



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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Giving money and power to government is like giving
money and whiskey to teenage boys

--- P.J. O'Rourke

LAST WEEK: Our Anniversary Dinner was held at the Oaks and catered by **Jeanette and Richard Nemec** who prepared a delightful dinner, as usual. Thanks also to **Adaire Wolf** and **Barb Pekar** for making all the necessary arrangements in order to make the evening such a success.

Special members present were **Harold and Jean Steadman** who were celebrating their 65th anniversary!

This year is the club's 14th anniversary and a number of the original members were present: **Adaire Wolf, Barb Pekar, Norm Peters**, and **PDG Bill Bryce**.

After the presentation of the annual Service Abover Self award to Susan F. Ward by **President Rich Petro**, he and **John Chenoweth** presented a short film made at the PETS Conference highlighting the importance of the work done by Rotary in the context of the long term.

PREVIOUS WEEK: by **Barb Pekar**

Jarrell VOLUNTEER Fire Department www.jarrellvfd.org

Billy White & Lieutenant Aaron Bamsch from the Jarrell Volunteer Fire Department had a Power Point presentation for our Club about Fire Safety & their department. Mr. White gave some important safety tip we should all review with our families:

ALARMS:

2/3 of home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no alarms or non-functioning alarms

Working Smoke alarms cut risk of dying in reported homes in **half**

Check all smoke / CO2 alarms at least yearly

Special alarms make loud mixed low-pitched sound that are activated by the normal smoke alarm

ESCAPE ROUTES:

Have a map showing all exits (doors and windows)

Have 2 ways out of every room

Have outside meeting place (tree, light pole, mailbox)

PRACTICE!!! (visitors)

If alarm sounds, Get out and Stay out

To escape smoke, Get Low and Go

This also happened to be **National Fire Prevention Week**. With all the fires around us lately & along with the Burn Band & Stage 4 water restrictions in our County & City; it makes it a good time for all of us to review. I thought it was VERY helpful to know how to register for the Emergency Notification System when you only have a cell phone & no land line in your home. So, take a few minutes, visit the website & review some information to keep our family & homes safe.

National Fire Protection Association

Emergency Notification System

<http://wireless.capcog.org/ENS/HowItWorks.aspx>

Can use your cell phone linked to locations to be notified by text

Wildfire Resources

<http://www.firewise.org/>

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>

<http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/main/article.aspx?id=12888>

Next Week: **Bill Harries** will be introducing Sid Covington, Chairman of the Lone Star Rail District Board. Mr. Covington will talk about the status of the planned passenger rail system (LSTAR) that will stretch from San Antonio to Georgetown.

This Week: October Fest followed by the results of our Club Assemblies presented by **Jamie Mattison** and **Doug Lowe**.

Future Programmes:

Nov 8	Salute to club Veterans – David Leas
Nov 15	Renée Mercier
Nov 22	Jamie Mattison – final discussion of the Club Vision
Nov 29	Bill Miller

Dates to Remember:

Nov. 4-6	Hill Country Arts and Crafts Fair
Nov 28 – Dec 2	Shopping for BWS
Dec 7	Gift wrapping
Dec 10	Gift deliveries
Dec 17	Breakfast With Santa (G'town Community Center)
Jan 13, '12	District Roll of Fame nomination deadline
Feb 11, '12	Foundation Dinner, Lost Pines Resort
May 6-9, '12	R.I. Convention, Bangkok
May 16 – June 16, '12	GSE Team here from Australia
May - June	District Conference

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MILITARY HISTORIES OF ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS

You may be aware that the club has been working on a project to collect and record in writing the various military experiences of club members (and certain close relatives) who have been veterans. **David Leas** has attempted to contact each club member who has indicated a personal military experience. Please note the following:

1. The project includes the military experiences of present and past club members, and certain close relatives of club members.
2. Participation in battle experiences is not necessary; serving our country is sufficient.
3. A club program concerning the project is planned for the **Tuesday before Veterans' day (Nov 8th)** in November (please think about inviting special guests for the occasion) .

