

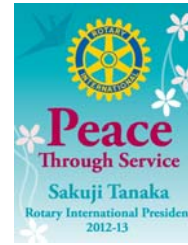
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ROTARY ROOTER

**ROTARY CLUB OF
NORTHWEST AUSTIN
DECEMBER 21, 2012**



2012-13 CLUB LEADERS

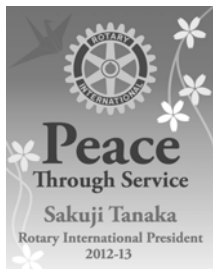
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| President: | Steve Welch |
| President-Elect: | Pat O'Farrell |
| Secretary: | Don Shindler |
| Treasurer: | Josh Little |
| Sergeant At Arms: | Bill Zipoy |
| Weekly Volunteers | Clifton Clyborne |
| Membership | Clifton Clyborne |
| VP Club Service | 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 | Jim Henry |
| Programs | David Davis/Paul Ott |
| Publicity | |
| 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 | Kristi Holmes |
| Interact | Cornel Jones/Mike Moser |
| Rotaract | Gene Holiman |
| Rotary Youth Exchange | Brigitte Benquet |
| RYLA | Bob Roe/Mike Jaggars |
| Boy Scouts | |
| VP Vocational Service | Rick Hoffman |
| Fireside Meetings | Dee Haddock |
| Junior Achievement | Mike Jaggars |
| Special Project | Dave Roon |
| Past Presidents Council | Tony Thompson |
| Endowment | John Voss |
| Foundation | Ken Dickensheets |
| Fundraising | Tom Perkins |
| Director-At-Large | Kent Duran/Oliver Smith |
| Director-At-Large | Bob Allen |



As is the tradition at Northwest Austin Rotary, each week we have our presenters sign a book that we donate to a RRISD school library. Here, President Steve Welch (middle) offers a book to last week's presenters. 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, December 21, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Steve Welch, President

December is Family Month

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Family is the most important thing in the world.”

Princess of Wales Diana



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ryan Zintgraff - "Update of NWAR's Own Scout Pack"

Today we turn our attention to one of the on-going projects that makes our Club what it is: Support of Youth. On this occasion it is about Scout Pack 149. NWAR Member Ryan Zintgraff will provide us a report on our own Scout Pack and its activities in 2012 and plans for 2013. Volunteers like Ryan make projects like this work. During the Christmas season and the events of the past week, celebrations are important, especially those of our children.

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

Greeter: Kevin Lancaster
Prayer & Pledge: Kristen Baker
Sunshine Basket: Homer Goering
50/50 Ticket Sales: Jim White

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

Next Week: - Sheila Allee – “Melrose and Me - a Story for the Holidays”

Jan 4 Suresh Pahwa, PDG 2011-12
Jan 11 Antoinette Griffin from Austin Senior Guide

DECEMBER Birthdays

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



DECEMBER Club Anniversaries

- 01: Jerry McCulley (18)
- 02: Ryan Zintgraff (1)
- 06: Clifton Clyborne (3)
- 14: Brigitte Benquet (5), Rick Hoffman (5)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Todd McLanahan – “Bastrop Wild Fires, 1 Year Later”

Last week we got an update on Bastrop State Park from Todd McLanahan, Regional Director, and Jamie Hackett, Park Superintendent, on the results to date of efforts to recover from the fire that devastated the area. Todd and Jaime brought us all up to speed with their presentation of this area that we all value and were so sad to see suffer so much. For information, go to: <http://www.texasstateparks.org>

Greeter: Jerry McCulley
Prayer & Pledge: Tony Thompson
Sunshine Basket: Mark Dietz
50/50 Ticket Sales: Cornel Jones
Humorist Emeritus: Bill Zipoy

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

Member Attendance: 58
50:50 Pot Winner: George Lewis (\$21)

Rotary Minutes

- Tom Perkins announced that our fruit sale grossed over \$130,000!!!
- Rebecca Whitehouse reminded the club about our Libraries of Love workday on January 18.

