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At last week's meeting, NWAR Member Ralph Trussell gets a 95th birthday kiss from fellow member Shelly Hohmann. We haven't seen Ralph smile like this in a long time!

The 4-Way Test "of the things we think, say or do":

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, July 2, 2010 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Marsha Christopher – Texas Roller Girls

Marsha, aka Sugar Plum Fury, is in her first year as a proud skater for Holy Rollers. Marsha is a forward in addition to being the teams PR representative. There are four teams - The Hellcats, The Putas Del Fuego, The Rhinestone Cowgirls and The Cherry Bombs - in addition to the Holy Rollers that participate in the Lonestar Rollergirls bank-track roller derby. Their bouts take place at the Palmer Events Center in downtown Austin, Texas on Saturday evenings. A live webcast is available free at webcastattxrd.com.

Primarily composed of women between the ages of 21 – 40+, the league (begun in 2001) is skater owned, with voluntary pooling of resources that keep their league up and rolling. The long-range goal of the league is to own and operate it's own skate center.

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

TODAY'S Volunteers

Greeter: Ron Bolen
Prayer and Pledge: Angie Caffey
Sunshine Basket: David Davis

Looking Forward

Next Week: Club Assembly (Ken Dickensheets)
July 16 Emily Hovind – Human Initiatives
July 23 Ruth Allison – District Governor's Visit

JULY Birthdays

08: Bill Farrell
10: Thea Lent
13: Joe Steingasser
14: Ronald D. Smith
19: Dick Hamilton
21: Wayne Lott
25: Gene Holiman
28: Bob Watson



JULY Club Anniversaries

01: Joe Steingasser (26), Homer Goering (23), Ditas Hall (19),
Chuck Durant (12), Wayne Lott (7)
06: Hanspeter Tobler (9)
07: Gonzalo Garza (11)
29: Shelly Hohmann (5), Larry Eichenbaum (5), and Steve
Jennings (3)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

NW Austin Rotary Club: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>
District 5870: <http://www.rotary5870.com/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>
Here is an easy link to the online District Newsletter:
<http://www.rotary5870.com/Newsletter.cfm>

AT OUR LAST MEETING...

John Braun - Governor's Mansion Rebuild

John Braun is a native of Austin and has lived here since 1979 when he returned from active duty in the US Air Force. He holds a BA degree from Texas A&M University and a MBA degree from the University of Utah. He was one of the original founders of Braun & Butler Construction in 1982 and has served as President and Chief Operating Officer since that time. The Governor's Mansion project began as a deferred maintenance project to replace the entire plumbing system in the house, install a new fire sprinkler system, restore the historic windows and blinds, replace all of the yard utility services, and repair and recoat all of the plaster walls and ceilings. This new scope of work will allow the building to be stabilized until restoration can begin.

Greeter: Harold Coleman
Prayer & Pledge: Fred Morgan
Sunshine Basket: Tom Perkins
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Special Presentations – Ralph Trussell was presented a birthday cake on his 95th birthday.

50:50 Pot Winner: John Braun - Speaker (\$21)
Member Attendance: 54

Visitors

Nicole Edwards (of Pat O'Farrell)
Lelia Hackett (of Kent Miller)

Visiting Rotarians

John Braun –Speaker (Downtown Austin)
Max Miller (Downtown Austin)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – RI Convention (6/20-23)
Pat O'Farrell – RYLA Training (6/24)
Steve Jennings – Online (6/23)
Tony Thompson – Pflugerville (6/23)
Harold Coleman – Installation Picnic (6/25)

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 [Meeting Locations](#) link for an accurate list of area club meetings: <http://www.rotary5870.com/MeetingLocations.cfm>

Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

Next Regular Board Meeting

July 9 – After the Friday's Club Meeting

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“A river cuts through rock, not because of its power, but because of its persistence.”

