



# THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY  
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON  
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way  
October 5, 2010

~ ~ WURSTFEST ~ ~

## Words to Ponder:

A pessimist is one who feels bad when he feels good  
for fear he'll feel worse when he feels better.

## PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor  
Prayer: Al Cummins  
4-Way Test: Ruth Allison  
Pledge: John Skannal

ATTENDANCE: 39 Members

GUESTS: Jeannie Stanley/Stephen Brown  
Ann Caldwell

VISITING ROTARIANS: DG Ruth Allison - South Austin  
Ray Barrow - Georgetown  
Max Blankengee - Lakeway  
Jim Albers - Georgetown  
Suresh Pahwa - University Area  
John Caldwell - Georgetown

Today's Programme: Bill Bryce will present a programme on membership.

Next Week: **Jamie Mattison** will talk about the Bi-district Friendship Conference being held this coming weekend in Corpus Christi.

Last Week: by **Harold Bergh**

District Governor Allison introduced herself using a recording of a song about a great American icon - the Cowboy who did his job. "It's not complicated," she said. "Just roll up your sleeves and do it." She went on to say that if our club is doing something and you don't know why - question it, check it out. "If there are things that are done just because it has always been done that way, examine it. If it doesn't add up - change it," she advised.

Governor Allison touched on a number of Rotary projects that "Build Communities and Bridge Continents", examples being RYLA, the Rotary Foundation, and Polio Plus. She made a strong point by saying, "Focus on what CAN be done - not on what can't be done."

She asked our membership to think back to when they joined Rotary. "Who was the District Governor? Who was the Rotary International President?" Only a few could answer those questions, but when asked, "Who brought you into Rotary?" everyone remembered that person. "If you know a potential member, ask them to attend a meeting. If they refuse, ask them again." She said, "I attended Rotary as a guest for three months before I joined."

Membership is the heart of Rotary and the Foundation is the soul. Sustaining membership in the Foundation will keep Rotary strong. Foundation money, such as "Happy Bucks", returns to the club after working for three years, to work again in various projects. "Become a Foundation member if you are not!" Governor Allison reminded us that polio is not completely eradicated. Four countries still have outbreaks. With world travel and the fact that many young people in the USA are no longer being vaccinated, polio can return. 2013 is projected for polio to be eradicated if the program continues on track.

District Governor Allison is enthusiastic about Rotary International and its contribution to local and international good works. No question, she is a force to be reckoned with!

Her talk ended with another cowboy song, "Happy Trails" by Roy Rogers, bringing back happy memories to many.

Our sympathies go out to **Doyle Brown**, one of our newest Rotarians, on the loss of his oldest son, James. He was 58 years old and was laid to rest in Doyle's hometown of Mabank, TX. on Sept 28.



**Celebrations, News etc:** Happy Bucks: \$49.00

**Bill Miller** reminded us the Arts and Crafts Fair will be held November 5-6 and he will bring sign-up sheets next week. Also, Bill awarded **Harold Bergh** a Paul Harris +2; various members were happy "their" teams won (others were not so happy!); **Stephen Brown** was pleased to have his guest **Jeannie Stanley** here, and he reminded us about Wurstfest next week (**Harold Bergh** has been practising all week in order to provide the music!); **John Rouse** was thankful his daughter-in-law and the rest of the UT community were safe after the shooting; **Lou Gibson** reminded us the Assistance League will be at Walmart this Saturday to buy school clothes for students from the Georgetown ISD; **Tom Powell** was pleased to see so many guests here to-day.

Final figures are not yet in from the Jarrell vs Crawford game, but \$1,100 has been raised so far. Guest **John Caldwell** from the Downtown club invited members to participate in their club's golf tournament to be held in Sun City; 100% of the proceeds (\$100 per person) will go to benefit Georgetown Children's programmes; however, for \$20 per person, members can attend the bar-b-que after the game which will be held at Don Hewlitt's dealership.

**Dates to Remember:**

- Oct 8-10: Bi-district Friendship Conference with District 4130 (Mexico) in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel  
(Note: there will special programmes for spouses: a golf tournament; featured speakers; grant workshops; and a gala diner)
- 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

**Future Programmes:**

- Oct 12 Jamie Mattison
- 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

**Programme Chroniclers:**

- Today Gary Brown
- Oct 12 Ron Ferreri
- Oct 19 Lou Gibson
- Nov 2 Bill Harrah
- Nov 9 E.C. Deaton
- Nov 16 Bill Harries

**711 IS MORE THAN A CONVENIENCE STORE**

711 means more to Rotarians than just gas pumps and candy bars. 711 means something very special to Rotarians – sort of our lucky number. Why is 711 special? To a Rotarian it stands for Room 711 of the old Unity Building in Chicago. That room was the office of an engineer named Gus Loehr – and the place for the first meeting of Rotary. At that meeting, Paul Harris and several of his friends talked about the idea of a service club for professionals and businessmen. They created the world's first service club.

A group of Rotarians restored this room to the way it was in 1905 and turned it into a Rotary museum (they called the group the Paul Harris 711 club). In 1989, the museum was moved to storage when the Unity Building was torn down. In 1994, a room at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston was outfitted and became the permanent home of the 711 museum.

So that is why 711 means more to Rotarians than just gas pumps and candy bars.

(Thanks to Bob Deffeyes)