



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON Cowan Creek
Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
September 20, 2011

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Eugene McCarthy despaired, "The only thing that saves
us from the bureaucracy it its inefficiency."

Last Week:

Presiding Officer: Rich Petro

Invocation: Rich Petro

Pledge: Pete Snelson

4-Way Test: Don Maybray

Visiting Rotarians: John Goodrich/Natchez,MS

Guest: Bill Thompson/Lou Gibson

Members present: 37

Happy Bucks: \$38.00

LAST WEEK: by Lou Gibson

SPEAKER: ELDER LAW ATTORNEY Charles lance
Subject: VERERANS BENEFITS—SPECIAL MONTHLY PENSION

SPECIAL MONRHLT PENSION AVAILABLE FOR WARTIME VERERANS AND/OR SUVIVIOR SPOUSES WHO ARE 65 O ROLDER OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED. MOST PEOPLE THINK OF VERERANS BENEFITS AS BEING AVAILABLE ONLY FOR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WERE WOUNDED OR DISABLED WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES.. ACTUALLY THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO WARTIME VETERANS WHO ARE NOW SENIOR CITIZENS AND ARE FACING THE BURDEN OF LONG TERM CARE DUE TO A HOST OF DISEASES SUCH AS ALZHEIMER'S , PARKINSON'S , MS, LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE AND MANY OTHERS. MUST BE OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE, ARE PERMANENTLY DISABLES AND ARE UNABLE TO WORK. THE PROGRAM IS BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED FOR ASSISTANCE. THERE ARE INCOME AND ASSET LIMITATIONS.

THERE ARE WIDESPREAD MISUNDERSTANDINGS REGARDING HOW TO DETERMINE QUALIFICATION FOR THIS IMPORTANT BENEFIT. THERE ARE ONLY THREE TYPES OF PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A VETERAN ASSISTANCE IN FILING A CLAIM FOR VETERANS BENEFITS ATTORNEY LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN YOUR STATE VETERAS'S SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUCH AS VFW, AMERICAN LEGION, ETC STATE OR COUNTY OFFICIAL OF THE DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS UNFORTUNATELY PEOPLE WHO CALL THE AGENCY'S REGIONAL OFFICES FOR HELP AND ADVICE ARE MORE LIKELY TO RECEIVE COMPLETELY WRONG ANSWERS THAN COMPLETELY RIGHT ONES.

IN 2010 THE MAXIMUM DISABILITY PENSION RATE FOR A VETERAN WITH NO DEPENDENTS IS \$11,830 OR \$985 PER MONTH. THE MONTHLY RATE , BASED ON THE NUMBER OF DEPENDENTS CAN GO AS HIGH AS \$1,500 PER MONTH. THE SPECIAL MONTHLY BENEFIT AMOUNT MAY BE INCREASED IF THE PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERAN IS ALSO HOUSEBOUND. THERE ARE LOW INCOME AND NET WORTH REQUIREMENTS. THE ANNUAL MAXIMUM PENSION AMOUNT IS DECREASED, DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR, BY THE VETERAN'S CONTABLE INCOME . COUNTABLE INCOME IS : ALL THE VETERANS INCOME, INCLUDING THAT OF A SPOUSE OR ANY DEPENDENTS, MINUS UNREIMBURSED MEDICAL EXPENSES.

LIMITED NET WORTH. THE VA'S GENERAL GUIDE IS THAT THE VETERAN MUST HAVE A NET WORTH LOWER THAN \$50,000 IF SINGLE OR \$80,000 IF MARRIED. A VETERAN'S NET WORTH IS CALCULATED BY ADDING ALL THE VALUE OF ALL PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VETERAN (AND SPOUSE), NOT INCLUDING A HOME AND CAR. THERE ARE METHODS BY WHICH THE NET WORTH , FOR CALCULATING BENEFITS, MAY BE REDUCED SUCH AS THE PURCHASE OF ANNUITY CONTRACTS. BASICALLY THIS PROGRAM IS FOR INDIGENT VETERANS AND OR SPOUSES.

<u>Dates to Remember:</u>	Sept 29 – Oct 1	Bi-District Reunion, South Padre Island
	Oct. 15-16	Chisholm Trail Days
	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

HAVE YOU SIGNED IN ???

News etc: Past President **Tom Minor** has just celebrated his 71st birthday; **Malcolm Henseley** celebrates his 75th birthday to-day – as has **Harold Bergh's** wife; new member, **John Harding** and his wife have just celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary; **David Stuetelberg's** father had his 81st birthday last Saturday and this coming Saturday he will be married! **Dick Will** is now home from West Virginia where he's been recovering from surgery and hopes to be back at meetings soon; **Bob Weimer** is screwed together with titanium and hopes to be back perhaps next week; **Chris Mealy** has undergone successful brain surgery for cancer is is now facing radiation and chemotherapy; **John Chenoweth** was happy to donate another pint of his 0 negative blood today; **Ron Ferreri** is having rotator cuff surgery next week; **Bill Grusy** went to Illinois last week for a reunion; President **Rich Petro** inducted **John Harding** into the club as our newest member - Welcome John!

September is New Generations Month

RI President Kalyan Banerjee on The Greening of Rotary:

We have a color for the 2011-12 Rotary year and that color is green. Green is the color of new shoots and branches coming forth from strong and deep roots.

I would like this year to be the start of the greening of Rotary, as we replace our darkening pall of gray with a brighter shade of green--seeking out newer members and younger generations, a growing more vigorous Rotary.