Visiting Rotarians

Tiesa Hollaway (Austin Ventennial)
Jerry Chapman (North Shore Lake Travis)

Other Visitors & Guests

Sarah Barajas (of Brigitte Benquet)

Club Member Make-ups

Kent Duran – Fruit Distribution (12/6)
Pat O'Farrell – Fruit Distribution (12/6)
Hanspeter Tobler – AG Training (12/8)
Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial Party (12/11)
Oliver Smith – Austin Centennial Party (12/11)



NWAR Community Service Grant

Brent Fields, CEO, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Central Texas will be with us today to receive a grant in the amount of \$2,500. As most of you know from Brent's presentation recently, BBBS mentors children at risk in the effort to keep them in school and help them plan their future. Presently BBBS has 300 young students awaiting mentor ship. Won't you consider volunteering to be a mentor for BBBS? Contact Dave Roon for information. Pat O'Farrell'

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Jan 13 NWAR Board Meeting (after the regular meeting)
Jan 18 NWAR Libraries of Love Work Day

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 9 2013-14 District Leadership Training/Pre-Pets
Apr 13 2013-14 District Assembly – CTC, Killeen
May 3 Inbound GSE Team arrives - D3860, Cebu Philippines
5/31-6/2/13 D5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs
6/23-26/13 RI Convention – Lisbon, Portugal

Bluebonnet Trails Thank You

Dear Rotarians, thank you so much for your continued support. The Bluebonnet Staff, clients and their families value your generous contributions of time, effort and holiday breakfast so much. Without support from the community, our individuals with developmental disabilities would not have the many blessings they experience. Thank you so much for the wonderful breakfast! Many thanks, Stephanie Chandler, The Williamson County IDD Provider Program, Center Director

Rotary Helps Newtown, CT

Newton Rotary Sandy Hooks School Memorial
PO 263
Newton, CT 06482

I called and the funerals are all paid for. They said the local Rotary was guiding this fund. So, I thought I would pass this on to you.

R.Warren Blesh, Porter Insurance Agency, Brownwood, Texas 76801

U.N. Halts Vaccine Work in Pakistan After 2 More Killings – New Your Times

The front-line heroes of Pakistan's war on polio are its volunteers: young women who tread fearlessly from door to door, in slums and highland villages, administering precious drops of vaccine to children in places where their immunization campaign is often viewed with suspicion. Now, those workers have become quarry. After militants stalked and killed eight of them over the course of a three-day, nationwide vaccination drive, the United Nations suspended its anti-polio work in Pakistan on Wednesday, and one of Pakistan's most crucial public health campaigns has been plunged into crisis.

The World Health Organization and Unicef ordered their staff members off the streets, while government officials reported that some polio volunteers – especially women – were afraid to show up for work. At the ground level, it is those female health workers who are essential, allowed privileged entrance into private homes to meet and help children in situations denied to men because of conservative rural culture. “They are on the front line; they are the backbone,” said Imtiaz Ali Shah, a polio coordinator in Peshawar.

In singling out the core workers in one of Pakistan's most crucial public health initiatives, militants seem to have resolved to harden their stance against immunization drives, and declared anew that they consider women to be legitimate targets. Until this week, vaccinators had never been targeted with such violence in such numbers.

Government officials in Peshawar said that they believe a Taliban faction in Mohmand, a tribal area near Peshawar, was behind at least some of the shootings. Still, the Pakistani Taliban have been uncharacteristically silent about the attacks, with no official claims of responsibility. In staying quiet, the militants may be trying to blunt any public backlash like the huge demonstrations over the attack on Ms. Yousafzai.

Female polio workers here make for easy targets. They wear no uniform but are readily recognizable, with clipboards and refrigerated vaccine boxes, walking door to door. They work in pairs – including at least one woman – and are paid just over \$2.50 a day. Most days, one team can vaccinate 150 to 200 children. “If they do good work, and talk well to the parents, then they will vaccinate the children.”

That has happened with increasing frequency in Pakistan over the past year. A concerted immunization drive, involving up to 225,000 vaccination workers, drove the number of newly infected polio victims down to 52. Several high-profile groups shouldered the program forward – at the global level, donors like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the United Nations and Rotary International; and at the national level, President Asif Ali Zardari and his daughter Aseefa, who have made polio eradication a “personal mission.”

On a global scale, setbacks are not unusual in polio vaccination campaigns, which, by dint of their massive scale and need to reach deep inside conservative societies, end up grappling with more than just medical challenges. In other campaigns in Africa and South Asia, vaccinators have grappled with natural disaster, virulent opposition from conservative clerics and sudden outbreaks of mysterious strains of the disease.

Ms. Crowe, the Unicef spokeswoman, said that in Pakistan, “every encounter a vaccinator has with a mother delivers other messages about breast feeding, hand-washing or encouragement to take kids to health centers for other immunizations.” The anti-polio drive has tried to integrate itself so deeply into the country's faltering public health system that an attack on vaccinators is seen not as a blow against the West, but as a blow against the lives of local women and children. “This is not about polio,” said Dr. Bruce Aylward, who heads polio eradication at the World Health Organization. “This is someone attacking health care workers who are delivering basic interventions.”