



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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If the extension of your compassion does not include all living beings,
then you will be unable to find peace by yourself.

. . . Albert Schweitzer

ROTARY PRAYER:

For friends, good fun and fellowship, especially the fellowship of Rotary, we give our sincere thanks. May these tokens of your bounty nourish our physical bodies in preparation for the challenges that are ours in Rotary. Keep us always mindful of the needs of others and keep us always attuned to our calling in Rotary. We ask these things in the Name of your Eternal Truth. Amen.

LAST WEEK:

Presiding Officer: Jamie Mattison
Invocation: Gonzalo Garza
Pledge: Art Tregasser
4-Way Test: Jerry Hobbs

Visiting Rotarians:

PDG Gonzalo Garza/Downtown
Brad D./Downtown
Buzz Ferweda/Sunrise

Members present: 43 **Happy Bucks:** \$65.00

Last Week: by Don Bender

Mr. Joe Don Lee the Superintendent of Georgetown Independent School District (GISD) discussed the Tax Ratification Election that is now taking place. He reported that in the state of Texas public education was underfunded by 5.4 billion dollars this year. This meant that GISD received a 7.2 million dollar reduction in state aid. He also reported on the actions taken in order to effect a budget reduction of 7.5 million dollars over the past two years. The Tax Ratification Election will result in a four cent increase over current assessments and will generate 2.18 million dollars in needed revenue for the school district.

Today: Quarterly Meeting with President **Jamie Mattison**

Next Week: **Don Bender** will introduce Laura Antoine who will speak on mentoring in Rotary

Mark your calendar:

Oct 27 Schwertner Ranch & Event Center, Salado 5:30 – 9:30 pm
Denim & Diamonds, Rotary Foundation Gala & Fundraiser.
Gourmet Texas Fare, Entertainment, Prizes, Auction. Win a .5 carat diamond!

Let's have a table or two at the Rotary Foundation Gala "Denim & Diamonds" on Oct. 27th. The event will be in our backyard this year. Call me or send an e-mail and I will make a reservation for our club.
. . . Carolyn Holloway

Future Programmes:

Oct 16	<u>No Meeting</u>
Oct 18	<u>15th Anniversary dinner, G'town Community Center, 6:30PM</u>
Oct 23	Bob Elam will speak about the Arts & Crafts Fair
Oct 30	Octoberfest
Nov 6	Veterans' Day programme
Nov 9-11	<u>Arts & Crafts Fair</u>
Nov 13	Joe Rice – Boy Scouts
Nov 20	Laurie Brewer, G'town Assistant Manager
Nov 27	John Chenoweth – Breakfast With Santa
Dec 15	<u>Breakfast With Santa</u>

Nothing was ever learned by either side in a dispute

Membership Moment: with Tom Minor

Tom mentioned just a few of the many organizations our club has assisted over the years:

- Children's Advocacy Group
- Ride on for Kids (R.O.C.K.)
- Backpack Buddy Programme
- Boys and Girls Club
- Annunciation Home for Unwed Mothers
- Brookwood Home
- Assistance League of Greater Georgetown
- The Caring Place

The many and various items and donations made to the above organizations have been due to the generosity of all the members of this club.

Rotary's role in India's success against polio draws global media coverage

The role played by Rotary International in helping India stop transmission of the wild poliovirus generated strong media coverage worldwide. News of India's milestone achievement of going one year without polio in January garnered more than 100 media placements that featured Rotary, representing nearly 250 million online visitors and a print circulation of over 10 million readers. Nearly 95 percent of the coverage of the milestone – by the [Associated Press](#), [The Economist](#), [Financial Times](#), [New York Times](#), [Reuters](#), and other major media – mentioned Rotary's leading role in the achievement.

In February, the BBC featured a news story that highlighted Rotary's role in India. The BBC also carried several news stories, blog posts, and Twitter feeds related to Rotarians participating in the country's National Immunization Days. India's removal from the list of polio-endemic countries by the World Health Organization was announced at [Polio Summit](#) 2012 by Ghulam Nabi Azad, the country's minister of Health and Family Welfare.

