



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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MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

Rotary Prayer: May those assembled here today enjoy the many offerings of Rotary. May we abide by the rules we have established, those of trust, fellowship and ethics, and may we place Service above Self, in our daily endeavors. And may we always test ourselves and our efforts to be sure they are the truth, good for all concerned, of benefit to mankind, and provide peace and understanding. Amen

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President Jamie Mattison

Invocation: Malcolm Hensley

Pledge: Norm Peters

4-Way Test: Tom Minor

Greeters: George Olive & John Howard

Rotarian Guest: Buzz Ferweda

Guests: Greg Barber/Lou Gibson

Clay Shell/Georgetown Fire Dept

Today's Programme: Mr. Ray Sanchez, Commander, *Military Order of World Wars*

Next Week: President Jamie Mattison, Rotary International Matching Grants

Future Programmes:

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 Bonner, 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

Misc. etc.

George Olive and his wife, Jean, have celebrated their 61st anniversary; **Bob Weimer** and other members remembered the victims of the tornado in Oklahoma; **Carolyn Holloway** advised us she has heard that on June 20th at HEB there will be a "flash mob", and she was glad the club was able to host the Philippine study group; **Lou Gibson** mentioned he has been on TV regarding the "Special Friends" programme for which he spent such a large amount of time (among his many other charitable works); **Norm Peters** told us about the wonderful meeting of the M.E.D.I.C.O. Board of directors recently (our club supports this wonderful organization started by Norm and Lynda).

Happy Bucks Contributions for West:

Doug Lowe advised that he sent off \$1,300 to help in the West recovery and **Jamie Mattison** thanked **Byron Calcote** for the work he put in to help make it possible.

Permanent Endowment Fund Challenge

As you heard at last Tuesday's meeting or read in the "Sun Light" our club membership has been challenged by an anonymous member to donate to our Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) held with the Chisholm Trail Community

Foundation (CTCF)--a 501-C 3 tax exempt foundation. The anonymous challenger will match dollar for dollar membership's cumulative giving up to a total of \$10,000. Conditions of challenge include: at least 5 members must donate and all donations must be made by October 31, 2013.

To donate make check payable to:

"Chisholm Trail Community Foundation"

and on Memo Line write:

"SC-Rotary PEF"

I am happy to report I have delivered three checks to CTCF totaling \$1,150 for deposit this week. Thanks and keep up the great work. A one page overview of Club's Permanent Endowment Fund is available for membership's information and files.

Lets step forward over the next five(5) months and meet this challenge to support Club's Outreach Projects for years to come! Thanking you in advance,

Bill Miller,

Sun City Rotary Foundation Chairman

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 05/19/13

Rotary's Donations to the Worldwide Polio Eradication Effort - are being matched \$2 to each \$1 contributed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Final Three

Pakistan - 8 Polio Cases recorded in 2013 compared to 16 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on April 24, 2013. No new Type 3 Polio cases have been reported in over one year in Pakistan.

Rotary has installed mobile clinics at toll plazas to reach migrant populations with the oral polio vaccine. On average, 1,000 – 8,000 children now receive the vaccine on a daily basis.

Afghanistan - 2 Polio Case recorded in 2013 compared to 6 on this date in 2012, with the most recent case reported on March 28, 2013. Sub-National Immunization Days are planned for late May in high-risk areas.

Nigeria - 22 Polio Cases recorded in 2013 compared to 30 on this date in 2012, with the most recent cases (from the Kano, Borno, Taraba, & Yobe areas) reported on April 24, 2013. Sub-National Immunization Plus Days were held this past week using Bivalent (Type 1 & 3) Polio vaccine. Rotary members from the polio-free southern region of the country are helping to monitor immunization campaign in the polio-affected northern region.

2013 Polio Case Breakdown by Country (#s in brackets are for 2012)

Endemic Countries – 8 Pakistan (58), 2 Afghanistan (37), 22 Nigeria (122)

**Rice allergies are more common in Japan and China than the rest of the world.
And sesame allergies are most prevalent in the Middle East.**

... The Rotarian, May 2013

Last Week: by Bob Deffeyes

“Ain’t You Guys Still Got Them Big Red Trucks?”

The phone rang at the Fire Department and the caller yelled, “Come real quick, my house is on fire.” The Fire Chief answered, “OK, how do we get there?” The caller replied, “Ain’t you guys still got them big red trucks?” The key message we got from John Sullivan, Georgetown’s dynamic new Fire Chief still has “them big red trucks” but they are now a lot more than just smoke chasers. John is taking a broad view of his job as leading the emergency preparedness and response team. Actual fires are a small part of his job. 70% of the 911 calls are medical emergency calls. Add to that flash flooding, tornadoes, hazardous material response, and fires are only a little piece of the action. The five-year plan also devotes a lot of time to preparedness. Training of the 90 members of the department, fire prevention, medical crisis prevention, and public education are all part of the big picture of this department.

