

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY ROOTER

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

MAY 16, 2014




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President:	Patrick O'Farrell
President-Elect:	Oliver Smith
Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
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Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	George Lewis
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	David Davis/Paul Ott
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Peace Inst/PolioPlus	Kent Miller
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Matching Grant Projects	Oliver Smith, Ditas Hall, Hanspeter Tobler
	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
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	John & Audrey Cochrane
	Jim White
	Tony Thompson
	Mary McCaffity
	John Knifton
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Grid Earth	
PET Austin	
ShelterBox	
Libraries of Love	
Global Grant Scholars	



Helping with the Jollyville Victory Garden cleanup last Saturday were fellow Rotarians Bob Fulmer, George Kissinger, Tom Perkins, Virginia Hart, Pat O'Farrell, Pat McGuinness and Carla Young. Present but not pictured were Tony Thompson, Oliver Smith and Chuck Durant. photo courtesy of Tom Perkins

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	Steve Welch
Endowment	John Voss
Foundation	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising	Tom Perkins/Dave Roon
Directors-At-Large	Kent Duran/Dave Roon/ Sarah Carriker/Sheila Allee



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, May 16, 2014 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Nikki Edwards – RYE Student

Our Speaker today is Nikki Edwards, a former Northwest Austin Sponsored Exchange Student to Belgium in 2008. Since then she has contributed to various other New Generations programs such as Rotaract and RYLA. Last year she was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship by the College Station Rotary Club and spent nearly a full year in China, studying and volunteering with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Beijing. Nikki recently graduated from Texas A&M where she received a double major in International Communications & Media and Anthropology. She will be visiting with us today about her Rotary experiences. Whether called as in the past, "New Generations Service" or, as recently changed to "Youth Services", the mission of Rotary's Fifth Avenue of Service will be brought to life through this outstanding young woman.

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

Greeters: Don Gonzenbach
Prayer & Pledge: Virginia Hart
Sunshine Basket: David Davis
50/50 Ticket Sales: Linden Welsch

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

Next Week: Joel Hurt – "Joint Replacement Surgery"
May 30 Terral Smith – "Mining – A Primer"
June 6 John D. Doty – "Nicaraguan Clinic Global Grant"

MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum
09: Andrew Macfarlane
10: Hanspeter Tobler
22: Shelly Hohmann
27: David King



Are there any more May birthdays to celebrate?

MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (29), Jim Henry (24), Durriyah Chinwalla (19)
02: Allan Adams (6)
04: Kent Duran (7)
07: Dave Roon (4)
25: Angela Caffey (7)
29 Andrew Macfarlane (5)

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

Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Kelly Barr – "PolioPlus Update"

At last week's meeting, Kelly Barr, DPT, updated us on Rotary's efforts to eliminate polio from the world. You may have seen in the media that the World Health Organization has declared an international public health emergency. CNN reported that the spread of the polio virus from Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon threatens the eradication of one of "the world's most serious vaccine preventable diseases." As a physical therapist who deals with special needs children and a Rotarian herself, Dr. Barr feels a calling to spread Rotary's efforts to eliminate polio.

Greeters: Audrey Cochrane
Prayer & Pledge: Kevin Lancaster
Sunshine Basket: none
50/50 Ticket Sales: Tony Thompson
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 61
50:50 Pot Winner: Hanspeter Tobler (\$32)

Rotary Minutes

- Tim Buckley inducted our newest member, Jim Bieber, into Rotary; Jim's sponsor is John Voss.
- Greg Rabaey earned and was presented his blue badge.
- Sarah Carriker and Tim Buckley presented the club with banners from Honduras and Northbrook, IL, respectively.
- The club exchanged banners with visiting Rotarian Keith Schoenthal of Rancho Cotuti, CA.
- After being re-introduced by Kent Miller, Rotary World Peace Scholar Alpha Toornkara spoke about his life and mission.

Visiting Rotarians

Keith Schoenthal - Rancho Cotuti, CA
Roger McLain – Austin Westlake
Max Miller – Austin Downtown
DG Rich Kaye – Killeen Heights

Other Visitors & Guests

Emily Rochford (of Mike Jagers)
Jim Bieber (of John Voss)
Alpha Toornkara (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)

Club Member Make-ups

Oliver Smith – D5870 Training (4/26)
Tim Buckley – University Area Golf (4/28), Oak Hills Golf (5/2),
NWAR Social (5/8)
Allan Adams – West Lille, France (4 makeups)
Tony Thompson – NWAR Board Meeting (5/9)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Life is "trying things to see if they work."

Ray Bradbury



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

June 13 NWAR Board Meeting
June 27 NWAR Installation Picnic (details to follow)
Sep 26 Fruit Sale Kickoff

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 16-18 District Conference – La Toretta Resort, Montgomery
May 30 Cedar Park RC 25th Anniversary Party
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

Jollyville Victory Garden Cleanup a Success

Rotary was present and accounted for at Jollyville Elementary as 10 Rotarians showed up and did NWAR proud as they provided significant "Sweat Equity" in support of our contribution to Jollyville's Student Victory Garden. A wonderful, hot, exhausting time was had by all! Service Above Self... Practicing what we preach!.....Tom Perkins

Date for Installation Picnic Set

Mark your calendars for the Installation Picnic on June 27th from 6:00-9:30 PM. This year will be special - we will have the picnic under a tent at Damon Holditch's facility and Kristen Stephens' catering company will present the meal. Getting to know our members' businesses and having a great time is a WIN-WIN event. Come celebrate a super year under Pat's leadership and commit to support of our new president, Oliver Smith. More details to follow.

Cedar Park RC's 25th Anniversary Party

On Friday, May 30th, Cedar Park Rotary will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a party. Since the NW Austin club helped to found the club, Cedar Park president Audrey Wernecke would like to invite us to attend their anniversary party. More details to follow.

Rotary Supports WHO's Recommendation on Recent Polio Transmission

Rotary supports the World Health Organization director-general's statement that polio is a public health emergency of international concern. Additionally, Rotary echoes WHO's recommendations for residents and long-term visitors in Pakistan, Cameroon, and Syria and in polio-endemic countries to receive immunizations against the disease before they travel.

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/>

PEACE CORPS AND ROTARY KICKOFF HISTORIC COLLABORATION

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.

Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the letter of collaboration on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary's headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations' commitments to service. "Today's announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians," said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. "We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world."

Hewko noted how both organizations are committed to improving lives and building stronger communities by addressing the root causes of violence and conflict, such as poverty, illiteracy, disease, and lack of access to clean water and sanitation. The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.

ROTARY MEMBERS MADE COLLABORATION POSSIBLE

Hessler-Radelet credited Rotary members in the Denver area, particularly returned Peace Corps volunteers Sue Fox, Valerie Hopkins, and Steve Werner, with helping to make the collaboration possible. The three Rotarians, who attended the signing, are members of the District 5450 Rotary-Peace Corps Alliance Committee, which has sought a formal agreement between the two organizations since 2010.

Werner said they wanted to create an official relationship to make it easier for Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to connect. "[The letter] ensures compatibility and a shared value system," he added. The letter of collaboration not only officially recognizes the partnership between the two organizations, but also encourages Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to expand the connections already in place.