



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
October 12, 2010

Words to Ponder:

If we escape punishment for our vices, why should we complain if we are not rewarded for our virtues?

PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor
Prayer: Al Cummins
4-Way Test: E.C. Deaton
Pledge: Gordon Bishop

ATTENDANCE: 44 Members

GUESTS:

Patti Munson/Alex Munson	Caroline Holloway
Jeanne Gaines/Ben Gaines	Loren Doering/Bob Smith
Ernestine Brown/Stephen Brown	Jason Fisher/Bob Weimer
Sandra Bergh/Harold Bergh	Sing Gibson/Lou Gibson
Jean Steadman/Harold Steadman	Jamie Deaton/E.C. Deaton
Donna Ferreri/Ron Ferreri	Jane Hobbs/Tom Hobbs
Joanne Harrah/Bill Harrah	

Today's Programme: **Jamie Mattison** will talk about the Bi-District Conference in Corpus Christi she attended last weekend.

Last Week: Last week featured a special *Wursfest* meeting complete with a delicious German style luncheon prepared and served by our own *fraulein*, **Jeanette Nemec** and her husband, **Richard**. Having many guests and spouses present was a great pleasure. After the meal, we took up the sheet music which had been distributed, **Harold Bergh** started up his accordion, and we sang two German songs led by Jeanette who led us with her accomplished and delightful voice. Harold then played a couple of old songs with which most of us were familiar. At the conclusion of the singing President **Tom Minor** reminded us the Art & Crafts Fair is only 4 weeks away and volunteers are needed to help; **Bill Miller** distributed sign-up sheets for us to select a date and time to work.

Next Week: **Gene Perry** will introduce Judy Horlscher from the Hospice Unit at Scott and White.



Celebrations, News etc: Happy Bucks: \$73.00

Harold and Jean Steadman will celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary this week; **Trubee Racioppi** and his wife celebrate their 51st anniversary today; many members were happy the Longhorns have a bye this week; **John Chenoweth** thanked **Ben Gaines** for delivering the first Breakfast With Santa campaign contribution last week; as of today we have received over \$3000; **Don Mabray** added money to the Happy Bucks basket because of Baylor's win last weekend; **Bill Grusy** had a wonderful trip with his daughter and son-in-law to British Columbia and Alaska last week; Norm Peters and his wife Linda, are celebrating 28 years together.

Bob Smith will in Georgetown again this Saturday and Sunday at the fair selling raffl e tickets for the dulcimer he has donated to the club. **Tom Minor** gave a big thanks to **Jeanette and Richard Nemec** for helping to make the meeting such a success.

Dates to Remember:

- Oct 26: Anniversary dinner (Western wear encouraged)
- Nov 6-7: Arts and Crafts Fair
- Nov 16: Meeting and social at **E.C. Deaton's** home for Breakfast with Santa (No mtg at CC)
- Nov 29 – Dec 10: Shopping at Walmart
- Dec 11: Breakfast With Santa at Fire Station #1
- Dec 14: Wrapping of presents
- Dec 18: Delivery of presents
- Dec 21 and 28 No meeting

Future Programmes:

- Oct 19 Gene Perry
- Oct 26 *Anniversary Dinner*
- Nov 2 John Rutan
- Nov 9 Special Veteran's Day Programme
- Nov 16 Mtg & Social at E.C.Deaton's home
- Nov 23 Bill Bryce
- Nov 30 Mark Ramsay

Programme Chroniclers:

- Today David Stuetelberg
- Oct 19 Lou Gibson
- Nov 2 Bill Harrah
- Nov 9 Don Bender
- Nov 23 Bill Harries
- Nov 30 Gary Brown

MEN ONLY:

When my Dad was in Rotary, it was a “men only” club. Who let women join? That began in Duarte, California. In 1978, the Duarte Rotary Club allowed three women to become members. The RI Board of Directors cancelled the Charter of the Duarte Club, claiming a violation of the RI Constitution and By-laws. Duarte responded with a lawsuit against Rotary International charging a violation of a California civil rights law that prevented discrimination in business or public accommodations. RI lost the case and appealed the decision. On appeal, RI lost again. Then RI appealed to the California Supreme court claiming that Rotary was not a “business or accommodation”. However, in 1987 the US Supreme Court ruled that Rotary does have a “business purpose” and in some ways is a “public-type organization”. Rotary lost again. Rather than appeal directly to God, Rotary put this item on the agenda of the 1989 Council on Legislation. The Council met and then changed the RI Constitution and scratched the “male only” rule.

End of story? Well, not exactly. For example, in Colorado District 5470, the Walsenburg Rotary Club Board met and voted to abandon its charter and ceased to be a club. Almost 20 years went by before the citizens of Walsenburg started another Rotary club.

Some Rotarians travelling abroad have found “men only” and “women only” Rotary clubs, particularly in some countries of the Middle East. Visiting Rotary men looking to do a make-up meeting are embarrassed to find out they are not allowed to attend the “women only” meetings.

Finally, it must be embarrassing to those Rotarians who fought to keep women out for 10 long years in the courts to find women are some of the best members and best leaders in Rotary.

*Thanks to **Bob Deffeyes***



October is Vocational Service month highlighting the business and professional interests of members.

A great deal of talent is lost to the world for the want of a little courage.