



The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
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MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Rotary Prayer: Let us pray. Dear Lord, being in Rotary allows us to serve others. We ask that you help us remember always the Four Way Test as we work today and everyday. Help us to serve humbly and willingly as we focus on the needs of our community. Thank you for our gifts and help us to use them wisely. Amen.

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President Jamie Mattison

Invocation: Don Bender

Pledge: John Chenoweth

4-Way Test: David Stuetelberg

Rotarian Guests: Keith Goudy/Pflugerville Rotary
Sharon Goudy/Pflugerville Rotary
Jim Albers/Downtown
Jerry Smith/Stockton CA
Daniel Keller/Fairfax VA
Guest: Mingchen Keller/D.Keller

Philippine GSE Members: Clare Sioponglo
Metodio Maraguinot Jr.
Adelito Solieaga Jr.
Samara May Erupo

Today's Programme: Mr. John Sullivan, Georgetown Fire Chief

Next Week: May 28 Mr. Ray Sanchez, Commander, *Military Order of World Wars*

Future Programmes:

June 4	President Jamie Mattison, Rotary International Matching Grants
June 11	Lou Gibson, Shriners Overview
June 18	Dianna Howard, Culinary Heritage Institute
June 25	President's Night
July 2	Club Assembly
July 9	Dan Bonnell, Wesleyan Estrella

Upcoming Events: May 31 – June 2 District 5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Bastrop
June 23 – 26 Rotary Int'l Conference in Lisbon, Portugal
July 2 RYLA in Bastrop
July 7 Summer Fest
July 12 Marble Falls Rotary Fish fry

Former Rotary Youth Exchange student designs a backpack bed for the homeless

During Australia's colder months, emergency shelters often fill to capacity. Many homeless people searching for a warm bed are turned away, handed a piece of cardboard and a blanket for the night.

Tony Clark, an IT entrepreneur, 1992 [Rotary Youth Exchange](#) student, and the founder of the Melbourne-based nonprofit Swags for Homeless, offers an alternative. In the past year, his organization has distributed more than 3,000 swags, or portable sleeping units, to charities and shelters throughout Australia, New Zealand, Germany, and the United Kingdom. The Backpack Beds, which Clark and his wife, Lisa, designed, are made of a lightweight fabric and have a built-in, 6-foot foam mattress and mosquito netting. But most important, they offer warmth with their waterproof, windproof design. The entire assembly weighs only 6.5 pounds and rolls into a backpack.

The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

Sign in a hotel, Acapulco

The Importance of District Grants:

District grant projects meet multiple needs in India

Rotarians in Maharashtra, India, used a 2011-12 district grant to meet a range of community needs, from providing families with clean water to equipping homes with solar energy.

"District leaders considered projects that came under (Rotary's) six areas of focus," says Rahul Timbadia, past governor of District 3140. "Geographical areas were identified, for example, where there was no electricity or water, which could then be (addressed) by clubs and thus impact the community."

District grants aren't required to fund projects in the areas of focus but can be used to sponsor a wide range of activities locally and abroad.

Polio update:

A case of type 1 polio has been reported in the Banadir region of Somalia, the country's first case since March 2007. In response, an immunization campaign took place 14-16 May, aimed at reaching more than 350,000 children in the Banadir region.

Rotary also mourns the loss of a friend in the polio eradication effort, Abdul Waheed Khan, who died tragically in an attack 13 May in Pakistan.

Global scientists declare polio eradication achievable by 2018

More than 400 scientists from around the world, including Nobel laureates and other leading health experts, have signed the Scientific Declaration on Polio Eradication. The group, which includes Dr. John Sever, vice chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee, expressed their confidence in the new polio endgame strategic plan to eradicate the disease worldwide by 2018.

Misc. etc.

Ron Ferreri is going to China for 4 weeks; **Bob Derse** is on his way to California for a fortnight's visit to attend his granddaughter's graduation; many members were happy to have the GSE team visiting us.

Charles Heald was inducted into the club today by Asst.DG **Jim Albers**. Sponsored by **Herman Knodel**, Charles was asked by Jim if he will adhere to the maxims of Rotary and after agreeing, he was welcomed and given a folder with a pin and more information.

Welcome Charles!

