



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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I've learned that life is like a roll of toilet paper,
the closer you get to the end, the faster it goes.

. . . Andy Rooney

Rotary Prayer:

O Lord, in our daily application of the Four Way Test, grant us
The vision of Faith,
The inspiration of Hope, and
The blessings of Charity. Amen.

LAST WEEK:

Presiding Officer: Jamie Mattison
Invocation: Gary Ross
Pledge: Bob Weimer
4-Way Test: Bill Harrah

Visiting Rotarians: Darrick McGill/Downtown

Members present: 44.00

Last Week: President **Jamie Mattison** led the quarterly Club Assembly meeting using the strategic plan as discussed and approved by the membership earlier this year.

Bob Elam talked about plans for the Arts & Crafts Fair. As he noted, this is our major fund raiser for the year and requires the involvement of all members. Sign-up sheets were passed around indicating all the areas, divided into 2-hour blocks, where members can sign up and work.

Bill Miller then spoke about the Annual Fund where members agree to pay \$100 per year payable monthly, quarterly or even weekly to the Foundation. It is hoped every member will donate some amount to the Foundation this year – unlike last year when the club filled in for a few members who did not join in the effort. The goal of the club is to have up to 90% of members become Sustaining Members. So far, 38% of members have made the commitment. And through July, a total of \$34,108 has been raised by the club towards PolioPlus.

Lou Gibson reminded members that retaining new members is just as important as bringing in new members. So far since the beginning of the Rotary year in July, we have inducted 3 new members and more are possibly interested. However, we are losing members for various reasons and thus need to work harder to find those who might be interested in joining us.

Herman Knodel Secretary, advised that the goals of providing semi-annual financial reports and of providing operating budgets have both been achieved and been made available to all members.

Doug Lowe, Treasurer, discussed and elaborated on the various accounts held by the club as well as what they are used for. As he noted, the club's financial health is good.

Don Bender spoke about weekly speakers and pointed out that once they commit to come to the club on a specific date it is unreasonable to ask them to change. Members are asked to remember this when arranging for future speakers. As Don mentioned, we now have fewer speakers who come to ask for our financial help – a point that was requested during the strategic planning. Please remember that we now have committed speakers through January.

Adaire Wolf reminded us about the Anniversary Dinner on October 18th. Because the caterers, Jeanette and Richard Nemeč, will need an accurate count, tickets (\$10 for members and \$20 for guests) are now available from John Chenoweth for the special dinner. The theme this year is **Hollywood** – so dress appropriately! Volunteers are needed for set up and tear down.

Bob Weimer advised that we will have another function similar to the Spring Fling in the autumn which will be geared to raising funds for our projects and he suggested that 30% of net profits go into a bank account for the club's use. Also, as the Community Liaison for the Georgetown Advocate Newspapers, Bob said he will be able to highlight the club's activities. He also encouraged visits other Rotary clubs in the area.

Regarding the Breakfast With Santa project, **John Chenoweth** brought up the key topic that past businesses must be contacted along with new donors whom we can contact. Possible donors are all those people with whom we interact everyday not only here in Sun City but also those people we see during shopping or dining out. An important aspect to this project is to follow up by face-to-face or telephone contact for what we raise is what we spend on the kids and families.

Tom Minor greets new Sun City residents every two months during the Sun City new member orientation. He encouraged us to wear our Rotary shirts and pins everyday.

Jamie Mattison ended the meeting by thanking members for their participation and all the hard work that has been done for the club.

Membership Matters: **Harold Bergh** reminded members about soliciting prospective candidates for membership. New members are important for the ongoing health of the club for they bring new ideas and new insights which are beneficial to all.

Today: **Don Bender** will introduce Laura Antoine who will speak about mentoring in Rotary

Next Week: **NO MEETING**

Misc. etc: Birthdays have been celebrated this week by **John Harding** and **David Stuetelberg**.

Future Programmes:

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 27	Schwertner Ranch & Event Center, Salado 5:30 – 9:30 pm <u>Denim & Diamonds</u> , Rotary Foundation Gala & Fundraiser. Gourmet Texas Fare, Entertainment, Prizes, Auction. Win a .5 carat diamond!
Oct 30	Octoberfest
Nov 6	Veteran's Day programme
Nov 10-11	Arts & Crafts Fair
Nov 13	Joe Rice – Boy Scouts
Nov 20	Laurie Brewer, Georgetown Asst. Manager
Nov 27	John Chenoweth – Breakfast With Santa
Dec 15	<u>Breakfast With Santa</u>

Several qualities that help projects succeed :

Training and Education, because if people don't understand the project, it's much more likely to fail. Maintenance. And local knowledge, whether that means working with an area Rotary club or another organization with a long track record there. That way if any bad stuff shows up, it would have already shown up. Rotary International conventions and project fairs are good places to find host partners.

