

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS



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ROTARY ROOTER

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

JANUARY 20, 2012

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

2011-12 CLUB LEADERS

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| President: | Tony Thompson |
| President-Elect: | Steve Welch |
| Secretary: | Don Shindler |
| Treasurer: | Josh Little |
| Sergeant At Arms: | Kristi Holmes |
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Nancy Lehmann-Carssow |
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| Bulletin: | Harold Coleman |
| Club Historian: | George Lewis |
| Photographers: | Oliver Smith/HP Tobler |
| Set-up/Take-down: | Ron Bolen/Tim Dufee/
Pat O'Farrell/Mike Moser/ |
| VP Community Service: | Jim Henry |
| Programs: | David Davis/Paul Ott |
| Publicity: | Steve Jennings |
| Website: | Sheila Allee |
| VP International Service: | Rebecca Whitehouse |
| Ambassadorial Scholar: | John Knifton |
| Group Study Exchange: | Fred Morgan |
| Peace Inst/PolioPlus: | Kent Miller |
| PET Austin: | Jim White |
| VP New Generations: | Pat O'Farrell |
| Interact: | Pat O'Farrell |
| Rotaract: | Gene Holiman |
| Rotary Youth Exchange: | Brigitte Benquet |
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| VP Vocational Service: | Rick Hoffman |
| Fireside Meetings: | Dee Haddock |
| Junior Achievement: | Tracy Snider |
| Special Project: | Dave Roon |
| Past Presidents Council: | Ken Dickensheets |
| Endowment: | John Voss |
| Foundation: | Tracy Snider |
| Fundraising: | Tom Perkins |
| Director-At-Large: | Kent Duran |
| Director-At-Large: | Oliver Smith |



NWAR's newest member, Mike Jaggars (at right), is inducted by the indubitable Jim Henry (left) at last week's meeting. NWAR President Tony Thompson, also Mike's sponsor, looks on approvingly. photo by Hanspeter Tobler

- Rotary's "4-Way Test":**
1. Is it the TRUTH?
 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, January 20, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

January is Rotary Awareness Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Vandegrift Interact Club

Today, we go from the Greatest Generation to our Newest Generation. The Vandegrift Interact Club, formed in January 2011 and now 35 members strong, will be with us to run a portion of the meeting. Pat O'Farrell will introduce us to Denise Bui, President and Piyushi Bishnoi, Vice President who will be our guest speakers. Denise and Piyushi will visit with us about their motivation to provide service through Rotary's Interact Program. You will be impressed by how very active they have been with projects demonstrating the diversity of ideas of this next generation of leaders who are learning through Rotary.

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE DURING THE MEETING! THANK YOU!

The Vandegrift Interact Club will perform the responsibilities of Greeter, Prayer & Pledge, Sunshine Basket, 50/50 Drawing.

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):

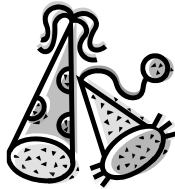
Next Week: - Keith Elkins, Exec Director of "Freedom of Information Foundation"

Feb 3 Kent Miller, "Annual PolioPlus Update"

Feb 10 Dr. Anderson - "Medicaid"

JANUARY Birthdays

- 01: Ditas Hall
- 06: Harold Coleman
- 12: Jim Henry
- 18: Bill Zipoy
- 19: Tim Duffee
- 22: Ken Dickensheets
- 24: Mark Dietz
- 29: Gail Buckley
- 31: Carla Young



JANUARY Club Anniversaries

- 09: Sheila Allee (3)
- 10: Tim Duffee (26)
- 12: Jeff Rhodes (5)
- 16: Josh Little (3)
- 19: Bill Zipoy (5)
- 21: Steve Windle (7)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>
Club Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

Next Board Meeting

Feb. 10 (after the regular Friday meeting)

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Jim Lux - "Jake and Hot Stuff - a WW II Love Affair"

Our speaker last week was Jim Lux. Jim had been present at a couple of our past meetings to facilitate speakers from the Georgetown area who are members of The Greatest Generation. His presentation was about "Jake" and "Hot Stuff" - a World War II love affair. Jake was a battle proven bombardier and "Andy" was an outstanding Army Air Force general. They didn't know one another; but they shared "Hot Stuff."

Greeter: Kristi Holmes
Prayer & Pledge: Diane Lyerly
Sunshine Basket: Kevin Lancaster
50/50 Drawing: Jim Henry
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

NOTE: Sunshine Basket proceeds are being donated to PolioPlus unless otherwise announced.

Member Attendance: 63

50:50 Pot Winner: Chuck Space (\$27)

Rotary Minutes

- Mike Jagers, sponsored by Tony Thompson, was inducted into the Club.
- Tony announced that the Board has approved a \$2000 grant to ShelterBox and a \$3000 grant to Libraries of Love.

