



The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
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MARCH IS LITERACY MONTH

Rotary Prayer: Let us pray. The gift of Rotary is evident in this room. Friends all about us with special gifts to share. We ask for you to be with each and every one of us as we move about our daily lives, always keeping in mind the special talents we have. Let us be fair and kind to those in our paths today. Let us focus on the objects of Rotary and implement these with your help. Amen.

Invocation: Dennis Morgan **Rotarian Guest:** Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise Club
Pledge: Hugh Young **Guest:** Murray Peters/Norm Peters
4-Way Test: George Olive

Today's Programme: Ms. Sheila Allee, author of *Family Secrets*

Next Week: Bob Weimer will bring us up to date on our *Spring Fling* fundraiser

Future Programmes:

Mar 19	Mr. John Delaney, Drug Policy Forum of Texas
Mar 26	Mr. Norm Peters, MEDICO
Apr 2	Club Assembly
Apr 9	Mr. Dave Lovelace, Sun City Theater building
Apr 16	Biographies
May 14	GSE team from the Philippines

Upcoming Events: April 6 Austin Rotary Club Centennial luncheon
(New RI President-Elect Ron Burton will speak - see article below)
May 31 – June 2, 2013 District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
June 23 – 26, 2013 Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal

President-Elect, Ron Burton

Ron Burton joined the Rotary Club of Norman, OK in 1979 and has served as RI Director; Rotary Foundation trustee vice-chairman; and International Assembly Moderator.

He has received the RI Service Above Self Award and the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Ron is a founder of the Norman Community Foundation; a member of the American Bar Association; and is admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 2007, Ron retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc., where he served for many years.

* * * * After 30, the body has a mind of its own. * * * *

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

Lou wanted to remind members the object of Rotary and recited the following:

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 people united in the ideal of service.

Harold had a distressful momentary lapse in his memory cache and forgot to bring the Rotary M&Ms but he assured us he will have them next week in order not to be given another 15 demerits for this almost unpardonable lapse.

Smile! You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor and not hold on.

. . . Dean Martin

Last Week:

Don Bender introduced to-day's speaker, Alicea L. Jones, who is not only editor-in-chief of the Georgetown **View** magazine, but also the author of *Genuinely Georgetown*, an eclectic book of interesting vignettes of extraordinary and delightful local persona.

Ms. Jones, who moved with her husband and daughter from California seven years ago, related how she grew up listening to wonderful stories told by her grandmother and how she could never get enough of them. They fired her imagination and when Alicea settled in Georgetown she was soon immersed in listening to stories about some of the people such as the Gold family, Dan Moody, and others who lived here and are part of the history of the town. As she pointed out, it's not how many parks we have or how lovely the Square is, it's the people who make this such a wonderful place to live. During the last three years at the helm of the *View*, she has interviewed so many giving, service oriented, and humble people.

The common denominator of the people in her book make up who Georgetown is, as Alicea put it and she gave a brief outline of three of the people mentioned in her book: Craig Bailey and Susan Amos; Meddy Tekle originally from Ethiopia; Carl Doering; and Vita Stratmann originally from Greece.

A wonderful *raconteuse*, Alicea delighted us with her stories of Georgetown. She had brought a few books containing 44 fascinating stories available for us and said she would give our club 15% of the proceeds – a generous gift from a gifted story teller.

Misc. etc: **Lou Gibson's** wife, **Sing**, will have a birthday on Friday; **Rich Petro's** granddaughter is sweet 16 today; **Dick Will's** wife, **Carol**, is back from a 3-week trip to Argentina, Chile, and Patagonia; **George Olive's** grandson is having a birthday on Friday; **Bob Smith** will have a birthday next week; a weary **Carolyn Holloway** is home again after a one day return trip to California; **John Chenoweth** related that **Pete Snelson** was recognized at the Follies last night as a member of the Greatest Generation; **Buzz Ferweda** is glad to be back from Panama and able to have a hot shower!

Bill Miller reminded us that all the Happy Bucks this month are going to the **PolioPlus** campaign and that today is the last day to make a donation. He urged all members to donate at least \$15 and noted that these funds will also go towards a member's Paul Harris. **Lou Gibson** told us that Aetna will match dollar for dollar whatever we raise; and an anonymous (!) member will match Lou so **PolioPlus** will benefit greatly by the generosity of our club (and Lou) and the Screw Lou campaign.

On behalf of our club, President **Jamie Mattison** has submitted an application for a new award – *Significant Achievement Award*. She believes that our work with the Breakfast With Santa programme will certainly make us most competitive with other clubs.

Jamie Mattison thanked **John Skannal**, **Doug Lowe**, and **Tom Minor** for going up to Jarrell School and interviewing prospective RYLA students. Our club has been a part of this for several years and as Jamie said, we should be proud of this effort. The camp will be in early July.