I concluded that Georgetown Fire Department is outmoded — but in *name* only. I wound up with the feeling that the department is long overdue to change the name to *Emergency Preparedness and Response Team*. If you feel that just a name change is an unimportant bit of trivia, remember the Baldwin Locomotive Corporation and their corporate motto, “We build the World’s Finest Steam Locomotives”. That was really useful until the diesel electric locomotives hit the market. Baldwin’s response to the market change was to develop a new bigger stronger steam locomotive. Today Baldwin is best known for building pianos. As Juliet said, “What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” Sorry, Juliet, names really do make a difference. (If you don’t believe it applies to government, remember that we still elect officials to run the Texas Railroad Commission, only that is not what they do.) Why not change the name of the fire department now? It could change the department image so that people would know better than to ask “Ain’t you guys still got them big red trucks?”

Hiroshima peace forum 20 May 2013

In a ceremony heavy with symbolism, RI President Sakuji Tanaka joined other Rotary and community leaders 17 May in laying a wreath in Hiroshima Memorial Park, dedicated to the victims of the atomic bomb dropped on the city during World War II.

The subject of peace has been at the heart of Tanaka’s year as Rotary’s president. A member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Japan, Tanaka selected *Peace Through Service* as RI’s theme for his year, and he organized three global peace forums to motivate Rotarians and others, particularly youth, to work for peace in their daily lives.

The wreath-laying event took place during the third of these forums, in Hiroshima, Japan, 17-18 May. Tanaka also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and signed the guest book, which contains messages of peace from many past and present world leaders.

More than 2,700 people attended the forum, including Rotarians, community leaders, and students and alumni of Rotary’s Peace Centers program -- a peace studies initiative that provides future leaders with the skills needed to resolve conflicts and promote peace. The governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, Hidehiko Yuzaki, and the mayor of Hiroshima, Kazumi Matsui, also attended.

Previous forums were held in [Berlin, Germany](#), and [Honolulu, Hawaii, USA](#). Tanaka selected all three sites because they were affected by the events of World War II and now represent the healing power of sustainable peace between nations.

Rotary Moment with Lou Gibson “Why Join Rotary?”

Maybe you’ve seen a need in the community and wondered how you could help.
Maybe you want to use your professional skills to help others, or even learn new skills.
Maybe you are seeking connections with other service-minded professionals in your community or abroad.

Whatever your reason, joining Rotary can help you achieve these goals and so much more. And you can be proud of being a part of this wonderful organisation.

Budget & Financial Meeting:

After to-day's meeting, the Board meeting will convene for a short meeting. It will followed by a Budget & Finance meeting and all members are invited and encouraged to stay.

Masculine And feminine Nouns

Jamie, our super President, teaches foreign languages. One of the tough things about that is that foreign nouns come in masculine and feminine and the definite articles and adjectives have to agree in number and sex. It is tough to try to remember is the dining room table is a boy or a girl. We just don't think of a table in those terms. However, so many languages do that, that I have decided to start assigning gender to English NOW to get ready in case some place like Harvard decides that our nouns should be genderated. My choices should be easy to remember, not like the rule " i before e except after a couple of glasses of wine" or however that rule went.

SWISS ARMY KNIFE: male, because even though it appears useful for a wide variety of work, most of the time it is just opening beer bottles.

KIDNEYS: female, they always go to the bathroom in pairs.

TIRES: male, because it gets bald as it grows old and is often over inflated

SPONGES: female, because they are soft and squeezable but retain too much water

HOT AIR BALLOON: male, because to get it to go anywhere, you have to light a fire under it.

COPY MACHINES: female, because once they are turned off, it takes a very long time for them to warm up again and it is an effective reproductive device when you push the right buttons, but wreaks havoc if you push the wrong buttons.

SHOE: male. Because it is usually unpolished and has its tongue hanging out

HOURLASSES: female, because with the passing of time, the weight shifts to the bottom.

LIVING ROOM FURNITURE: male, because it is something that women like to push around a lot.

CHINA: female, because it was where women started wearing shoes that were too small for them

SUBWAYS: male, because it uses the same old lines to pick up companions

ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR: female, because it talks all the time

ROTARY COMMITTEE... male, because it is a group of unprepared appointed by the unwilling to do the unnecessary

ROTARY FOUNDATION: female, because it uses lots of foundation garments

ROTARY FOUR-WAY TEST: male, because it makes sense but doesn't get applied to golf scorecards.

With thanks from our erudite contributor,
Bob Deffeyes