



# 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. Almighty God, we thank You for this day and for this privilege of being gathered in Rotary fellowship. Please bless this food to our use, and us to Your service. Amen.

## **Last Week:**

**Presiding:** V.P. Bob Weimer

**Invocation:** Norm Peters

**Pledge:** Bob Smith

**4-Way Test:** Bob Derse

**Guest:** Charles Heald/Lou Gibson

**Rotarian Guests:** Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise

Marissa Austin/Downtown

**Happy Bucks:** \$43.00

**Today's Programme:** Mr. Norm Peters, MEDICO

**Next Week:** Club Assembly

## **Future Programmes:**

Apr 9	Mr. Dave Lovelace, Sun City Theater building
Apr 16	Biographies
Apr 23	Mr. Herb Fulton, Boxing
Apr 30	Mr. Joe Austin, Southwestern U. Head Football Coach
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  
(RI President-Elect Ron Burton will speak)  
May 31 – June 2, 2013    District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop  
RI President-Elect Ron Burton will speak.  
June 23 – 26, 2013    Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

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

Emphasis this week was on networking. As Harold said, leadership is a key focus of Rotary. Through Rotary, we have the opportunity to expand leadership skill, achieve goals, and meet new people.

A week doesn't go by that we don't learn something new from the speaker at our club or just by working on projects with people. It is an opportunity to grow.

**Women and cats will do as they please,  
and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.**

. . . Robert A. Heinlein

## Last Week

by Janice Jacoby

Last Tuesday's speaker was Judge John Delaney. He is a retired judge but serves as a visiting judge and spends time in Mediation and Arbitration of civil and family disputes in numerous Texas counties. He was raised in Houston, is a Navy Veteran, a Rotarian member, a father of 4 and a grandfather to 4. Judge John Delaney has seen a lot in the judicial system and wants people to start "Reconsidering the War on Drugs."

He took us through the history of how the "war on drugs" started during the Nixon administration with the Shafer commission. He also informed us how marijuana is just a plant and how he believed it should be treated the same way alcohol and drugs are treated. Dr. Delaney believes he was tough on crime as a judge, but that instead of being so tough America needs to be more smart on crime. His belief is that it is our right, duty, and privilege to question our government, and he is on different groups voicing his opinion on how we should be reassessing this war.

Dr. Delaney's words were meant to make you reconsider your thoughts on this "war." Marijuana has many good medicinal uses for people with illnesses and should be more readily available to those people. Dr. Delaney still believes there is a challenge with other drugs but wants to start with easing up on marijuana, and getting people to see his view. What are your thoughts?

## Misc. etc.

**John Chenoweth** was in Kansas last weekend to help his mother celebrate her 90th birthday and his sister's both on St. Patrick's Day; **Buzz Ferweda**, a frequent visitor, celebrated one last week; **Janice Jacoby** left sweepstakes tickets on all the tables – JJ Insurance is offering a \$500.00 sweepstakes opportunity and directions on how to enter were emailed to all last Wednesday; **Norm Peters** told us another team is (MEDICO) in Honduras this week; **Alex Munson's** granddaughter is beginning her international rotation for her physician's assistant credentials in Guatemala; **Bill Miller** was pleased our club has been so generous and given about \$5,500 towards our PolioPlus campaign not counting matching grants; **Don Mabray** was thanked for giving \$300 each time he sells a house.

***Once again, Williamson is the healthiest county in Texas in the annual rankings of U.S. counties by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin***

## Population Health Institute.

Williamson County officials said they have been pro-active in promoting good health and have expanded their WilCo Wellness Alliance to be countywide and to perform a health assessment of the entire county.

Last year, Williamson County fell to second place, behind Collin County in North Texas, in the County Health Rankings, which measure death rates, access to healthy foods, air pollution, poverty, smoking, obesity, teen births and other factors that influence health. This year's rankings included several new measures, including the number of available dentists.

## Summer Fund Raising Event - SUMMERFEST

Place: Sun City Ballroom

Date: Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>

Time: 5PM – 9PM

Tickets: \$20 will include snacks, meal, beverages, and 5 raffle tickets

This will be an auction style event and more auction tickets may be purchased at the event. **Bob Weimer**, who is spearheading this event, has advised that there is storage available right now for items that will be auctioned. So . . . think about donating all that art, travel tickets, sports memorabilia, music and theater tickets, and antiques – we need it all!!

THE SEVERITY OF THE ITCH IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO THE ABILITY TO REACH IT.

## HISTORICAL TRIVIA

Did you know the saying "God willing and the Creek don't rise" was in reference to the Creek Indians and not a body of water? It was written by Benjamin Hawkins in the late 18th century. He was a politician and Indian diplomat. While in the south, Hawkins was requested by the President of the U.S. to return to Washington. In his response, he was said to write, "God willing and the Creek don't rise." Because he capitalized the word "Creek" it is deduced that he was referring to the Creek Indian tribe and not a body of water.