From the Boardroom:

Bill Miller brought the following opportunity to the Board for action:

"I have been asked by a Sun City Club Rotarian, who wishes to remain anonymous at this time, to present the following challenge to our Club membership:

*Recognizing that the Club's Permanent Endowment Fund with the Chisholm Trail Community Foundation (CTCF) is an excellent means to make a donation that will provide funds destined to assist our Club in its mission to help others in years to come, he/she will match donations dollar for dollar to a cumulative sum of \$10,000, **provided** at least 5 members donate and all donations are made by 31 October 2013*

Bill Asked for the Board's acceptance of this challenge with the stipulation donations will not change membership's obligation to continue their support of the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, nor PolioPlus giving, nor support of our local projects such as Breakfast With Santa."

The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

Bureaucrats are the only people in the world who can say absolutely nothing and mean it.

. . . Hugh Sidey

New Club Website:

Our club has now subscribed to ClubRunner for Clubs. This is the same software that District 5870 uses as well as most other Clubs in our District.

Although there are many features that will ultimately help us improve the operation of our Club, one of the primary features is the capability of maintaining a much more robust website for our Club.

Bear in mind that our new website is still very much a "work-in-progress."

However, it is far enough along to begin using it. Following is the URL to access our website. Most of the site is "public."

However, to view private pages (such as member lists, etc.) you will need to register and set up a password (if you haven't already done so). Comments and suggestions for additional website content are certainly welcome.

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You can even check out today's "**SUN LIGHT**" before the meeting!

Many thanks to **John Chenoweth** who
keeps us wired!

Last Week:

President Jamie Mattison introduced the leader and four members of the GSE team from the Philippines, all of whom are staying with various members of Rotary during their visit. The team has been shown around the area - Schwertner Ranch, Jarrell School, etc. They will be in District 5870 for a month visiting several Rotary clubs and generally seeing what Central Texas is like. Each of the team exchanged banners indicating their sponsoring clubs with our banners and there was quite an exclamation when the leader, a Rotarian for 16 years, told us her club was an all female club with 100% Paul Harris members! But it was balanced when a young man told us he was sponsored by an all male club!

The occupations of the team were varied – a school principal and school administrator; a banker manager who is also studying law; a lawyer and environmental advocate; a photo-journalist; and a deputy project manager.

Grandchildren are God's way of compensating us for growing old.

Membership Moment : with Lou Gibson

New members of Rotary, particularly those in growing businesses want to be known as having high ethical standards in their business and profession. Rotarians dignify and threaten their own occupations as an opportunity to serve society. While satisfying these official needs, members learn about the usefulness of all occupations and how everyone benefits in the ideal of service in their business and professional lives.

Odessa, Texas

Where is Odessa? That depends on whom you ask. Back in the early days of Ector County, the land was covered with mesquite and brush. The newly built Pacific and Texas Railroad had one of their folks visit there. It reminded him of the steppes of Russia, so he named it Odessa. So is Odessa in Russia or Texas? It is both.

I attended first, or second grade, in Midland, TX. I am not sure which. I started school in Hobbs, New Mexico, as a first grader. Then on December 7, 1941, the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. The Supervisor of the Midland office of the company where dad worked was in the reserves and was called to report for active duty on December 22, sort of a Christmas gift from Uncle Sammy. Dad was promoted to head the Midland office of the Indian Territories Illuminating Oil and Gas Company on a temporary basis. We moved to Texas. Back then, when you moved to Texas, they automatically put you ahead a year in school.

So with a sudden spurt of wisdom, I was a second grader. Odessa is very close to Midland and they are quite competitive at bragging about their city, although Odessa has very little to brag about.

Anyway, there I learned the old Texas description of someone, "Oh, he is a gentleman from Odessa."

This non-flattering description was based on the statewide belief that someone known as a "gentleman" in Odessa would be known as a son-of-a-bitch anywhere else. Well, at the end of the year we moved on to Great Bend, Kansas. Back then when you moved anywhere from Texas, you were automatically set back one year in school. So, I finished the year as a first grader. Where is Odessa? That depends on whom you ask. Well, if you ask me.....

Bob Deffeyes,
Gentleman from Midland

Daffy Definitions

Divorce - Future tense of marriage.

Lecture - An art of transferring information from the notes of the Lecturer to the notes of the students without passing through "the minds of either."

Conference - The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present.

Compromise - The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

Dictionary - A place where success comes before work.

Conference Room - A place where everybody talks, nobody listens and everybody disagrees later on.

Classic - A book which people praise, but do not read.

Smile - A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

Office - A place where you can relax after your strenuous home life.

Etc. - A sign to make others believe that you know more than you actually do.

Committee - Individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

Experience - The name men give to their mistakes.

Diplomat - A person who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.