



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
March 29 2011

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Words to Ponder: Excess on occasion is exhilarating.
It prevents moderation from acquiring
the deadening effect of a habit.
- Somerset Maugham

TODAY: Gary Brown will introduce a speaker.

NEWS, ETC: Attendance: 52 members

Rich Petro spent the weekend at PETS in preparation to becoming president of our club on July 1st; birthdays were celebrated by Bill Harrah and Renée Mercier's daughter and David Lea's wife; Harold Bergh alerted the members to a concert on Friday featuring the Texas A&M women's chorus group that will be held at Faith Lutheran Church on Williams Drive; members were happy to see some bluebonnets; various school achievements or lack thereof were celebrated or not; and Jamie Mattison thanked Linda Roberts for her work for the club.

This meeting having to do with the belated celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Harold Bergh asked all those members who profess to have some Irish blood in them to come to stand. He then ordered them to go to the front of the room and told them to sing! Accompanied by Harold on his accordion, they sang *Peg o' My Heart* and *My Wild Irish Rose* – more or less in tune. Well done all!

Tom Minor said the club is looking for volunteers to help out with RYLA on July 4th. John Skannal has been working hard on the project and the work is not onerous, so please help if you can.

BLESSING: Logan Cummings

PLEDGE: Doug Lowe

4-WAY TEST: Gene Perry

Visiting Rotarians: Ron Wignall/Ajjic, Mexico

Bob Elam/Colchester, VT

Malcolm Hensley/Odessa East, TX

Last Week: by Carol Marie Cobb

Tom Hobbs spoke most passionately about the The Marine Military Academy. His topic was entitled, "Hidden Treasures Is a Public Education A Train Wreck". Hidden Treasures can be found right here in Texas. It is MMA and it serves to prepare college bound teenagers for the rigors of, a military career, and not just college life, but for lives that will be spent in service to all, as upstanding and outstanding citizens. It is because of his affiliation with this institution that Tom feels so personally involved with the cause that our youth of today are not being empowered with a sense of duty to others, accountability for themselves, and most importantly their roles as future leaders.. Tom believes it is the consistant structure, and the goals that are set for each individual student at MMA that result in the high rate of success achieved by each student.

The cost of a year at MMA is \$34,000/per student; many parents are very willing to mortgage their personal desires, and in some cases their futures, in insure that their children will have the opportunity of a first rate education. In these challenging economic times, as we are experiencing cutbacks in public funding for education, and downsizing of personel and expectations in our public schools. If we compare the public outcomes to those at MMA, perhaps we can better understand the "train wreck" that is occurring right before our eyes.

Can we as a community organization take a leadership position fostering discussions that could lead to possible solutions?

Rotary's Evanston Headquarters

(thanks to Bob Deffeyes)

In downtown Evanston, Illinois, One Rotary Center serves Rotary International as our world headquarters. It has not always that way. Rotary began in Chicago in 1904 and was centered there until 1954 when there was a move to Ridge Avenue in Evanston. But Rotary outgrew that building because of the growth of both Rotary and Rotary foundation.

In 1987, Rotary bought an eighteen-story chrome and glass building that was only ten years old. The 400,000 square feet of office space was a lot more than Rotary needed, so it leased out most of the building (about two thirds). Inside there is an auditorium that seats 190 and also a cafeteria that seats 300.

The executive suite on the 18th floor houses the President, President-elect, Chairman of the Foundation and the General Secretary. Add to that some conference rooms, the Boardroom, and the executive washroom and you have a first class office for a first class service organization.

FYI - From April 1st the club will have a new mailing address:

Rotary Club of Sun City
1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120
Box 441
Georgetown 78633

Future Programmes:

Today	Gary Brown
April 5	Stephen Brown
April 12	<u>Meeting at the Boys' and Girls' Club</u>
April 19	Tom Minor
April 26	Gordon Bishop
May 3	Byron Calcote
May 10	Nathan Cabaniss
May 17	John Chenoweth
May 24	Logan Cummings
May 31	Al Cummins
June 7	Bob Deffeyes
June 14	Bob Derse
June 21	<u>No regular meeting</u>
June 28	E.C. Deaton

Programme Chroniclers:

Today	Trubee Racioppi
April 5	Mark Ramsey
	Chris Mealy
April 19	Charlie Ray
April 26	Dick Retz
May 3	John Rouse
May 10	John Rutan
May 17	Harold Steadman
May 24	David Stuetelberg
May 31	Bob Weimer
June 7	Dick Will
June 14	Adaïre Wolf
June 28	David Wolf

UPCOMING EVENTS:

April 12	<u>Rotary meeting @ Boys' and Girls' Club</u>
April 16	District Assembly in Killeen
May 14	Polio Plus Walk-a-thon
May 21-25	RI Convention in New Orleans
June 3-5	District Conference in Fredericksburg
June 4	Foundation Dinner in Fredericksburg
June 22	President's Night

Open your eyes and you can see
What God has created for you for me.
- Charley Ray