Anticipating India's milestone achievement, the RI Communications Group launched an aggressive communications campaign to increase understanding of Rotary's leadership role in the country's success against polio and the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), working with the GPEI partners, Rotary public image coordinators, and others.



Ordering out for pizza might not seem like a big deal. But consider 33 children waiting for polio vaccine. Just think: for the same price, you can help these children live free of polio through the Rotary Foundation.

Polio Emergency Plan Launched

Despite the dramatic drop in polio cases in the last year, the threat of continuing transmission due to funding and immunization gaps has driven the Global Polio Eradication Initiative to launch the Global Polio Emergency Action Plan 2012-13. The plan will boost immunization coverage in the three remaining polio-endemic countries - Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan - to levels needed to stop polio transmission. Health ministers meeting at the World Health Assembly in Geneva adopted a resolution on 25 May that declared “the completion of polio eradication to be a programmatic emergency for global public health.”

Rotary commits additional US\$75 million to help end polio

Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The Ad Hoc Committee on By-Laws

This committee has been formed to recommend possible changes to the by-laws. Among other items, the review will include:

Leave of Absence; Rule of 85; Board composition of Directors regarding Strategic Planning and Sergeant-At-Arms.

The committee will make recommendations and present them to the Board of Directors. Upon achieving a consensus, the President will then present the recommended by-law changes to the club membership who will have at least 10 days to review and consider the changes. At that time a vote will be taken at a regular meeting (with a quorum present). Approval of the changes requires a vote of two-thirds of members present.

Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Jamie Mattison	Bill Chapman
Lou Gibson	Bob Deffeyes
John Chenoweth	Ben Hyde
Herman Knodel	Malcolm Hensley

It is amazing that people who think we cannot afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, and medication somehow think that we can afford to pay for doctors, hospitals, medication and a government bureaucracy to administer it. - Thomas Sowell

Do you have nice genes?

Your genes may be responsible – at least in part – for how nice you are according to “The Neurogenics of Niceness”, a study in the April issue of *Psychological Science*. Researchers found that people who viewed the world as a threatening place were less likely than those with positive perceptions to help others – unless they had the “nice” versions of oxytocin and vasopressin receptors. Genes determine which version a person has.

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Our Star Spangled Flag

The Second Continental Congress officially adopted the flag on July 14, 1777. The law read “that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white: that the union be thirteen stars while in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” The flag served as a maritime flag, used exclusively to identify American ships, until 1834, when the army adopted it as a battle flag. It didn't become a symbol of the nation as a whole until much later.

The Job Search . . . with **Bob Deffeyes**

The methods by which companies select and hire employees used to be really stupid back when I was in industry. A recent experience shows me that it has gotten worse.

The process now is not as effective as flipping a coin. In an attempt to help American industry become more competitive, I am working on the ultimate essay question for employee selection. The candidate will be asked to write a brief essay on one of the following three questions:

- A) Please explain, in your own words, why your continued employment in American industry is justified your recent job performance. Be specific. Give examples.
- B) Please explain, in your own words, why you didn't want to answer question A). Be specific. Give examples.
- C) Please explain, in your own words, why you are reading question C) instead of answering A) or B). Be specific. Give examples.

Ponderings . . .

Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
Why is it so hard to remember how to spell MNEMONIC?
If someone invented instant water, what would they mix it with?
Why is it called a TV "set" when you only get one?
Why does your nose run and your feet smell?
Why does an alarm clock "go off" when it begins ringing?
If pro is the opposite of con, is progress the opposite of congress?
Why does "cleave" mean both split apart and stick together?
Why is it, whether you sit up or sit down, the result is the same?
If you have your finger touching the rearview mirror that says -- "objects in mirror are closer than they appear", how can that be possible?