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Weather . . .

If you take away El Niño and La Niña from the Pacific Oscillation, what do you have left? La Nada – which is to say, no effect at all. With neither of those well-known phenomena constraining the motion of the jet stream, it is free to flail like a loose fire hose. This is the reason the weather in the United States has been so extreme and unpredictable lately, according to NASA climatologists.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SURESH PAHWA'S MESSAGE

Vocational service begins with reciting the Four Way Test, maintaining diversity of vocations in our clubs, giving classification talks, recognizing all useful occupations and contributing our vocational talents to serve our communities, and presenting awards to professionals who exemplify outstanding professional *achievement while maintaining very high ethical standards*.

Interesting (and troubling) Stats:

14 - Average age at which US teenagers take their first alcoholic drink. 25% of teens who drink say they had their first alcoholic beverage before they turned 12, and 70% say they have a friend who drinks alcohol at least once a week. Nearly half of teens say *they do not see a great risk in heavy daily drinking*.

58 - Percentage of American children ages 5 to 10 who play outside fewer than four days a week. Of the parents studied, 74% opt to spend family time watching TV, and more than 50% have cut back their children's extracurricular activities to save money because of financial strains.

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PolioPlus Focus:

- 4 - Number of countries where transmission of wild poliovirus has never been stopped.
- 90 - Percentage of people who, when infected with the poliovirus, show no symptoms.
- 1 in 200 - Chance that infection with the poliovirus will lead to irreversible paralysis.
- 40 - Percentage of polio survivors who develop additional symptoms years later.

Rotary International has played a major role in helping the *Global Polio Eradication Initiative* make continued progress and overcome obstacles in the drive to rid the world of the disease.

Since October 2010, Rotary has provided almost US\$40 million for polio surveillance, immunization campaigns, and technical assistance in several countries. In India, *only one case* of polio has been reported since January of this year.

The wild poliovirus (types 1 and 3) is endemic in only four countries: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Nigeria has maintained a 95% drop in polio cases in the past 24 months. Over the past 12 months, Rotary's investments in polio eradication underpinned the largest coordinated public health operations in the world. They leveraged the use of 1.7 billion doses of oral polio vaccine to vaccinate 400 million kids in 183 campaigns in 47 countries.

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FELLOWSHIPS:

The first Rotary Fellowship started informally in 1928, when a group of Rotarians got together to champion Esperanto, the language created by Ludwig Zamenhof.

In 1947, Rotarians interested in boating began flying the Rotary flag from their vessels, and took to calling themselves the *International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians*. That group is now the longest continuously operating Rotary Fellowship.

To-day, 58 Rotary Fellowships encompass over 31,000 Rotarians worldwide. The largest fellowship is *Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture*, with 4,680 members. The one with the widest geographic distribution is *Rotarians on the Internet*, with members in 104 countries.

Rotary Fellowships cover a broad spectrum of interests – from motorcycling to dolls, marathon running to chess, bird watching to flying, fishing to fine arts, scuba diving to skiing, curling to cricket, wine appreciation to bridge. A complete list is available at www.rotary.org.

A great fruit cake recipe

You'll need the following:

a cup of water

a cup of sugar

four large eggs

two cups of dried fruit

a teaspoon of baking soda

a teaspoon of salt

a cup of brown sugar

lemon juice

nuts

a bottle of whisky.

Sample the whisky to check for quality.

Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again. To be sure it is the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Turn on the electric mixer, beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again.

Make shure the whisky is still okay. Cry another tup. Turn off the mixer. Break two leggs and throw into the bowl and chuck in the cup of fried druit. Mix on the turner. If the fried druit gets stuck in the beaterers pry it loose with a drewscriver.

Sample the frisky to chek for tonsisticity. Next, sifft two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares? Check the whisky. Now sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Spoon. Of sugar or something. Whatever you can find.

Greese the oven. Turn the cake tinn to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and go to bed.