But the most important aspects are the ownership, the partnership, and the communication. To achieve those, approach with more questions than answers. Ask the people what their community

needs. Then ask what they think is the best way to meet that need. And then ask if that's what the project will accomplish.

Beginning with that attitude is the best way to ensure the effort will serve the greatest number of people for as long as possible.

News from the Boardroom:

Members of the Board unanimously approved **Garry Wolford's** application for membership.
Welcome Garry!

Rotary's work with other organizations:

Rotary International works with many leading organizations and educational institutions in carrying out its worldwide humanitarian efforts.

Polio eradication partnerships

Rotary International is a spearheading partner in the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) along with:
[World Health Organization](#)
[U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[UNICEF](#)

Other partners include the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and donor governments.

United Nations

Rotary International appoints representatives to work with the several United Nations agencies and international organizations.

Strategic partners

Under the [Future Vision Plan](#), The Rotary Foundation Trustees have formed strategic partnerships with the following organizations to offer service opportunities for Rotarians through [packaged global grants](#):

[Aga Khan University](#)

[Mercy Ships](#)

[Oikocredit International](#)

[UNESCO-IHE](#)

Project partners

The following Rotary club and district affiliated organizations provide service opportunities to Rotarians worldwide:

[ShelterBox](#)

Service partners

These [external organizations](#) support club activities and offer opportunities for collaboration on local Rotary projects:

[Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#)

[The Global FoodBanking Network](#)

[Goodwill Industries International](#)

[International Reading Association](#)

[YSA \(Youth Service America\)](#)

Government partners

The [RI/USAID International H2O Collaboration](#) is an alliance between Rotary International and the [U.S. Agency for International Development](#) to support and facilitate water and sanitation projects.

Rotary Peace Centers

The Rotary Foundation partners with the following universities to offer fellowships leading to degrees or certificates in areas of study related to conflict prevention and resolution:

[Chulalongkorn University](#), Bangkok, Thailand (professional development center)

[Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#), USA

[International Christian University](#), Tokyo, Japan

[Universidad del Salvador](#), Buenos Aires, Argentina

[University of Bradford](#), West Yorkshire, England

[University of Queensland](#), Brisbane, Australia

[Uppsala University](#), Uppsala, Sweden

This two-letter word in English has more meanings than any other two-letter word, and that word is 'UP.'

It's easy to understand the meaning of the word **UP**, meaning toward the sky or at the top of the list, but when we awaken in the morning, why do we wake **UP**?

At a meeting, why does a topic come **UP**? Why do we speak **UP**, and why are the officers **UP** for election (if there is a tie, it is a toss**UP**) and why is it **UP** to the secretary to write **UP** a report?

We call **UP** our friends, brighten **UP** a room, polish **UP** the silver, warm **UP** the leftovers, and clean **UP** the kitchen. We lock **UP** the house and fix **UP** the old car.

At other times, this little word has real special meaning.

People stir **UP** trouble, line **UP** for tickets, work **UP** an appetite, and think **UP** excuses.

To be dressed is one thing, but to be dressed **UP** is special.

And this **UP** is confusing: A drain must be opened **UP** because it is blocked **UP**.

We open **UP** a store in the morning but we close it **UP** at night.

We seem to be pretty mixed **UP** about **UP**!

To be knowledgeable about the proper uses of **UP**, look **UP** the word **UP** in the dictionary. In a desk-sized dictionary, it takes **UP** almost 1/4 of the page and can add **UP** to about thirty definitions.

If you are **UP** to it, you might try building **UP** a list of the many ways **UP** is used. It will take **UP** a lot of your time, but if you don't give **UP**, you may wind **UP** with (**UP** to) a hundred or more.

When it threatens to rain, we say it is clouding **UP**. When the sun comes out, we say it is clearing **UP**. When it rains, it soaks **UP** the earth. When it does not rain for awhile, things dry **UP**.

One could go on and on, but I'll wrap it **UP**, for now . . . my time is **UP**!