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# ROTARY ROOTER

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

### OCTOBER 4, 2019



## 2019-20 CLUB-LEADERS

### OFFICERS

President:	Brigitte Benquet
President-Elect:	Lee Easter
Secretary:	Debbie Tam
Treasurer:	Amity Mercado
Co-Treasurer	Mark Puzdrak
Sergeant At Arms:	Terral Smith
Immediate Past President	Beatriz Zilveti
VP Community Service	Andy MacFarlane
VP International Service	Audrey Cochran
VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
VP Youth Service	Josh Reeley
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
Co-Chair	Midge Norris
Member-At-Large	Tim Buckley
Member-At-Large	Mike Jaggars

### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	Tim Duffee
Communications/Social Media	Midge Norris
Early Act First Knight	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair	John Voss
Finance Committee	Danny Davila
Tony Thompson, Mark Puzdrak, John Voss	
Foundation Chair	Tad Turpen
Co-Chair	Rick Naylor
Fundraising	Beatriz Zilveti
Membership	Joe Ramirez
Co-Chair	Nancy Lehmann-Carssow
Past Presidents Council	Oliver Smith
Co-Chair	Tony Thompson
Peace Coordinator	Kent Miller
Photographer	Hanspeter Tobler
PolioPlus	John Pearce
Co-Chair	Jim Bieber
Program Committee	David Davis
	Paul Ott
	Tony Thompson
	Jim Clements
	Bob Allen
	Virginia Hart
	Laura Parton

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We have interesting political speakers from time to time, giving equo time to bothe sides of the aisle. Last week's speaker was Republican Charles Schwertner, Texas State Senator since 2012 for District 5 that includes Williamson County.

Photo by Hanspeter Tobler

Rotary  District 5870  
Central Texas

### 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, October 4, 2019 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President

***October is Economic and Community Development Month***



**SISTER CLUB:  
MONTERREY  
OBISPADO**

## TODAY’S PROGRAM

### Jimmy Flannigan, “City Council Update”

Austin City Councilman Jimmy Flannigan. Jimmy's presentations have always been well received. He promises to address Austin's hot button issues including the homeless issue that Austin, the Nation's 11th largest City, is attempting to address. Jimmy has represented District 6 since January 2017. On another "note," Jimmy was active in the Longhorn Band as leader of the Tuba section and has not missed an alumni band weekend since graduating UT in 2001. For more information, go to: <http://www.jimmyflannigan.com/>

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

**NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are being donated to PolioPlus.**

Greeter: Pat O’Farrell                      50/50 Sales: Danny Davila  
Prayer & Pledge: Steve Welch              Humor: Andy MacFarlane  
Sunshine Basket: David Davis              Setup: Jim Clements

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

**Next Week:** Joe Straub, President Rodeo Austin

Oct 18 Fruit Sale Kickoff

Oct 25 Jeff hunt, Legend Labs – “Brand Under Fire”

### OCTOBER Birthdays

01: John Voss, Debbie Tam  
02: Don Gonzenbach  
07: Beatriz Zilveti  
11: Steve Wilson  
18: Linden Welsch  
20: Virginia Hart Craig  
24: Kent Duran



### OCTOBER Club Anniversaries

01: Roger von Rosenberg (36)  
09: Steve Wilson (4)

### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>

Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>

Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)

District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

**MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS:** go to the District 5870 website and click on the When and Where Clubs Meet link under the Clubs tab for a list of area club meeting places and times.

**Online Rotary Club makeup:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

Locals: Cedar Park-Leander – Wednesday noon @ Hyatt Place  
NXNE Austin – Wednesday noon @ Casa Chapala

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Sen. Charles Schwertner, “Legislative Insights”

Senator Schwertner is an orthopedic surgeon and politician from Georgetown, Texas. He has served in the Texas State Senate since November 6, 2012, after having represented House District 20 (Milam, Burnet and a portion of Williamson County) in the Texas House of Representatives for a single term beginning in January 2011. Senate District 5 is a ten-county region of Central and East Texas that includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson Counties. He gave us his legislative insights and answered questions at last week’s meeting. For more information, go to: <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=5>

Greeter: Duane Johnson                      50/50 Sales: Emma Sue Johnson  
Prayer & Pledge: Michelle Sanders              Humor: Kent Miller  
Sunshine Basket: John Pearce                      Setup: Joni Perkins

Member Attendance: 50 (of 84 active)

**50:50 Pot Winner:** John Voss (\$31)

### Rotary Minutes

- Andy MacFarlane is heading a shoe drive for the homeless; needs shoes brought to October 11 meeting.

### Visiting Rotarians

Pappu Kejriwal (Goa, India)

### Other Visitors & Guests

Dwya Kejriwal (of Pappu Kejriwal)

### Club Member Make-ups

Debbie Tam – Cedar Park-Leander (9/25)

Beatriz Zilveti – Fruit Sale Meeting (9/17)

### Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 9/30/2019)

**Four new Wild Polio case reported this week!**

2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-66, Afghanistan-16, Nigeria-0

2018 Polio Cases: Pakistan-12, Afghanistan-21, Nigeria-0

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!

PolioPlus: Zero Is The Magic Number!

