



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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Rotary Prayer:

With our friends beside us, And no person beneath us,
With the bonds of Rotary between us, And our worries behind us,
With our goals before us, And no task beyond us,
With a thirst for knowledge, And a dream of a Polio free world,
We are thankful for our Rotary friends and the meal we share.

Amen

Slate of Nominees for 2013-14

President: John Chenoweth
President Elect: Bob Weimer
Vice President: Bob Elam
Secretary: Herman Knodel
Treasurer: Doug Lowe

Directors:

Membership: Lou Gibson
Rotary Foundation: Bill Miller
Public Relations: Tom Minor
Service Projects: Gary Sandercock
Strategic Planning: Jamie Mattison
Club Administration: Adaire Wolf

This Slate of Nominees will be published 2 times in the *Sun Light*.

The Official Vote will take place on **Tuesday, Dec. 18th, 2012**. On this date anyone can be nominated from the floor and will be a write in on the ballot.

Thank you,
Norm Peters, Chuck MacKay, Art Tragesser, Stephen Brown, and Adaire Wolf
Nominating Committee

Last Week:

Presiding Officer:	Bob Weimer	Visiting Rotarian:	PDG Gene Davenport
Invocation:	Bill Miller	Guests:	Ray Watkins/Lou Gibson
Pledge:	Don Mabray		Janice Jacoby/Herman Knodel
4-Way Test:	Bob Elam		
Members Attending:	45	Happy Bucks:	\$71.05

Today's Programme: John Chenoweth and the Breakfast With Santa social

Next Week: Biographies from: Mike Oglesby, Bill Chapman, Dennis Smith
(We will meet in the Sun City ballroom)

Future Programmes:

- 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
- Jan 15 Jarrell H.S. RYLA students
- Jan 22 Mr. Delaney - Drug Policy Forum of Texas (DAFT)
- Jan 29 Mr. Penland – guest of Carolyn Holloway
- Feb 5 Mardi Gras with Dr. Stephen Brown
- Feb 12 Mr. Gene Davenport, Past District Governor

Last Week: by Bill Chapman

Laura Brewer, who serves as the Assistant City Manager of the city of Georgetown, focused on the results of a recent retreat held by the Georgetown City Council, where they prioritized their agenda for the next 5-10 years. They have chosen to focus on five areas: Economic Development, Public Safety, Utilities, Transportation, and making Georgetown a Signature Destination.

In regards to Economic Development, Laura emphasized that a larger tax base translates not additional revenue for the city which results in lower individual tax rates for the citizens. The city was looking for a good balance between retail and jobs in future development.

When discussing Public Safety, Laura stressed that city is working with EMS and the Emergency Service District to lower response times and increase training opportunities for its staff.

The focus on utilities included the fact that capacity is limited. The city is working to develop a overall urban style water service rather than a rural access style. This is what they are working on as they move forward with Chisholm Trail Water Supply. The city wants to insure that rates are reasonable for its citizens.

The transportation topic mainly referred to the city working with Capital Metro to provide bus service for its citizens as well as additional sidewalks and pedestrian safeguards.

Laura spent most of her time explaining what the city meant when it stated it wanted to become a signature destination. The council wants the city of Georgetown to be a wine, foods, and arts destination, especially the downtown area. There will be a Grape Creek Winery opening up in February and the first Georgetown Arts Center will open up in March.

The city also is examining a downtown festival area to alleviate congestion on the square to assist businesses downtown. A parking structure is also being developed to assist the library as well as the downtown area.

This signature destination focus will also have the city expanding its park and trail system, which is already a source of pride in the community.

Other areas of focus are Lake Georgetown, an amphitheater, and a convention center.

Membership Moment with Lou Gibson

Community Service: Being a Rotarian means serving your community, networking, making friends, and building international relationships.

Rotary creates the perfect venue to give back to the community we live in while enjoying the comraderie of positive, caring, and active individuals.

The reason for the Membership Moment is to make us proud to be Rotarians both in this club and within the international community.

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Stephen and **Ernestine Brown** have just celebrated their golden anniversary; **Bob Weimer** asked members to help the Hurricane Sandy victims by donating money which will be sent to the Brooklyn, New York, Rotary club for the purchase of warm blankets; **John Chenoweth** noted we are way behind in the donations collected so far this year for the BWS and urged members to continue working for this; raffle tickets (7 tickets for \$5) for the beautiful chime clock made by **Richard Nemeč** will be available for sale for some time yet; **Alex** and **Patti Munson** will celebrate their anniversary later this month; **Rich Petro** has crossed off Waco as a town to never revisit!

Common sense is not so common.

. . . Voltaire

Rotarians respond in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy

Rotary districts in New York and New Jersey have collected more than US\$90,000 for relief efforts following Hurricane Sandy, which slammed into the northeastern United States on 29 October. Six affected districts (7230, 7250, 7260, 7490, 7500, and 7640, which include parts of New Jersey, New York, and Bermuda), have been coordinating the efforts aimed at meeting the needs of hard-hit communities.

