



The Sun Light

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

May 7, 2013

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MAY IS MILITARY APPRECIATION 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.

LAST WEEK

Presiding: President Jamie Mattison

Invocation: Rich Petro

Pledge: John Harding

4-Way Test: Mike Oglesby

Rotarian Guest: Dick Brzezinski/Fredericksburg

Happy Bucks: \$97.00

Guests: Jack Beckett/Lou Gibson

Charles Heald/Lou Gibson

Cathy Endebrook/National Day of Prayer

Today's Programme: Mr. Henry Martinez, IRS

Next Week: GSE team **visiting** from the Philippines

Future Programmes:

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| May 21 | Mr. John Sullivan, Georgetown Fire Chief |
| May 28 | Mr. Ray Sanchez, Commander of MOWW |
| June 4 | President Jamie Mattison, Rotary International Matching Grants |
| June 11 | Mr. Lou Gibson, Shriners Overview |
| June 18 | Ms. Dianna Howard, Culinary Heritage Institute |
| June 25 | President's Night |
| July 2 | Club Assembly |
| July 9 | Mr. Dan Bonnell, Wesleyan Estrella |

Upcoming Events:

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| 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 |

I have the simplest of tastes. I am always satisfied with the best.

. . . Oscar Wilde

NOTICE: May 21, the club will meet the Oaks, Legacy Golf Course

News from the Boardroom:

1) President Jamie Mattison reported that the Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from the Philippine Islands will be guests of our Club on May 14th. The team is made up of one leader and four members. Jamie asked board members to suggest places in this area for our members to accompany the team. Schwertner Ranch, Jarrell Elementary School and the Texas Life Sciences Center were the three places that the board members suggested for the GSE team to visit on that day.

2) Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Bob Elam that our club subscribe to the Club Runner software beginning on July 1, 2013. The cost will be \$40 per month. This software will facilitate the handling of data and communications between our Club, District 5870 and Rotary International. After discussion about the funding for this additional cost, the Board unanimous voted in favor of this motion.

3) John Chenoweth reported that we have reached 87% of our 2012-13 goal of \$9,715 for our contributions to the Rotary Foundation. John, after conferring with Bill Miller, seemed confident that we will reach 100% of our goal for this current Rotary year. John reported that our goal for giving to Rotary Foundation for year 2013-14 will be \$10,000. Our goal for giving to Polio Plus will be \$6,000 for year 2013-14.

4) Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Tom Minor that Happy Bucks collected for four straight weeks beginning on April 23rd be designated for victims of the West, Texas explosion. The vote of the Board in favor of this motion was unanimous.

5) Our Club has added 10 new members and have received 17 resignations so far this year for a net loss of 7 members. Our present membership is 58 members. John Chenoweth reported that our new membership goal for the end of Rotary year 2013-14 will be 66 members.

The new Rotary motto for the upcoming year will be "**ENGAGE ROTARY, CHANGE LIVES**".



Membership Minute:

Harold Bergh read a small article sent by **Tom Minor**:

Most people join Rotary clubs because they want to establish additional friendships with like-minded people and to make an impact, first in their local community then internationally. If early in their professional careers, they may also want to develop or improve their leadership skills. When relocating, they want to establish friendships while rebuilding their personal back-up systems, or as Rotary founders put it, development of acquaintances as an opportunity for service. It may be for business reasons, social reasons, or service reasons, but it's still networking and developing friendships.

If you ever injected truth into politics you have no politics.

... Will Rogers

The Great "Grass Fight"

This article is dedicated in memory of those who died in the great victory of the "Grass Fight" in the siege of Bexar on November 26, 1835. Near San Antonio, General Perfecto de Cos was dug in with his troops. A rumor reached the Texas army that Cos had sent Domingo de Ugartechea to Matamoros to pick up the payroll for his army and to ask for some reinforcements. Of course, the Texans sent out scouting parties to watch for Ugartechea's return with the big bucks. Erastus (Deaf) Smith, for whom Deaf Smith County is named, headed up one scouting party. Smith saw a pack train about five miles from San Antonio and sent word to the Texas army. James Bowie rallied about 100 mounted men and set off to intercept the Mexican payroll. Naturally, a fight ensued.

