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ROTARY ROOTER



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN DECEMBER 13, 2013



2012-13 CLUB-LEADERS

President:	Patrick O'Farrell
President-Elect:	Oliver Smith
Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Ryan Zintgraff
Weekly Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet
Membership	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
VP Club Service	Jerry McCulley
Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	George Lewis
Photographers	Oliver Smith/HP Tobler
Set-up/Take-down	Ron Bolen/Tim Dufee/ Mike Moser/Dave Corna
VP Community Service	Bob Allen
Programs	David Davis/Paul Ott
Publicity	Sheila Allee
Website	Kristi Holmes
VP New Generations	Mike Jagers
RYLA	Mike Jagers/Mike Moser
Interact	Casey Castle

Rotaract	Brigitte Benquet
Rotary Youth Exchange	Rick Hoffman
VP Vocational Service	Dee Haddock
Fireside Meetings	
Junior Achievement	
Special Project (EAFK)	
VP International Service	Tim Buckley
Peace Inst/PolioPlus	Rebecca Whitehouse
PET Austin	Kent Miller
Matching Grant Projects	Jim White
	Oliver Smith, Ditas Hall, Hanspeter Tobler
	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
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	John & Audrey Cochrane
	Jim White
	Tony Thompson
	Mary McCaffity
	John Knifton

Rehema Orphanage
Grid Earth
PET Austin
ShelterBox
Libraries of Love
Global Grant Scholars



Club members were busy unloading, mixing and labeling fruit as it arrived Dec. 5 for our annual fruit sale. photos 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?

Past Presidents Council
Endowment
Foundation
Fundraising
Directors-At-Large

Steve Welch
John Voss
Ken Dickensheets
Tom Perkins/Dave Roon
Kent Duran/Dave Roon
Sarah Carrier; Sheila Allee



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, December 13, 2013 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President

December is Family Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Tony Dale - "Legislative Session Update"

Today we have an opportunity to learn from State Representative Tony Dale first hand about upcoming issues at the Texas Legislature after a brief look back at the past session. Tony was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 2012. He serves on the House Committee on Energy Resources and the House Committee on Homeland Security and Public Safety. Representative Dale is a member of the House Veteran's Caucus, the House Manufacturing Caucus and Secretary of the House Energy Caucus. He represents western Williamson County, including the communities of Cedar Park, Leander and Brushy Creek, as well as the Williamson County portion of Austin and part of Round Rock. For more information about Tony, go to:

<http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/member-page/?district=136>
Email: District136.Dale@House.State.TX.US

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TO OUR SPEAKERS: TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE AND LISTEN! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Larry Eichenbaum
Prayer & Pledge: Brigitte Benquet
Sunshine Basket: Ryan Zintgraff
50/50 Ticket Sales: Danny Davila

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

Next Week: Salvador Apud – “Texas and Mexico: New Developments and Business Prospects”

Dec 27 No meeting – Christmas Holiday
Jan 3

DECEMBER Birthdays

- 04: Kevin Lancaster
- 11: Angela Caffey, Henry Mayes
- 18: Chuck Durant
- 20: Sheila Allee
- 24: Steve Welch, Al Rolfson
- 29: Bill von Rosenberg
- 30: Jesus Chavez



DECEMBER Club Anniversaries

- 01: Jerry McCulley (19)
- 02: Ryan Zintgraff (2)
- 06: Clifton Clyborne (4)
- 14: Brigitte Benquet (6), Rick Hoffman (6)
- 16: Al Rolfson (2)
- 21: Jack Cochrane (1), Audrey Cochrane (1)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: [http:// www.nwaustinrotary.org](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
D5870 Special Site: <http://rotary4you.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Bluebonnet MHRM Christmas Party

Our meeting last week was supposed to be our annual Christmas Party and Breakfast for the clients of the Bluebonnet Trails Community Center, but the event was postponed till Monday, Dec. 9, due to inclement weather. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Center by calling 512-255-1720 or emailing them at: info@bluebonnetmhrm.org

Instead, Nancy Lehmann-Carsow showed a video about the 2014 RI Convention in Sydney, Australia. Hanspeter Tobler, Tim Buckley, Kent Miller and Ditas Hall told of their experiences at previous conventions.

Greeters: Steve Welch, Mark Dietz, Fred Morgan
Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter
Sunshine Basket:
50/50 Ticket Sales: Homer Goering
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 49
50:50 Pot Winner: no drawing last week

Rotary Minutes

- Dave Roon updated us on the Fruit Sale; we are over \$120,000.
- TRF Chair Ken Dickensheets gave a Foundation minute.
- Tim announced that PDG Cliff Price was in a bad car accident, but is out of the ICU and recovering.