On behalf of the Assistance League of Georgetown a heartfelt thank you for all your assistance yesterday at our fundraiser. We appreciate your set up and take down of our tables and chairs..it is a very big job and you guys really start and finish our day on a positive note. At this point we have made our goal of \$12,000, up considerably from last year. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you...look forward to working with you again next year. Don't forget us when you are doing your Santa Project..we will help!

Sincerely, Jo Hatley

News From the Boardroom:

- 1) Lou Gibson made a report on membership of our Club. At the beginning of this Rotary year (July 1, 2012), we had 65 members. So far this in this Rotary year, we have inducted 9 new members and have received 14 resignations for a current total membership of 60 members.
- 2) John Harding, our new Membership chairperson for the upcoming Rotary year, suggested that a sub-committee be formed to study membership growth and membership retention. John asked the Board members and all Rotary members to make suggestions to John on identifying our problems with membership retention in order that we can find a solution to the problem. John Harding's email address is : jehard@yahoo.com.
- 3) Bob Weimer gave an update on our Spring Fling. He is looking for a place and date to hold the event.
- 4) President Jamie Mattison reported that the incoming Group Study Exchange (GSE) from the Philippines will be visiting our Club luncheon on May 14.
- 5) Jamie Mattison reported that our Club has applied for the Significant Service Award and the Presidential Citation Award from Rotary District 5870.
- 6) Bill Miller reported that past club president, Rich Petro, has been nominated for the Roll of Fame Award,
- 7) Jamie Mattison reported that Kelly Barnett and Gary Ross have terminated their membership in our Club.

Depression . . .

. . . may be an evolutionary adaption. A variation of a gene called NPY is associated with an increased immune response; people with depression are more likely than others to have this variation. By helping to jump-start the immune system and causing social withdrawal and a loss of energy, the gene may have helped our ancestors fight off infections, according to research by Emory University and University of Arizona physicians, the *Atlantic* reported last October.

**The years between fifty and seventy are the hardest.
You are always asked to do things, and you are not yet
decrepit enough to turn them down.**

. . . T.S. Eliot

Rotary International and PhRMA team up for "The World's Biggest Commercial"

Rotary International's innovative campaign to develop the World's Biggest Commercial to raise public awareness about polio eradication has struck a chord with the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

To help spur participation in the commercial, the largest pharmaceutical trade group in the United States has donated \$50,000 to Rotary's PolioPlus program – enough to provide oral vaccine to protect more than 83,000 children against this paralyzing disease.

Participants in the World's Biggest Commercial simply upload photos of themselves making the "this close" gesture with their fingers – as in, "We are this close to ending polio" – to the ever-expanding promotional spot at Rotary's End Polio Now website. In doing so, they'll rub "virtual shoulders" with such celebrities and notables as Bill Gates, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Jane Goodall, Amanda Peet, Jack Nicklaus, Jackie Chan, PSY and other high-profile Rotary Ambassadors for Polio Eradication.

Since launching the campaign on World Polio Day (Oct. 24, 2012), more than 4,500 people in over 116 countries have joined the online initiative by adding their names and photos to the World's Biggest Commercial. Beginning February 1, highlights from the "The World's Biggest Commercial" will air in Times Square, one of the world's busiest locations.

"Rotary International's effort to end polio is seen as one of the world's greatest public health advances," said John Castellani, President and CEO of PhRMA. "PhRMA and its members are pleased to have played a part in supporting Rotary in the effort to eradicate polio."

Another page out of Texas History.

Bluebonnet --The Texas State Flower

. . . **Bob Deffeyes**

How did the Bluebonnet get named the Texas State Flower? Well, guess what. Politics was involved. Well, DUH. A very powerful Texas politician did not see it that way. He felt that his favorite flower, the cactus flower, was the most representative of the flowers for our state flower. We have cactus everywhere in the state. However, The Colonial Dames of Texas pushed for the bluebonnet to be the state flower. As their exercise in political push, they gave to the Texas legislators an oil painting of the bluebonnet, as many of them had never seen the flower. (They are a lot more widespread now than they were back then.)

No small time politics, the Vice President of the United States was right in the middle of the battle. His name was John Nance Garner, IV, and he served as Franklin D. Roosevelt's VP from 1933 to 1941 and had been speaker of the U. S. House under Herbert Hoover. He was born in Red River County, Texas, in 1868 and was elected to his first political office in 1898. He was a winner of a politician, but a loser in the battle of the flowers. About all Garner got out of backing the cactus as state flower was his nickname, "Cactus Jack". That is how the final scoreboard read:

Bluebonnets, 1

Cactus, 0

And we now have the bluebonnet as our state flower.

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*I once saw a pin on a Delta Airlines employee,
and I asked him what the letters in Delta stand for.*

He said, "Don't Expect Luggage To Arrive".

. . . *Adam Christing*