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!

Compiled by Terry Ziegler, Rotary D5890 Polio Eradication Chair

### SCIENCE DAY AT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM

Have a fun time at the Bullock Museum assisting school kids with science experiments. Easy to do and you get to tour the museum afterwards for free. Our volunteer day is 9:30 – 1:30, on Thursday, December 19th. Parking is also free. Sign up for as many hours as you wish. This is a joint project with NxNE Rotary and a good opportunity to volunteer with fellow Rotarians. Contact Nancy Lehmann-Carssow for more information: [nlehman49@gmail.com](mailto:nlehman49@gmail.com)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"If I had my life to live over, I'd live over a saloon."*

W. C. Fields

*#1DistrictStrong*

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Oct 9 EAFK Knighting Ceremony, Hart Elementary  
Oct 11 NWAR Board Meeting  
Oct 18 Fruit Sale Kickoff  
Oct 24 Club Social – Pints for Polio @ Adelbert's  
Nov 3 Club Social – Paramount Theater Tour  
Nov 29 NO MEETING – Thanksgiving!  
Dec 6 Annual Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Party  
Dec 19 Science Day at the Bullock Museum  
Dec 20 Club Holiday Party at The Oasis (details to follow)

### Upcoming District & International Events

Oct 24 Rotary World Polio Day  
Nov 11 Rotary Day at the U.N.  
Feb 8 Foundation Gala, Sterling Event Center, Austin  
April 18 District Assembly, Central Texas College, Killeen  
May 1-3 Conference of Clubs, Bevy Hotel, Boerne  
June 6-10 RI Convention, Honolulu, HI

### EAFK Knighting Ceremony at Hart Elementary

The first Early Act First Knight Knighting ceremony of the year at Hart Elementary will be held Wednesday, October 9, at 8:30 AM. The school is located at 8301 Furness Dr. All Rotarians are invited to attend.

### Support PolioPlus with a Pint of Two!

Adelbert’s Brewery is hosting this year’s event. They are donating \$1 for every pint sold to PolioPlus.

Where: Adelbert’s Brewery  
2314 Rutland Dr #100  
Austin, TX 78758

Date: Thursday, October 24th

Time: 5:30pm – 8:00pm

Adelbert’s also serves a couple of wines by the glass. They also have an awesome food truck onsite offering buy one get one free small plate during happy hour. Here’s the link to check out the menu: <https://www.thehotboxdiner.com/>

### Pedro - Exchange Student

This is to follow up on Pedro and Frank’s visit a few weeks ago. Since Pedro is attending Westwood High School, which is near the Balcones Country Club where the NW Austin Rotary Club meets, we are looking for some Rotarians that might be interested in being a host family for Pedro for the Spring Semester. We are also looking for Rotarians that may be able to assist with picking Pedro up after school or that might be willing to take Pedro to an activity that may be your hobby such as sailing, jet skiing, hiking, hockey games, basketball games, soccer games, cave exploring, camping, State Parks, NASA, museums, etc. Frank Ivy – (512) 294-3300 or [fivy@austin.rr.com](mailto:fivy@austin.rr.com)

### Community Service Project

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, is Share your Soles Day. The Community Services Committee will be collecting any used, unwanted or extra shoes to distribute to members of NW Austin’s homeless community. Our initial goal is 25 pairs of men’s or women’s shoes. Please bring your shoes to next week’s meeting.

### Jerry Johnson Trust Matching Program Update #9

Dear Harold,

It was another relatively slow week. We had 7 new donors over the past 7 days and \$3,555 in new contributions. To date, 145 Rotarians representing 35 of our 57 clubs have contributed a total of \$62,288! These contributions continue to result in recognition as all but 7 of the 138 contributors have reached a new Paul Harris Fellow level as the result of their participation.

Update: No changes on the leader board this week.

- 1st Place: Rotary Club of Austin (\$7,900)
- 2nd Place: Rotary Club of Pflugerville (\$6,685)
- 3rd Place: Rotary Club of Waco (\$5,335)
- 4th Place: Rotary Club of Lakeway/Lake Travis (\$3,245) (passing West Austin)

Please remember that the winner of this race will receive 1,000 Foundation Recognition Points to distribute as they see fit.

If you’re one of the 145 who has already contributed, thank you for your generosity. Your donation helps The Rotary Foundation create the environment and circumstances that give hope to disadvantaged people both at home and around the world that a better day is possible.

If you’re not, there’s still time - the match will continue until we run out of points or it becomes obvious that it’s run its course. As of today, a just over 78% of the match pool has been used, and we continue to estimate that the pool will be used up sometime in mid-to-late October.

As a refresher, District 5870 is offering the following to any Rotarian who is already a Paul Harris Fellow but not yet a Paul Harris Fellow +8, on a first come, first served basis. Using a pool of Foundation Recognition Points, we will match contributions of new cash made to the Annual Fund-SHARE during Rotary Year 2019-20 on a 1-to-1 basis in amounts of \$250 to \$500 for any active Rotarian in District 5870 who is not yet a Paul Harris Fellow +8.

Respectfully, Rich Kaye, Past District Governor, 2013-14  
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, 2018-20  
254-291-4890 (Cell)