



# THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
May 17, 2011

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**Words to Ponder:** To show resentment at a reproach is to acknowledge that one may have deserved it.

Tacitus (early 2<sup>nd</sup> century)

**Today:** **John Chenoweth** will introduce Chris McKee who is not only a certified aerobics instructor but also has 20 years of experience in nutrition and counselling.

**Last Week:** by **John Rouse**

We were privileged to hear biographies from Caroline Holloway, Logan Cummings and Pete Snelson.

**Caroline Holloway** is from North Carolina where she was married to a "great storyteller". They began their family and Caroline assumed many many roles. Caroline volunteered in the arts for children as well as the Dallas Children's Theater and the Dallas Reparatory Theater. Caroline received her degree in Art history. Caroline travelled extensively all over the world via donkey, elephant, planes trains and automobiles as well as many other interesting modes of travel. Caroline had the opportunity to shake hands with Governor Bill Clinton as well as President George W. Bush and Barbara. Caroline had the opportunity to offer prayer at many famous chapels and unique places. In 2001 she began as a caregiver and in 2009 Caroline retired serving others once again in different venues such as Rotary.

**Logan Cummings** was born and raised in the Texas panhandle. Logan has 2 older brothers. Logan played basketball at Texas Tech University. He attributes much and offers gratitude to his parents and family for his upbringing. Logan was called to preach while in college. He attended SW Seminary in Ft. Worth. He describes life as a "banquet". He has had many great opportunities to speak at variety of colleges and universities all over Texas as well as in Mississippi. Logan opened in prayer at the U.S. Senate on 2 occasions and had the privilege of meeting 4 presidents. Logan enjoys playing golf and reading. He has an extensive library with 300-400 books on presidents. Logan believes he was very blessed to have answered the call to preach as he has met and had the opportunity to know so many wonderful people.

**Pete Snelson** is from west Texas. He is the 6<sup>th</sup> of 7 children, 6 boys and 1 girl. Pete worked for a county newspaper and attended college at what is now The University of Texas at El Paso. He also attended The University of Nebraska after basic training. Pete was sent to Europe during the war. While serving he was wounded by shrapnel. After finishing his tour overseas he returned to El Paso. He entered into the field of journalism then received his masters degree from Northwestern. He served as the V.P. of Odessa Junior College. He then moved to Midland where he began an advertising agency. He served as president for the state of Texas for the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Pete decided in 1960 to run for the House of Representatives where he served for 2 terms and then ran for the senate, where he served a remarkable 19 years. Pete has 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

**NOTE:** **E.C. And Jackie Deaton** will host a reception for **Jamie Mattison** in honour of Jamie having been awarded a doctorate degree.

Where: 116 Tanager Trail (N36)  
When: 6:00 PM Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Prayer:** Gordon Bishop  
**Pledge:** Stephen Brown  
**4-Way Test:** Norm Peters

**Rotarians:** Ray Barron/Downtown

**Guests:** John Kyhl/Lou Gibson  
Wayne Courtney/Lou Gibson  
Ken Farr/Harold Lawless  
Barbara Albright/Jamie Mattison

**Last Week's News, etc:** Happy Bucks \$59.00

All congratulations to **Jamie Mattison** who has just been awarded her PhD ! **Caroline Holloway** was pleased her daughter in Memphis has not been flooded out; **Bob Weimer** reminded members that this Saturday is the Walk-a-thon and asked for a couple of volunteers to help; **Barb Pekar** spoke a little about the Caring Place and how they are needing food for those students who have so little food especially during the summer when school is out; she noted barrels for donations will be placed in various areas in Sun City; **Tom Minor** suggested that we contact clubs such as Kiwanis to help out in this endeavour; **Wayne Courtenay** (soon to be inducted) told us his son is going to the Persian Gulf next week to join the carrier, *Ronald Reagan*, after having just returned from a year at "Gitmo"; Wayne has also just welcomed a new granddaughter; **John Chenoweth** – a universal blood donor – gave blood again today; **Barb Pekar** is glad to be back in Georgetown; **Alex Munson** was very thankful his wife's operation for breast cancer was successful; **Stephen Brown** was very pleased about the demise of OBL and **Renée Mercier** was glad no pictures of his body will be shown; **Harold Bergh** has just returned from a trip to Italy and has no money left and his table mates wouldn't lend him any; **Chris Mealy**, who does have some money left, was pleased to be back from Potsdam, Germany where he visited with his daughter and son-in-law; **Bill Miller** asked for prayers for his grandson who leaves today on the new carrier, *George W. Bush*, for a seven month inaugural sailing.

