



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY

District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON

Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way

May 8, 2012

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*It is more difficult to be an honourable man for a week
than to be a hero for fifteen minutes.*

... Jules Renard

LAST WEEK:

Invocation: Bill Thompson
Pledge: Scott Murphy
4-way test: Gary Sandercock

Guests:

Jay Barker/Ray Bergman
W.R. Helge/John Chenoweth
Richard Liardon/John Chenoweth
Larry LaLiberte/John Chenoweth
Dennis Morgan/Mike Oglesby
Dinah Macron/Carolyn Holloway
Barbara Hampton

Visiting Rotarian: Patti Carr/Marble Falls

Members Attending: 46

Happy Bucks: \$45.00

Last Week: by **Ray Bergman** *Around the Majors in 60 Days*

This is the saga of a boy from the Bronx who quite simply loved baseball. Some fifty years later, his passion for the game never waning, he embarked upon a journey that cross-crossed most of America and part of Canada to fulfil his dream.

This is the story of that dream. Taking himself back in time to his growing up years of the 40's and 50's, he relates the memories of his childhood spent playing stickball on the streets of New York. He tells how he came to plan this "impossible dream trip" to visit all 28 Major League Baseball stadiums in one season and witness a game in each. The trip is done by automobile and preparations involve months of planning. Along the way he discovers America of the late 20th century, the land, the changes, and the sameness.

He comes to see that though America and baseball have changed much is as it was in the earlier days of the century. He sees that despite the greed merchants, the spirit of America and baseball remains essentially as it was in his boyhood.

Ray travelled 15,000 miles through this vast land, met people, remembered his past and looked at what is and what could be.

This Week: **Gary Sandercock** will present a programme on Cryogenics

Next Week: **Bob Weimer** will introduce East View HS coach Rob Davis

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Tuesday, July 3rd - RYLA in Bastrop – Kitchen Crew needed for lunch
Wednesday July 4th – RYLA in Bastrop – Kitchen Crew needed for lunch

Membership Moment: presented by **Lou Gibson**

Rotary clubs in Canada, Ghana, and Switzerland funded water systems to provide clean water to eradicate Guinea Worm in Ghana.

Rotary Club of Georgetown – Sun City funded a clean water project for homes in remote areas of Honduras and helped provide ecological stoves in Mexico.

Future Programmes:

May 22	Dick Will has asked Col. Steve Fought to be his guest speaker
May 29	Mark Thomas, G'town Economic Director, will be our speaker
June 5	Kelly Barnett
June 12	Harold Bergh
June 19	Gordon Bishop
June 26	President's Night
July 3	NO MEETING
Aug 28	District Governor's visit

Dates to Remember:

<u>This Week</u>	International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand
May 19 (Sat.)	District Conference Part I, Killeen (All invited)
June 16 (Sat.)	District Conference Part II, Lost Pines (All invited)
June 26 (Tues)	President's Night – Cowan Creek Pavilion

India is no longer polio endemic

The World Health Organization has officially removed India from the list of polio-endemic countries. Ghulam Nabi Azad, India's minister of Health and Family Welfare, made the announcement at the Polio Summit 2012 in New Delhi on 25 February. Azad said that he had been informed of WHO's action by its director-general, Dr. Margaret Chan.

"It is a matter of satisfaction that we have completed one year without any single new case of polio being reported from anywhere in the country," said Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh at the summit, which was organized by the government of India and Rotary International. "This gives us hope that we can finally eradicate polio not only from India but from the face of the entire mother earth. The success of our efforts shows that teamwork pays."

India's last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal State on 13 January 2011. Before polio eradication can be certified in India, it must go two more years without another case of the disease. Polio remains endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Importation countries:

Countries which have stopped transmission of indigenous wild poliovirus can be affected by importations of the virus. Depending on the level of immunity in the population and the country's proximity or travel ties to polio-endemic countries, **outbreaks can result from these importations.**

In 2010, a number of countries continue to be affected by such outbreaks. Most of these are in the "wild poliovirus importation belt" – a band of countries stretching from west Africa to central Africa and the Horn of Africa.

