photo were Morris Bratton (a 1947 SU gridiron star) with his wife, Nettie Ruth and Rotary President, **Rich Petro**.

Skinny Dipping

An elderly man in Florida had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back.

It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange, and lime trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end. One of the women shouted to him, 'we're not coming out until you leave!'

The old man frowned, 'I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked..' Holding the bucket up he said, 'I'm here to feed the alligator.'

Some old men can still think fast.