## Congratulations!!

Of the seven Districts in Zone 21B, District 5870 clubs are setting the pace. As of February 28th our clubs have given a total of \$287,969 to the Annual Programs Fund (APF) which is a 30% increase over last year's total at this time, and is currently leading the other Districts in the Zone by a substantial margin.

Eights months into the year we already have 1319 EREY Donors which is nearly 50% of all Rotarians in the District, and 723 Sustaining Members. Additionally, we have 63 new Benefactors, 7 new Bequest Society Members, 11 New Major Donors, 4 Major Gifts, and 53 new Paul Harris Society members.

Rotarians in our 64 clubs are to be commended for this significant accomplishment in just the first EIGHT months!! We still have 4 months to go and with your continued leadership and your commitment to the work of the Rotary Foundation our clubs will do even more for this noble cause.

It's nice to be number one at this juncture, but it's much nicer and more rewarding to know that the Rotarians in D5870 truly understand the fabulous and wonderful work being done by our Rotary Foundation to improve lives around the world, and to truly provide Peace Through Service.

Thank you all for this amazing achievement, your efforts are surely appreciated more than you may ever know, and by those you may never know!

With warm aloha, Rick (District 5870 Governor Rick Price)

The average dog is a nicer person  
than the average person.  
. . . . Andy Rooney

## *Polio Eradication Update* *For The Week Ending 03/23/13*

New Polio cases reported this week:  
Pakistan 0, Afghanistan 0, Nigeria 1

### **2013 Polio Case Breakdown by Country** (Numbers in brackets are 2012 Totals)

Endemic Countries: 5 Pakistan (58), 1 Afghanistan (37),

Importation Countries: 0 Chad (5), 0 Nigeria (1)

## World Water Day

The H<sup>2</sup>O Collaboration is one example of how Rotarians are working year-round to provide access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation.

On 22nd March, Rotarians joined in the observance of [World Water Day](#).

Established by the United Nations in 1992, the day highlights the importance of fresh water and the need for sustainable management of water resources. This year's theme is water cooperation.

## ***Sun City, or Is It Sunburn City?***

*Sunburn is really not a joke. Here in Sun City, if you don't pick your copy of the Austin Statesman up off the driveway until afternoon, it is already starting to turn brown. I get these little "pre-cancerous" thingies that my dermatologist freezes off with liquid nitrogen every year, so I thought I better take a closer look at sunburn. She says that the little thingies were caused by sunburn years ago when I was a teenager. So I am told to use SPF 30 cream with zinc oxide to prevent these little things from showing up in the future. Hmmm. The ones I have now came from sun exposure 60 years ago. By using the SPF 30 stuff now it will keep me from having the problem 60 years from now when I am 135 years old. That is GREAT news. My dermatologist must think I am going to live to age 135! Anyway, these little thingies can be yours for the basking and my dermatologist will freeze them off for a fee. My dermatologist is one of the few people I know who enjoys bad health. She doesn't believe in letting well enough alone.*

*So to start researching sunburn, I went to visit the **Linus P. Coppertone Sunburn Ward** at the **Idiot Tourist Memorial Hospital** in Houston. There a sunburn technician, a ward healer, gave me a tour of the sunburn ward. The first thing that I noticed was that the patients were all on Aloe Vera IV's. Not fun. The best reason to ward off sunburn is to ward off being in this hospital ward. This is what happens to people who make hay while the sun shines. These sunburn victims are folks who always look at the bright side of life and literally got burned by it.*

*What can we do about all of this? I think it was George Washington, or Abraham Lincoln, or maybe Hubert Schmerdlou who said, "A Night Is Like A Day Without Sunshine". Maybe the best way to avoid sunburn is to go outside only at night. No gooey SPF 30 stuff is needed then. Of course that would mean our excellent Rotary newsletter would have to change from "The Sun Light" to "The Night Light" and our club would have to meet for a midnight snack instead of lunch. We would re-charter as the Moon City Rotary Club. That might not work out so well. So I guess that the sun is sort of like the gasoline price, it comes high but we must all have it. I concluded that maybe I should be like the ostrich and just bury my head in the sand without SPF 30.*

*. . . . **Bob Deffeyes***

## **What is Wasrag?**

The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action group was formed in 2007 as a group of Rotarians, recognized by Rotary International, focused on water & sanitation work. Rotarians are uniquely qualified to deliver sustainable solutions. They understand the culture and values of the local communities to which they belong. They are attuned to political considerations and can pinpoint problems before they become hurdles.

The world is discovering that effective programs take 3 to 5 years to be sustainable - local community engagement and appropriate technologies are keys to success. Solutions need to consider complex realities: geography, geology, climate, local culture for example. Ensuring a project is based on best practices isn't easy, requiring skills often not readily available to Rotary Clubs.

Wasrag was created to provide the know-how, consistency and credibility essential to success over the long term. This has come together in a program called "Start with Water".

*Experience is a hard teacher.  
She gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.*