Meetings are indispensable when you don't want to do anything.

. . . John Kenneth Galbraith

*Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge totals**

US\$210M

** As of 24 April 2012*

NEWS FROM THE BOARDROOM:

- 1) Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Bill Miller that Dennis Morgan be accepted into membership of our Club. The vote of the Board was unanimous in favor of this motion.
- 2) The Board approved the renting of a climate controlled 5' x 10' storage space at McDonald's Storage located at 6211 Williams Drive in Georgetown, Texas. The need is to help centralize our record keeping. The cost will be \$60 per month.
- 3) The Board approved the following Leave of Absence requests:
 - James Scharff - May 1 through October 31
 - Dick Retz - May 1 through October 31
 - Mike Oglesby - May 9 through October 21
- 4) John Chenoweth reported that we have received only 4 scholarship applications from Jarrell High School. The Board approved 1 -\$1,000 and 3 -\$500 scholarships if the 4 applicants are accepted by our Club.

Misc. Etc.

Bill Miller announced he has brought PolioPlus badges for those who want one; **Bill Harries** has just celebrated a birthday; **Rich Petro** presented a Houston Texans golf shirt to **Bob Weimer** for his work during Spring Fling; **Bob Deffeyes** regards **Stephen Brown** as the best motivational speaker and thanked him for motivating him to try birdwatching by presenting him with a very large beautiful photograph of a giant crane Bob took when he was on holiday.

Spring Fling update: provisional figures are that we had 260/265 attendees; an amount of \$3,150 was raised during the auction; and the highest amount for an item was \$675 for the lovely clock built and donated by **Richard Nemec**.

The Annual Review

When I was in the Army at Fort Ord for basic training we had the annual review by the Inspector General's (IG) office. Everyone knew weeks in advance, so we had to clean up a lot of stuff before the inspection. In my basic training group, the mess sergeant was an Italian and really great! His mom lived 40 miles north and raised a big herb garden. Our food was seasoned with fresh herbs. Came the annual IG inspection one Friday noon and I was standing in line to get into the mess hall for lunch. Someone tapped me on the shoulder and asked, "May I please get in line ahead of you?" I turned around to find a "full bird" Colonel from the IG's office. I replied, "SIR, please, go in and sit down and allow me to bring your tray to you." He declined and just got in line.

When we got to the entrance to the mess hall, the Dining Room Orderly was about to shout, "Attention" signifying that the command had just changed as a higher-ranking officer entered. The Colonel said not to announce him. As he pushed his tray down the cafeteria-like chow line, the KP kid who was serving the mashed potatoes pitched an ice cream dipper full of potatoes on the moving tray and accidentally dumped it onto the Colonel's wristwatch. The kid froze when he looked up to say, "Sorry" and saw a Colonel. The main course that meal was fried oysters. There is no way you can fry oysters for 550 kids!; it was the only bad meal we had during basic.

The Colonel did not throw the book at our company, he threw several books at us. We spend 10 days of intensive cleanup HFO (Hyper Face Opus, meaning excessive make-work). After basic training, my second company had received the IG office award "Best Mess Hall at Fort Ord". The facility was new, shiny chrome, not the WW II barracks of my first company. The food was your basic bland food with less culinary flair than dry dog food. The three lessons I learned in the Army were:

- 1) Life isn't always fair.
- 2) Inspectors may be motivated by little irritating stuff.
- 3) NEVER slop mashed potatoes on a Colonel's wristwatch.

.... Bob Deffeyes

Anagrams:

PRESBYTERIAN = BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER = MOON STARER

THE EYES - THEY SEE

GEORGE BUSH = HE BUGS GORE

THE MORSE CODE = HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY = DIRTY ROOM

ELECTION RESULTS = LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS = ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

A DECIMAL POINT = I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES = THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO = TWELVE PLUS ONE