Other Visitors & Guests

Mike Jagers (of Tony Thompson)
David Kilivan (of Brigitte Benquet)

Visiting Rotarians

none

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O'Farrell – RYLA Meeting (1/12)
Oliver Smith – NWAR Board & Orientation Meetings (1/13,19)
Allan Adams – Evian & Lilly, France (5 meetings)

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to clubs occasionally changing their meeting times and places, it is best to go to the Rotary District 5870 website and click on the [When/Where Clubs Meet](#) link for a list of area club meetings.

Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

New Club Directory Coming Right Up!

For the first time since 2009, Northwest Austin Rotary will be publishing a new directory. If you haven't had your photo taken for the directory, or if you have had a face lift and want to show off the new you, please see Hans Peter or Oliver about having your photo taken or retaken.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"I am a very lucky guy. I can testify before Congress. I can raise funds. I can raise awareness."

Christopher Reeve



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

- Feb 2 Happy Hour, 5-7 PM at Freda's Seafood Grill
- Feb 24 Fruit Sale Birdcage Breakfast
- Mar 25 NWAR Social at Henry Mayes' Home, 5:00-7:00 PM

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

- Feb 3 House of Friends Valentine Benefit Dinner
- Feb 11 Foundation Dinner –Westin, Austin (details to follow)
- May 16 GSE Team from Australia
- May 19 District Conference Part I – Killeen
- Jun 16 District Conference Part II (Lost Pines)

Musical Valentine Dinner to Benefit House of Friends

Tickets are now on sale for "A Musical Valentine with Nancy Wise and Friends," a candlelight Italian dinner and evening of song to benefit House of Friends (HOF), a dementia respite and community outreach program staffed by volunteers and supported by area organizations, grants, and individual donations. This fun, spirited event will be Friday, Feb. 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Rd. Northwest Austin Rotary Club has provided grant support to HOF since 2009. Rotarians are invited to attend this musical fundraiser.

Musical entertainment selections range from Country to Broadway. Performers include local musician Nancy Wise, a professional singer and soloist who has performed in numerous musicals and cantatas, as well as Tom Deviney, senior pastor at Bethany UMC and Curt Olson, director of music at Bethany UMC. Tickets are \$30 for individuals, or \$240 for a table of eight. Tickets can be purchased from Tim Duffee and Pat O'Farrell or by calling Bethany UMC at 512/258-6017. All proceeds will benefit House of Friends' program activities. All monetary support for HOF comes from contributions, fundraisers, and grants. For more information, go to: www.bethanyHOF.org

Rotary Social Events on Tap for Spring 2012

There are several social events planned for our club for this spring and we hope that every member and their significant other will be able to attend at least one, if not all, of these parties.

- Andy MacFarland is coordinating a Micro-Brewery Tour. Some of you may remember the talk he gave on home beer brewing. If you were there that morning you certainly remember Tom Perkins response! Date is still to be announced.
- On Sunday, March 25th, from 5-7 PM Kathy Mayes and Sandra Thompson (our President's wife) will host a member/spouse social at the Mayes' home. Plenty of food and drink will be provided. Time & directions will be forthcoming in a future issue of The Rooter.
- In late April, we are planning a Progressive Dinner. Nancy Lehmann-Carsow has agreed to coordinate this effort. If you would like to help with this please contact Nancy.

New Member Proposed

Don Shindler has proposed Galen Fischer as a new member of our club. The Membership Committee has reviewed his application, approved him, and assigned a classification of "Financial Consultant". The Board has also reviewed his application and approved. Unless a member objects by next Tuesday, January 24, we will proceed with plans to schedule him for installation on the January 27th Friday morning regular meeting.

International Committee Matching Grant Projects

This year our club is partnering with the rotary club in Monterrey Obispedo, Mexico, on two matching grant funded projects:

1. Lanier High School Green Initiative - The first is a "Green Initiative" project involving Lanier High School right here in Austin. The project consists of:

- fencing, planting soil, and irrigation supplies for a community garden to teach students about vegetable gardening and composting techniques
 - a gutter and rain barrel collection system
 - motion-activated light switches around the campus to save electricity
- The energy efficient light system is expected to significantly reduce school's monthly electric bill. Because of the potential savings, the Austin School District as a whole has expressed interest in possibly adopting such measures across the district.

2. Secondary School Virtual Library - The second project is a virtual library" for secondary schools in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. The project consists of providing 30 computers, 15 laser printers, and software for 15 different schools. 800 children will use the virtual library. The schools will operate and maintain the equipment.

Rotary Clubs Worldwide Meet \$200 Million Fundraising Challenge For Polio Eradication

SAN DIEGO, California (Jan. 17, 2012) — Despite a stagnant global economy, Rotary clubs around the world have succeeded in raising more than US\$200 million in new funding for polio eradication.

The fundraising milestone, announced today at Rotary's annual International Assembly in San Diego, was reached in response to a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. All funds have been earmarked to support polio immunization activities in affected countries where this vaccine-preventable disease continues to paralyze children.

To date, Rotary club members worldwide have contributed more than \$1 billion toward the eradication of polio, a cause Rotary took on in 1985. In November 2007, the Gates Foundation gave Rotary a \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication, increasing it to \$355 million in 2009. Rotary agreed to raise \$200 million in matching funds by June 30, 2012.