



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
November 20, 2012

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1530 Sun City Blvd, Suite 120 Box 441, Georgetown 78633

November is Rotary Foundation Month

Presiding Officer: Jamie Mattison
Invocation: Adaire Wolf
Pledge: Garry Wolford
4-Way Test: Bill Harrah

Visiting Rotarians: Ned Snead/Sunrise
Herb Fulton/Sunrise

Members Attending: 50
Happy Bucks: \$61

Visitors: Gerry Gilmer/John Harding
Glenn Coward/Tom Minor

Rotary Prayer: As Rotarians we thank Thee Lord for this food and for the fellowship we are enjoying this lunchtime. We pray that this sustenance may strengthen us physically and that the friendship we enjoy will enrich us spiritually so that we can serve mankind by spreading peace and kindness. Amen

Today's Programme: Laura Brewer, Georgetown Assistant Manager

Next Week: Meeting at Donna and Gary Sandercock home at 14 Tanager Trail 6PM

Future Programmes:

Dec 4 Biographies (meeting in Sun City ballroom)
Dec 5 – 7 Shopping for Breakfast With Santa (BWS)
Dec 11 Wrapping for BWS
Dec 15 **Breakfast With Santa** and Gift Deliveries
Dec 18 Biographies
Jan 8 Club Assembly

Major Donor Award:

Bill Miller presented this special award to **Dick Will**. This award is given to those who have donated \$10,000 to the Rotary Foundation. Congratulations and many thanks to Dick!

Wait for it!

This year, *Smart*, the company that makes the eponymous two-door city car, is introducing an electric bike, which it will sell at its auto dealerships in Europe and North America for about \$3,800.

Last Week: by Scott Murphy

Joel Rice, Executive Director of the San Gabriel District of the Boy Scouts of America shared with us the promise and the challenges of his organization. He covered their mission statement "To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

The San Gabriel district includes Georgetown, Jarrell, Granger, Liberty Hill, and Florence serving over 250 youth. This year the district has grown their scouts by about 12%. We learned the Boy Scouts range from 11 to 18 years of age. Cub Scouts run from 1st through 5th grade.

One of the districts goals is to serve over 25% of the area's youth. Currently, 15% of the Georgetown youth are served. In 2012 San Gabriel scouts will have completed over 5,000 community service hours, averaging 15 hours per youth. We learned that it costs about \$100/year to sponsor one scout. Why is Scouting Important? Study results indicate that Scouts with 5 years tenure in the organization are:

- More likely to assume leadership roles
- Put the needs of others above themselves
- Have higher self-confidence
- Be active in after-school programs
- Resist peer pressure to take part in delinquent activities
- Give their best efforts at tasks
- Be honest with work and school
- Treat others with respect
- Stay physically fit
- Set goals
- Become more appreciative of our environment

Finally, Joel shared how we can help:

1. Volunteer
2. Financially support our Scouts

If you would like to contact Joel Rice with questions or to find out how you can help the Scouts, he can be reached at 512.617-8603 or at joel.rice@scouting.org

Notice about future meeting:

Tuesday, December 4 - - meeting this date will be held in the **Sun City ballroom**

Misc. etc. **Bob Elam** thanked all who helped during the Arts & Crafts Fair; **John Chenoweth** donated some of his special blood to-day; **Rich & Rita Petro** have just celebrated their 57th anniversary; **Tom Minor** thanked the **Nemecs** for the special luncheon we had to-day; **Harold Lawless** is celebrating 37 years on the wagon – no mean effort !!

Membership Moment with Lou Gibson

As Lou said, the purpose of Membership Moments is to engender pride in our club. Last weekend at the Arts & Crafts Fair the enthusiasm of the club's members was very evident by their work and efforts to make the fair successful.

TALK IS CHEAP - EXCEPT WHEN CONGRESS DOES IT.

. . . Cullen Hightower

Becoming a Paul Harris Fellow:

Rotary District 5870, through a Memorial Fund created from the estate of Rotarian Jerry Johnson, will help Rotarians become first-time Paul Harris Fellows. This fund **will match** a Rotarian's donation, up to \$500, to reach the necessary \$1,000 donation level.

For example: if a Rotarian has donated \$200 in the past years to the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund **and/or** PolioPlus Fund and is willing to make a further donation of \$400 to these funds, District 5870 will match their donation with an additional \$400. Combining these donations will raise the Rotarian's total record of giving to \$1,000 in order to become a Paul Harris Fellow.

This is a great way to donate to the work of Rotary International as well as to become a Paul Harris Fellow. If you are interested, please contact **Bill Miller** and he will tell where you stand at the moment regarding donations.

Who Was Paul Harris?

Paul Percy Harris (April 1868 – January 1947) was born in Racine, Wisconsin. He attended Princeton, University of Vermont, and University of Iowa and after working at odd jobs for a few years, he established a law practice in 1869 in Chicago.