How can we be more inviting to younger members, who are different in so many ways from young people of a generation or two ago? Young professionals today are working longer hours, and every minute they have is precious. We have to show them that Rotary is a good use of their time--something they will want to be part of.

And we have to come to them where they are on the Internet or Facebook, on Twitter, or on e-mail, and on smartphones. More than ever before, a club's website is its public face--and it has to be a good one. We cannot hide our Rotary light under a the proverbial bushel, we must let it shine forth bright and let it be a beacon for all those who cherish our Rotary value of Service Above Self.

Rotary's Youth Endeavours

The history of Rotary's work with youth dates back to the 1920s, when many clubs took part in an international event known as Boys' Week. The first Boys' Week was held in New York City in May 1920 by the Rotary Club of New York and other local organizations. The event was part of an effort to promote youth development in the areas of education, citizenship, health and hygiene, and vocation.

New York club members reported on the success of Boys' Week at the 1920 Rotary convention, hoping that it would become part of the Boys' Work program, which Rotary had established several years earlier with the creation of the Committee on Work among the Boys (later known as the Boys' Work Committee). The program encouraged Rotary clubs to work with other community initiatives and organizations to counter juvenile delinquency, truancy, and poor physical health, with the goal of developing good citizens.

Boys' Week events quickly spread throughout the world. By the mid-1920s, they were being held in almost 600 locations across 25 countries. In 1928, the number of participating cities and towns had grown to about 3,000. The target audience also grew rapidly. Girls rode on the float sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vicksburg, Mississippi, in a 1924 [Loyalty Day](#) parade held in conjunction with Boys' Week. By the late 1920s, the United States had established a National Boys' Week Committee, in which Rotary participated. Rotary clubs were encouraged to support their local Boys' Week events as a way to achieve the goals of the Boys' Work program.

In 1934, Boys' Week became known as Youth Week, and in 1936, Boys and Girls' Week. The RI Board of Directors voted to discontinue Rotary's official sponsorship of Boys and Girls' Week in 1956 in order to support new youth efforts, but it encouraged clubs to continue participating in local youth service initiatives. Rotary went on to create other programs for young people in the following decades, including [Interact](#), [Rotaract](#), and [Rotary Youth Exchange](#).

In 2010, New Generations Service became Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service. Rotarians recognize the positive change that youth and young adults implement through leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

News From the Boardroom:

1) The first order of business was to consider a request from **District Governor Suresh Pahwa** for the release of the District matching funds for our DAP (District Assistance Program) grant in the amount of \$1,100 in order that these funds can be used for the victims of the fires in this area. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Bill Miller that this proposal be accepted by our club and that the entire amount of \$2,200 be expended from our club funds for the funding of our local DAP grant to the Annunciation Maternity Home for the construction of an entrance gate. This action would release the District's matching funds to be used for the fire victims. The vote by the Board for the approval of this motion was unanimous.

2) **Bill Thompson**, a former Rotarian, has made application to become a member of our club. Lou Gibson made the motion seconded by Renee Mercier that Bill be accepted into membership. This motion was approved unanimously.

3) **Al Cummins** has orally submitted his resignation from the club for personal and health reasons. The Board has accepted, with regret, Al's resignation effective September 13, 2011.

4) The Board voted to expend an amount not to exceed \$150 to pay for copy charges for the book being spearheaded by David Leas to collect and record the various military experiences of our club members. This motion was made by Lou Gibson, seconded by John Chenoweth and as unanimously approved by the Board.

English language

English is a stupid language.
There is no egg in the eggplant
No ham in the hamburger
And neither pine nor apple in the pineapple.
English muffins were not invented in England
French fries were not invented in France.

Bastrop Fires

Seven Bastrop Rotary club members have lost their homes, and seven more have been evacuated with their home uninhabitable. In Cedar Creek, two club members lost their homes. The Bastrop area has had 36,00 acres burned, and over 1400 homes that have been lost, with two fatalities.

The volunteer needs for the Bastrop/Cedar Creek area are massive: clean-up work, tree trimming/road clearing and volunteers to collect or deliver donated goods from Austin to Bastrop as needed and help with sorting clothes. The immediate needs for the Bastrop/ Cedar Creek are supplies, a list of which is posted on the two Facebook pages.

Disaster relief is not a Rotary mission, but disaster recovery is and this is where we Rotarians come in. Over the next couple of weeks, we are preparing for disaster recovery and beginning to develop our Rotary plans for help. As people begin to return to their neighborhoods to access their damages and losses now that the fires are either out or controlled, Bastrop County will have a better understanding of their needs. However, until that time, the bigger way that Rotarians can help immediately is to send their cash donations to either District 5870 Keyway c/o Suresh Pahwa and tag the check "Bastrop Fire Disaster Fund" or they can mail their donations directly to the Bastrop Complex Fire Rotary Disaster Relief Fund, the Rotary Club of Bastrop - County, P.O. Box 682, Bastrop, Texas 78602

Amazing Anagrams

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Dormitory == Dirty Room

Desperation == A Rope Ends It

The Morse Code == Here Come Dots

Slot Machines == Cash Lost in 'em

Animosity == Is No Amity

Snooze Alarms == Alas! No More Z's

Alec Guinness == Genuine Class

Semolina == Is No Meal

The Public Art Galleries == Large Picture Halls, I Bet

A Decimal Point == I'm a Dot in Place

The Earthquakes == That Queer Shake

Eleven plus two == Twelve plus one

Contradiction == Accord not in it