**Future Programmes:**

**Programme Chroniclers/Recorder**

May 24	Logan Cummings	May 24	Harold Steadman
May 31	Al Cummins	May 31	David Stuetelberg
June 7	Brian Calcote	June 7	Bob Weimer
June 14	Bob Derse	June 14	Charley Ray
June 22	<b><u>PRESIDENT'S NIGHT</u></b>		
June 28	E.C. Deaton	June 28	Adaire Wolf
July 5	Nathan Cabaniss	July 5	Pete Snelson
July 12	Ron Ferreri	July 12	Don Anthis
July 19	Lou Gibson	July 19	Don Bender
July 26	Bill Harrah	July 26	Gary Brown

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** May 21-25 RI Convention, New Orleans  
June 3-5 D5870 Annual Conference, Inn on Baron's Creek, Fredericksburg  
June 4 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Nimitz Museum, Fredericksburg  
June 22 President's Night  
July 3-8 RYLA Camp

**The More Things Change . . . . .**

"It is a gloomy moment in the history of our country. Not in the lifetime of most men has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time.

"The domestic economic situation is in chaos. Our dollar is weak throughout the world. Prices are so high as to be utterly impossible.

"The political cauldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russian hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon. It is a solemn moment. Of our troubles, no man can see the end."

- - from the October 1857 edition of ***Harper's Weekly***

(Thanks to **Bill Harrah**)

**Kudos to Norm and Lynda Peters for having started this wonderful organization.**

**MEDICO**, which recently celebrated its twentieth anniversary, sponsors six to seven trips a year to Honduras and Nicaragua. Contingents of approximately 20 people, including physicians, dentists, optometrists, pharmacists, nurses, translators, and lay volunteers, fly down and travel to remote areas of the country. We set up clinics, often in schools or churches, and see hundreds of patients, most of whom have minimal access to care, if any. The typical dental patient has gross calculus, decay in several teeth, residual roots, and numerous missing teeth. It is not uncommon to see patients who need full mouth extractions. The only dental care that many of the patients have ever received consists exclusively of extractions, often from locals who have minimal training. It is quite common to see children where all eight primary molars are decayed beyond repair.

Sweets are about the only “luxury” parents can afford to give their children. Unfortunately, few are aware of the link between sugars and decay. The typical diet of the patients we see consists of rice, beans, tortillas, cassava, and occasionally proteins. Sweets are all too common, and kids frequently chew on sugarcane. Local bodegas sell “helados”, small plastic bags filled with frozen sugary liquid, such as CoolAid. Kids poke holes in the bags and suck the cool liquid out as it melts, also slowly melting their tooth enamel. Many empty baggies can be found all over the villages; littering is an ordinary practice.

Providing dental care in the makeshift clinics creates certain challenges. Overhead lighting is poor. It is hot, and there are many insects. The work is hard, but we have fun. Team members, who are strangers at the beginning of the week, become a family by the time we depart. Assistants with backgrounds as diverse as real estate, cattle ranching, architecture, and construction must learn on the job. Patients often travel great distances to see us, so hemostasis is critical. The walk back home can be two hours or more, much of it uphill. I suture many cases that I would not back home. Patients often show up with far too many decayed or hopeless teeth to be treated in one visit, so deciding what to treat can be a challenge.

In addition to its regular missions, **MEDICO** has “adopted” certain villages, returning yearly and aiding community development. In Nicaragua, **MEDICO** partners with a group from Minnesota and Hospital Pastor Jimenez to provide care for a large number of disabled children in the town of Jalapa. Physicians and dentists from **MEDICO** have created a conscious sedation dentistry program to treat these children who would not otherwise have the opportunity to receive care. In other towns they have set up fluoride programs in the schools, as well as projects to improve water quality and bring it to people’s homes.

**From District 5870 Governor, Ruth Allison:**

Where were you that day almost 10 years ago? The morning that evil attacked our nation. The day people we do not understand flew airplanes into buildings in New York and Washington DC as well as a field in Pennsylvania. That day more than likely is etched into your memory as in mine. To me this is similar to the day President John F. Kennedy was killed and the day of the Challenger exploded. Added to those now is September 11, 2001. Now, will we have another day, May 1, 2011? It is the day that our brave men and women in the US military brought down the leader of the group that we Americans can- not understand. To us to fight for our lives is the upmost. To them to give their lives is to please God. Osama Bin Laden was tracked down and dispatched. It was about time.

Many celebrated at the news of the leader of those who choose to call us their enemies. I have been a little uneasy about celebrating this event. I remember the anger I felt when I saw people from other countries in jubilation when the “Twin Towers” crumbled. I did not want to be like them. As many of you I wanted to contemplate all the events that led up to that predictable conclusion. I prayed that those who loved the people who perished on that day would find peace. I prayed for the survivors of those brave warriors who gave the ultimate sacrifice over the last decade would know their loss was not in vain.

I am so grateful that God dropped be off in the US and especially in Texas. I am a proud American and still get teary eyed when I sing the National Anthem. Thank you to the people who died to secure our rights as protected under our Constitution and Bill Of Rights. God Bless Texas, the US and God Bless Rotary.