In 1905 Harris organized the first Rotary Club “in fellowship and friendship” with three clients. His initial goal was to create a club of professional and business men for friendship and fellowship but he soon realized Rotary needed a greater purpose. While Harris was serving as President of the Chicago Rotary Club in 1907, the club initiated its first public service project, the construction of public toilets in Chicago. This step transformed Rotary into the world's first service club.

By the time of Paul Harris' death at age 79, Rotary International had grown with more than 200,000 members in 85 countries. The motto of Rotary International is “**Service Above Self**”.

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News From the Boardroom:

The first order of business was the appointment of the Nominating Committee by President Mattison. The following members will serve for the 2012-13 year:

Adaire Wolf
Norm Peters (chairman)
Charles MacKay
Stephen Brown
Art Tragesser.

The second order of business was to approve a leave of absence for Bill Thompson. Tom Minor made the motion seconded by Bob Weimer that a 90-day leave of absence be approved for Bill Thompson. The vote of the board members in favor of this motion was unanimous,

The next item of business was to consider the awarding of recognition points for new member sponsorships. These points will be used in obtaining Paul Harris awards. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Bill Miller that 150 recognition points be awarded to any member that recruits and sponsors a new member into our club. The vote of the board members in favor of this motion was unanimous.

Our Breakfast With Santa social will be held on **November 27th at the home of Donna and Gary Sandercock** located at 114 Tanager Trail. The time of the social will be from 5:30 to 8:30. The cost of the social will be \$10 for Rule of 85 members and \$5 for spouses and other guests.

THERE WILL BE NO NOON MEETING OF OUR CLUB ON THAT DATE.

Five Reasons to Give to Rotary Foundation:

1. Eradicating Polio
2. Basic education and literacy
3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution
4. Fighting hunger
5. Reducing child mortality

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"Breakfast with Santa" will be **Saturday, December 15** .
Mark your calendars with the following key dates:

Tuesday, November 27

We will not have a regular noon meeting that day. Instead, Rotarians and guests will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Gary & Donna Sandercock (114 Tanager Trail) for our **ANNUAL BWS SOCIAL** to officially kick-off this year's event. The "social" will begin at 5:30 pm with finger food and beverages (not a sit-down dinner, but there will be plenty of food). At 6:30 pm we will take a brief break from the festivities and **conduct a special weekly Rotary meeting**. Following the meeting, we'll resume the party until the food and beverages run out or the clock strikes about 8:30 pm (whichever comes first). Sign-up sheets for all BWS activities will be available at the party. **Thanks in advance to Gary & Donna for hosting this event.**

Wednesday thru Friday, December 5-7

BWS SHOPPING at Walmart. Rotarians, guests and friends will shop from 8:30 am until about 2:30 pm each day. Although we have allocated three days for **SHOPPING**, we have managed to do it in just two days for the past couple of years. The amount of time required for **SHOPPING** will depend on the number and complexity of the families we are **SHOPPING** for as well as the number of shoppers and helpers who show up to work.

Tuesday, December 11

BWS WRAPPING at the Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park. Rotarians, guests and friends will begin **WRAPPING** about 9:30 am and continue until we "*git 'er done.*" At noon we will take a break and **conduct our regular weekly Rotary meeting**, including a special Christmas lunch served by Jeanette and Rick Nemeč. Ideally, we need to spread the workforce out over the whole day so everyone gets to to be involved in **WRAPPING** but also so we can manage the process (translation: we'll need workers for both the early and late sessions and not just for the times immediately before and/or after lunch). All "guests" eat free.

Saturday, December 15

BREAKFAST and gift **DELIVERY** (for the selected families) will both happen on the same day. **BREAKFAST** will be served (7:30 am until 11:00 am) at the Georgetown Community Center in San Gabriel Park. Gift **DELIVERY** will be conducted (9:00 am until 2:00 pm) at Fire Station 1 (where we previously held the Breakfast). This year, we will ask the families to come to come to the Fire Station to pick-up their gifts ---- hopefully, either before or after they have used their complimentary tickets to eat breakfast and visit Santa at the Community Center. Although our previous technique of gift **DELIVERY** directly to the families with Santa and the firetruck(s) was certainly exciting, BWS has grown to the point (43 families last year) that committing two firetrucks and the associated manpower for nearly 6 hours is no longer practical. Hopefully, this year's new process will work out better for our families as well as Rotary and the Fire Department. Families will be better able to schedule their day rather than waiting around for us to arrive (or, as sometimes happened, not being ready or even home when we arrived). The timing of both **BREAKFAST** and gift **DELIVERY** on December 15 will allow Rotarians to serve at **BREAKFAST** and/or gift **DELIVERY** on the same day. Get ready for a **full day** of "**Service Above Self.**"