Rotarians worldwide have contributed to the fund. A portion of the donations, \$13,000, has been spent on generators and gift cards.

Don't Waste Money on Christmas Presents

Right, Christmas Gifts are a waste of money this year. We will get through BWS OK, but that is about all. Why? Well, the world is scheduled to come to an end on December 21, 2012. Yep. That is all they wrote according to the long time religious beliefs of the very devout. By long time, we are talking 1,872,000 days long. That is the "long count" cycle of the Mayan calendar. The Mayans believe it all rolls over to the "New Age" belief on that day, and we begin the new age and rebirth of consciousness. Lordy, after the election we are all really ready for a rebirth of consciousness! The old consciousness seems to have totally died during the election campaign.

The hang-up right now is just how it will all end. No one is quite sure, and the Mayans are keeping quiet on that point. For example, there was the "Great Dying" only 250 million years ago. Some Siberian volcano blew its top and the eruption killed about 80% of all the species in the world. One gigantic extinction came with the eruption.

The votes are in from the Dinosaurs all over the world, except for the state of Florida where they are still counting the ballots. Their vote was for an asteroid hitting the earth on December 21. They said it proved very effective for them. However, the only asteroid in line for that is 460 feet across and answers to the catchy name of 2011 AG5, but its plans are still tentative and has only 1-in-500 chance of hitting the earth on February 5, 2040. NASA has about 10,000 other candidates, but they are even farther out in time. If you rule out volcanoes and asteroids, maybe it is the CO₂ that the Mayans figured would get us. It is now the highest it has been in the last 800,000 years. The problem with that idea is it will take years to wipe us off the globe, not an event on December 21.

So what can you do about it? First, move to Alabama. Last time I flew there, the airline stewardess announced, "We have just landed in Dothan, Alabama. For the correct local time, set your watch back 54 years." That way, even if the Mayans are right, you will have another 54 years before anyone knows about it. And secondly, don't buy Christmas Gifts, when maybe you should spend your money on volcano insurance.

. . . Bob Deffeyes

Longer Life with Coffee?

While it would be an exaggeration to call coffee an elixir of youth, evidence does suggest that coffee consumption is linked to longer life. Over a period of 13 years, researchers at the NIH studied the habits and longevity of more than 400,000 men and women between ages 50-71 who participated in the comprehensive NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study. They took into account the amount of coffee the participants drank and excluded all those with pre-existing health issues such as cancer and heart disease.

At the end of the study period, the researchers discovered that subjects who drank coffee were not only less likely to die than non-coffee drinkers, but they were less likely to die of specific diseases such as heart disease, infection, and respiratory illness. The more coffee they drank, the more their mortality risk lowered.

Rotary-UN Day focuses on promoting global peace

Nearly 1,000 Rotarians, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at the United Nations in New York City on 3 November to hear panelists discuss ways to advance global peace.

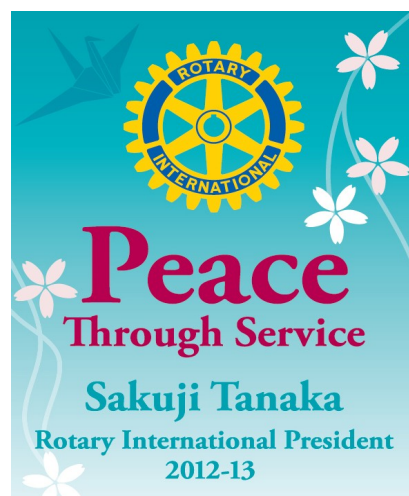
The annual Rotary-UN Day event drew slightly fewer people than usual this year because of disruptions caused by Hurricane Sandy, which had slammed into the Northeastern United States several days earlier. But those who were able to attend celebrated the relationship between the two organizations, which dates back to 1945, when Rotary members acted as delegates, advisers, and consultants to the United Nations Charter conference.

During the opening panel, RI President Sakuji Tanaka said the relationship between the two organizations is a natural and enduring connection because both are committed to peace. "I truly believe that the world today is a better place with Rotary and the United Nations in it," Tanaka said. "Neither the United Nations nor Rotary is in a position to solve all of humanity's problems. But that is not our goal. Our goal is simply to make things better. We take what we have, and do what we can."

Tanaka, who chose the RI theme of *Peace Through Service* for his year in office, said there is a connection between service and peace. "It has to do with caring for other people and understanding their needs. When we recognize that the purpose of our lives is being helpful to others, it changes the way we feel about other people," he said. "If our goal is service, we do not want to argue or fight. We want to live together in peace, and have greater inner peace ourselves."

The first of three Rotary Global Peace Forums will be in Berlin from 30 November to 2 December.

Each forum is a two- or three-day program that will help inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka's RI theme, *Peace Through Service*.



November is Rotary Foundation Month