When the smoke cleared a reported fifty Mexican soldiers lay dead along with several wounded. Two Texans died and one is still missing. Victoriously, they opened the saddlebags of silver. Oops, it wasn't silver at all. They had captured bags of grass going to feed the horses of the Mexican army. Thus ended the great Texas victory of the "Grass Fight". Historians still argue over who won, if anyone won. Maybe both sides lost. So that these dead shall not have died in vain, let us take a moment in memory of these brave soldiers and the victory dinner held in their honor by the horses of the Texas army.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International – and what it means :

To a young set of parents in Afghanistan it was a life-saving immunization for their five-month-old son.

To a woman with seven children in Malaysia, it was a loan to start a sewing business that enabled her to feed her children.

To North Koreans, it was an ambulance that equipped a hospital to be able to take care of them.

To thousands of college students in almost every country on earth, it was the chance to study abroad, with all expenses paid, and learn their educational specialty up close and personal.

Misc. etc

Mike Oglesby and his wife, Phyllis, are celebrating their 37th anniversary; **Bill Harries** has reached his 80th; **John Harding** is back from Chattanooga; **Herman Knodel** said **Adaire Wolf** is hoping to return next week; **Byron Calcote** will continue to collect donations for the people of West; and a ne'er-do-well (who shall remain anonymous) has demanded an audit; **Gary Sandercock's** supposedly sane 42 year-old daughter jumped out on airplane last week and landed safely; **Glenn Coward** is happy to be home again after attending his granddaughter's recital in Dallas; **Bob Derse** has returned from a 4,000 mile driving trip during which he saw his great-grandson; **Harold Bergh** is pleased to see several new members coming into the club; **Carolyn Holloway** was fortunate to have attended the opening of the Bush Library in Dallas last week; she noted there was incredible security due to the fact five former presidents were in attendance; today's speaker, Joe Austin, noted his wife is a Rotarian; **Jamie Mattison** was pleased to see **Barbara Pekar** back; **Lou Gibson** reminded us fellow member **Glynn Hatley** is running for C.A. re-election to the board.

Jamie Mattison thanked **Tom Minor** and **Doug Lowe** for serving on the RYLA committee which has selected two campers, and an alternate, all from Jarrell High School. Jamie also thanked **Bill Chapman** for carrying on the tradition at the high school.

Guest, Cathy Endebrock, reminded members that this coming Thursday is the National Day of Prayer. In 1952 President Harry Truman signed it into law and in 1988 President Reagan designated the 1st Thursday in May every year as the day on which it is recognized. All presidents since, with the exception of the current president, have led the country in prayer on this day.

Freedom is contagious. That's why despots fear it so much.

GLOBAL PEACE FORUM IN HIROSHIMA, MAY 17-18, 2013

RI President Sakuji Tanaka's Third Rotary Global Peace Forum will be held on May 17-18 in Hiroshima, Japan. The theme for this event is "Peace Begins with You." It will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants from:

Rotaract,
Interact,
Rotary Youth Exchange,
RYLA,
Ambassadorial Scholars,
Rotary Peace Fellows,
alumni and young Rotarian leaders.

Earlier this Rotary year successful Peace Forums have been held in Berlin, Germany and Honolulu, Hawaii. Each of President Tanaka's Peace Forums has had its own unique focus.

FYI – MS

Multiple Sclerosis, a disease of the brain and spinal cord, is the leading cause of non-traumatic disability among some young adults. The average age at diagnosis is about 30. During the past 19 years the U.S. Food & Drug Administration has approved nine new medications for MS, and two more are up for review in the next few months. Although current medications keep early symptoms at bay, they do not stop the degeneration of neurons. Scientists are now formulating new theories about the cause of MS in hopes of developing drugs that can halt the progression or even prevent its onset.

. . . . *Scientific Mind*

News From R.I.

Among actions taken by delegates from Rotary's 532 districts during the meeting in Chicago 21-26 April of the R.I. Council on Legislation were:

- > They accepted an increase of US\$1 per year in per capita dues,*
- > removed limits on e-clubs,*
- > permitted satellite clubs, and*
- > changed the name of the fifth Avenue of Service to "Youth Service."*

The dues increase means Rotary clubs will pay Rotary International annual per capita dues of \$54 in 2014-15, \$55 in 2015-16, and \$56 in 2016-17.

Dues for 2013-14 had already been set to \$53.

- > Approved a measure allowing participation in club projects to count toward club attendance requirements. The measure amends the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to require that a member attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings or engage in club projects for at least 12 hours in each half of the year, or a combination of both.*
- > Approved a measure creating the office of vice governor, who would act as a substitute if the governor became unable to serve. The vice governor would be selected by the district's nominating committee from among the district's past governors.*

One of the most sincere forms of respect is

. . . . actually listening to what another has to say.