



THE SUN LIGHT

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GEORGETOWN - SUN CITY
District 5870 TUESDAYS 12 NOON
Cowan Creek Amenity Center, Cool Spring Way
September 7, 2010

Thoughts to Ponder:

If you want to test your memory, try to recall what you were worried about one year ago.

PRESIDING ORDER:

President: Tom Minor
Prayer: Al Cummins
Pledge: Herman Knodel
4-Way Test: Trubee Racioppi

ATTENDANCE: 38 Members

GUESTS: Peggy Racioppi/Trubee Racioppi
Kelly Games/Chris Mealy
Logan Cummins/Al Cummins

Last Week: by **Al Cummins**

Wayne Nero, Georgetown's new Police Chief, informed and entertained as he told about his life and work. Before accepting the job, Chief Nero, his wife and three sons came to Georgetown to "walk the square" and talk to people. They liked what they saw.

The Chief shared interesting facts about the work of the police department: there are 78 active policemen (all required to be physically fit); 112 employees (including the 78 policemen); 108 volunteers; the town is divided into five sections which are patrolled at all times. In a comparative study of violent crimes in five towns, Georgetown was found to be the lowest in violent crimes and property crimes but highest in car accidents. He explained that people are stopped in order to prevent accidents and that only one-third of those stopped get a ticket.

Amusing quips throughout gave all a good laugh: "People like firemen. People do not like cops. Kids like firemen; kids do not like cops. Dogs like firemen; dogs do not like cops."

If you want more facts and statistics from his presentation, please call the author.

Today's Programme: **Charlie Ray** will introduce a former colleague in the real estate world, Bill Poole, with whom he worked while developing properties.

Next Week: John Rouse

Celebrations, News etc: Happy Bucks: \$45.00

Bob Derse is pleased to be back after a 4-week recovery; **Bob Smith** offered condolences to Jarrell because of the football "event"; **Herman Knodel** will celebrate his 51st birthday next week; **John Rouse** was pleased to see a good turnout for the game; **Chris Mealy** was pleased to attend after his hospital stay, happy to have Kelly with him, and delighted college football is about to begin; **Jamie Mattison** was happy for the Jarrell Cougars; **Trubee Racioppi** was happy to have his wife, Peggy, with him today.

Tom Minor thanked **Jamie Mattison** for taking over during his absence; and also **Charlie Ray** for his great article in last week's Sun Light. **Bill Miller** brought us up to date on the Jarrell vs Crawford game and reminded us to pay up!!

At the October 5 meeting, there will be an Octoberfest luncheon and guests are invited. BUT please let Adaire know so NEMEC can prepare enough food.

FYI: PLEASE SIGN IN WHEN YOU ARRIVE !!

Dates to Remember:

- Sept 18: Due to some conflicts, the picnic has been postponed.
- Oct 8-10: Bi-district Friendship Conference with District 4130 (Mexico) in Corpus Christi at the Omni Hotel
- Oct 26: Anniversary dinner
- Nov 5-7: Arts and Crafts Fair
- Nov 16: Meeting and social at E.C. Deaton's home for Breakfast with Santa (No mtg at CC)
- Dec 11: Breakfast With Santa

Future Programmes:

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| Sept 14 | John Rouse | Oct 19 | Gene Perry |
| Sept 21 | New member bio's | Oct 26 | Anniversary dinner |
| Sept 28 | RUTH ALLISON, DG 5870 | Nov 2 | John Rutan |
| Oct 5 | Bill Bryce (Membership) | Nov 9 | Special Veterans' Day Programme |
| Oct 12 | Jamie Mattison | Nov 16 | Mtg and Social at E.C. Deaton's home |

Programme Recorders:

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| Today | E.C. Deaton | Oct 5 | Gary Brown |
| Sept 14 | Bob Deffeyes | Oct 12 | Ron Ferreri |
| Sept 21 | Bob Derse | Oct 19 | Lou Gibson |
| Sept 28 | Harold Berg | Nov 2 | Bill Harrah |

PAUL P HARRIS

Born in Racine, WI on 19 April 1868, Paul P. Harris was the second of six children of George N. and Cornelia Bryan Harris. At age three, he moved to Wallingford, VT where he grew up in the care of his paternal grandparents. He attended the University of Vermont and Princeton, and then received his law degree from the University of Iowa in 1891.

While he was in school, both his grandparents died, and he spent the five years after graduation travelling around the country and working odd jobs. After arriving penniless in San Francisco in 1891, he worked as a reporter for the *San Francisco Chronicle* and then as a ranch hand, grape picker, actor, and cowboy. He was also a night clerk in Jacksonville, FL and a travelling marble and granite salesman. In 1896 he settled in Chicago and opened a law practice. Along with Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey he founded the Rotary Club of Chicago in 1905 and was elected its president in 1907.

Club membership grew rapidly. Many members were originally from small towns and found an opportunity for fellowship in the Chicago club. Harris was convinced the club could be expanded into a service movement and strived to extend Rotary to other communities.

In 1910 he met Jean Thompson during an outing with the Prairie Club, a Chicago-based organization for wilderness enthusiasts. Three months later they were married and settled on Chicago's South Side.

In the same year, the National Association of Rotary Clubs was formed, and Harris was elected its first president. He held the office for two years and afterward became president emeritus, serving as the public face of the organization and promoting membership extension and service around the world. He wrote several books about Rotary and his life and travels, including *The Founder of Rotary* and *This Rotary Age*.

In addition to his work with Rotary, Harris was involved in other civic organizations including the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, City Club of Chicago, Chicago Bar Association, Prairie Club, and Easter Seals. He was also recognized by the Boy Scouts of America and honored by the governments of Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Peru. Paul Harris died 27 January 1947 leaving a rich legacy of fellowship, professionalism, and service.