Visiting Rotarians

Lannie Noble – Decatur, TX

Other Visitors & Guests

none

Club Member Make-ups

Tom Perkins – Fruit Central (12/5)



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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Other things may change us, but we start and end with family.”

Anthony Brandt



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today NWAR Board Meeting
Tonight NWAR Holiday Party, 6:00 PM at BCC
Dec 27 NO MEETING Holiday!

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Today All Clubs Luncheon – Lost Pines Resort
Feb 8 District Foundation Dinner (Details TBA)
May 16-18 District Conference – La Toretta Resort, Montgomery
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

Fruit Sale Update

from Fruitmeisters Perkins & Roon

Well, the Warehouse is cleaned out. We gave nice Charity orders to:

- Rita's Bags of Grace @ BUMC
- Jonestown Seniors thru Henry Mayes
- Bastrop Seniors thru Kent Miller

We can be proud of that as the homeless and Elderly who experience Christmas Joy through our generosity will be blessed. We are blessed through our giving as well.

We have sold extras from the warehouse and we have received over \$2,000 in contribution. And the sales are still being reported.

A BIG THANKS to all the Rotarians who helped physically with the fruit sale warehouse and staging. I could add a thank you to 100% of our club for their efforts in selling fruit and helping us keep a good budget for 2014. Now for some preliminary team numbers:

TEAM	SALES (#PP'S)	TEAM PTS	TOTAL
1. CARRIKER	\$20,341 (8)	3,000	23,341
2. BUCKLEY	20,012 (6)	2,500	22,512
3. EASTER	16,606 (10)	5,500	22,106
4. HOLMES	17,351 (6)	2,500	19,851
5. CHAVEZ	15,815 (5)	2,250	16,068
6. DICKENSHEETS	11,863 (7)	1,750	13,613
7. THOMPSON	11,183 (6)	1,500	12,683
8. ZINTGRAFF	9,240 (5)	1,250	10,490
9. DIETZ	8,900 (5)	1,250	10,150

We are at \$131,313 so far and we have accomplished the second of our Trio of Objectives! We are 100% in Participation for the 18th year and we have passed last year's sales by over \$2,000 and we are \$8700 away from the third objective of meeting our \$140,000 Sales Objective! We may make it if we can begin the Donation effort with all Rotarians and friends of Rotary. We received donations of \$1900 during the distribution phase so, the "Pump is Primed!" AFTD!!

Getting in the Christmas Spirit

A Blog by Sheila Allee

I just went to a Christmas party for adults with intellectual disabilities and I have to say, if that's the only holiday celebration I attend all season, I will be more than satisfied. Rarely have I seen such happiness and excitement, so many smiles and so much laughter.

I wish I could post pictures of all the happy people at that party, but each of the 50 adults at the event is enrolled in a day activity program at the local community services agency. Confidentiality laws protect their privacy.

So I will describe the best I can what I saw and heard.

Party Central

When I entered the large room at the community center, all the partygoers were seated at round tables, eagerly awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus. I spoke to one of the women, a tiny lady with delicate fingers and short-cropped hair, and introduced myself. She had a perpetual smile on her face as she repeated, "I love you, Shee-uh."

A tall, slender man, also with a permanent smile, roamed the room and hugged me every time he passed by. When Santa arrived, there was a burst of shouts and applause before he started handing out gifts.

An older man with glasses and a thinning hairline was sitting off to himself when I approached him. He had gotten a Beach Boys T-shirt and CD, just what he wanted. I asked him his name and he said he'd rather be known as a Beach Boy.

At every table I visited, I was met with friendly conversation and pure, unrestrained love.

Annual Holiday Bash

Lucky for me, I get to attend a party like this every December. My Rotary club puts on a Christmas celebration every year for this same group and it is always the highlight of holiday festivities for me.

The first such party I attended five years ago was an unforgettable experience. As the men and women sang Christmas carols and shouted at Santa, I was overwhelmed and couldn't stop crying. I'm not used to weeping in public like that and did my best to stop the tears, but I wasn't very successful.

The next year, I was more composed. Each year, I've been able to overcome my reluctance and shyness and have been able to interact more freely with our guests. These men and women capture the true joy and bliss of Christmas. We should all be so lucky.

Here is a link to Sheila's blog:
<http://www.sheilaalleebooks.com/capturing-the-christmas-spirit/>