Jim Watkins



NEWS & EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

July 3-9 RYLA Camp, McKinney Roughs
Sept 24 FRUIT SALE KICKOFF
6/3-5/2011 Next Year's District Conference, Fredericksburg

Angel Chiu Says Goodbye

Angel Chiu, our sponsored foreign exchange student for the 2009-10 Rotary year, says her final farewell today. She will give a brief presentation about Taipei, Taiwan as she prepares to leave Texas and move home. Both her host parents, Angie & Dave Brown and Kathy & Ken Fox will be present today and we honor them for the support of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Without the host families, this program would falter and young students, like Angel, would not get the cultural experience that Rotary believes is necessary to achieve world peace. Please be sure and personally thank the Fox's and Brown's for being host families.

RYLA Camp Begins Tomorrow

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 19-30. RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

Rotary Convention Showcases the Best of What We Do

by Diane Lyerly

For the 3rd year in a row, I attended the International Rotary Convention last week. This year the convention was in the beautiful old city of Montreal, Quebec in Canada. My friend Kasey from District 5190 in Incline Village, Nevada & I stayed in a marvelous hotel attached to a 260 year old restaurant in Old Montreal. We were only a block away from the oldest street in Montreal which was built by the fur traders 400 years ago and is still cobblestoned. We were also only a block away from the Cathedral of Notre Dame whose spectacular interior rivals any monumental cathedral in Europe. The weather was spectacular and every night we tried a different neighborhood restaurant, often opting to eat outside. For me, it was a good break from the Texas heat. For Kasey, it was a good break from the 34' weather & recent snowfall in Lake Tahoe.

As much as we enjoyed the amenities of this very French city, the real excitement was at the Place d Armes where The House of Friendship was housed. The House of Friendship showcases the

best of Rotary in many ways. There are booths set up for countless Rotarian sponsored projects around the world. These include Rotarians Fighting Aids, cancer, leukemia, many groups working on water issues, Polio Plus (this year they had an actual iron lung on display), sanitation issues, Rotarians providing mosquito netting in the Phillipines, Rotarians helping people displaced by war, The Wheelchair Foundation, Shelter Box (which sent 16,000 Shelter Boxes to Haiti-enough to house several hundred thousand people), Rotarians working on literacy projects, schools in Afganistan, guide dogs for the blind, and so much more. As you walk through the aisles and talk to the representatives at these booths, you get an overpowering sense of just how much Rotary accomplishes in this world. It is humbling to know that you are part of such an understated, yet powerful force for change & peace throughout the earth.

There are also booths for Rotarians who have special hobbies- such as Singing Rotarians, Wine Drinking Rotarians, Fishing Rotarians, you name it, there is a Rotarian group for it.

The very best part though is the worldwide camaraderie that comes from seeing people from all over the world and reconnecting with them once a year. The Nigerian women in their brightly dyed and intricately designed native garb, the African men so tall & dressed in flowing white robes, the Koreans in their long Oriental dresses looking like they just stepped out of a National Geographic article, the Indian & Pakistani women in their silk saris; and everyone laughing and hugging each other, truly reflect Rotary's goals of world peace & friendship. This year I even met a Nigerian queen who wore a headdress & collar of incredibly woven coral beads. The opening ceremony always features a parade of nations with everyone singing The Peace Song. ("Let there be peace on earth & let it begin with me.") and the closing ceremony concludes with "It's a Small World." If you ever doubted that your contributions to Rotary really meant anything, this conference from nations all over the globe will put those doubts to rest.

It is a testament to the good Rotary does, that every year the top echelon of movers & shakers vie to make presentations. This year's speakers included Queen Noor of Jordan, the CEO of Heifer International, Greg Mortensen ("3 Cups of Tea" & "Stones for Schools") whose Central Asia Institute is building schools all over Afganistan & Pakistan, and Dolly Parton who has a literacy foundation.

If you have never been to an International Rotary Convention, next year will provide the perfect opportunity. The convention will be held May 21-25th in New Orleans. I would encourage every Rotarian to try to attend. It cannot fail to alter your perspective on the world as well as on Rotary. You will truly understand that you are a part of something so much bigger than your club, something that is a force of reckoning in the world. It will open your heart and I dare say, open your pocketbook, to know that you can be a part of positive changes affecting people on virtually every continent.