



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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The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.
..... William James

MAY IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Bill Thompson
Pledge: Adaire Wolf
4-way test: Byron Calcote

Members Attending: 47
Happy Bucks: \$154.00

Guests:

Steve Lycan/Lou Gibson
Mark Selwyn/Don Bender
Glynn Hatley/Lou Gibson
Don Parrish/Don Mabray
Michelle Feibus/Lou Gibson

Visiting Rotarian: PDG Gonzalo Garza

Last Week: by Don Bender

Ms Sarah Hinton the manager of Georgetown airport gave an overview of the history and present operations at our local airport. She is a graduate of Texas A and M University and has spent her professional career in some aspect of the aircraft industry. Previously, she worked at the Granbury airport and as the Manager of the Cleburne airport. She assumed the Manager's position at Georgetown airport in 2010. The Georgetown airport opened in 1945 and currently provides employment for about 200 individuals. A study in 2010 stated that the airport provides about 29 million dollars of economic impact to the town. There are 280 aircraft currently based at the airport, including a WWII B 25 bomber.

She explained that the control tower at the airport is an FAA contract tower and is operational from 7AM to 10PM daily. Although the FAA is currently closing control towers that have little activity, Georgetown tower is not being considered for closing as they are in the upper third of active airports with about 6000 operations per month.

This Week: Around the majors with Ray Bergman

Next Week: Gary Sandercock will present a programme on cryogenics.

Membership Moment: FAMILIES with Harold Bergh

Programmes like Breakfast With Santa are family friendly. There are opportunities for the spouses of Rotarians to participate in the good works of Rotary. Rotary social events are an opportunity for a good time with family and friends.

The Object of Rotary:

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.*

Is Flipping a Coin a 50-50 Proposition?

Don't bet on it. In 2004, three statisticians from Stanford and UC Santa Cruz set out to test the classic coin flip. Using a mechanical flipper to ensure identical tosses, they chucked thousands of coins into the air and landed on a surprising conclusion. For a hand-tossed coin, there's a slight bias toward the side it started on landing face up. While the bias means the coin lands same-side-up 51% of the time, that's still a better bet than anything you'll find in a casino.

If the coin spins when it lands, the odds shift some more. Depending on the coin's design, even a slight weight advantage on one side may increase the odds of heads or tails. The trick is picking the right coin, since the U.S. Mint has issued nearly 100 different coin designs (including state quarters and presidential dollars) over the past 15 years.

Misc. etc: Both **Rich Petro** and **John Chenoweth** celebrated birthdays last week; the Downtown Rotary Club has celebrated its 50th anniversary and **Lou Gibson** and **Rich Petro** attended the special meeting to hear speeches from DG **Suresh Pawha** and Georgetown's mayor, George Garver and Judge Stubblefield among other luminaries; our club has participated in a matching grant of \$2500 to furnish an eye clinic in India; **Bob Weimer** said he is expecting a really good turnout this Sunday afternoon for our Spring Fling; he has miraculously arranged for a Datsun 1983 ZX to be auctioned with a most reasonable starting bid – great job, Bob!

New Member Induction:

Glynn Hatley was inducted into the club by **PDG Bill Bryce**. Continuing on his theme of *Service Above Self* Bill talked about last week, he said the thing that distinguishes Rotarians is how, when they see a problem, go straight forward to solve it. On seeing a member at a meeting with a Bronze Star with V, Bill asked the member about it. This veteran, a Platoon Sergeant in Korea, had once shared a foxhole with Richard deWert (see last week's *Sun Light*). On one occasion, this Sergeant rescued a soldier who was out of his mind, picked him up and carried him to safety through a hail of machine gun bullets. For this heroic act, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Valor. After the war he returned and finished his education, earning a PhD in Education. He was active in the Central Texas area for many years and has a high school named after him in Austin.

That veteran is a frequent visitor - **PDG Gonzalo Garza**.
Welcome to the club, Glynn.

In what might be the motto of those who sought the presidency and lost, Ted Kennedy once said, "Frankly, I don't mind not being President. I just mind that someone else is."

Wonderful English from Around the World

In a Bangkok temple:

IT IS FORBIDDEN TO ENTER A WOMAN, EVEN A FOREIGNER, IF DRESSED AS A MAN.

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

Doctor's office, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

Dry cleaners, Bangkok:

DROP YOUR TROUSERS HERE FOR THE BEST RESULTS.

On the main road to Mombasa, leaving Nairobi:

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

On a poster at Kencom:

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO WE CAN HELP.

In a City restaurant:

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND WEEKENDS.

In a Cemetery:

PERSONS ARE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING FLOWERS, FROM ANY BUT THEIR OWN GRAVES.

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations:

GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE, OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

On the menu of a Swiss Restaurant:

OUR WINES LEAVE YOU NOTHING TO HOPE FOR.

In a Tokyo Bar:

SPECIAL COCKTAILS FOR THE LADIES WITH NUTS.

Hotel, Japan:

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

In the lobby of a Moscow Hotel, across from a Russian Orthodox Monastery:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY, WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY, EXCEPT THURSDAY.



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