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Weekly Meeting Volunteers



The EAFK knighting ceremony at Hart Elementary, sponsored by the NXNE and NW Austin Rotary clubs. is a character-building program where each teacher selects a student each month to be honored for the current trait and they receive a medallion from a knight in armor. photo courtesy of Tim Buckley



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?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?







ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, January 17, 2020 – 7:00 A.M. Meeting at Balcones Country Club Call to Order - Brigitte Benguet, President



January is Vocational Service Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Fruit Sale Celebration

Today we celebrate the successes of our fruit sale! We totaled over \$107,000 in actual fruit sales and cash donations for the 2019 fundraiser! More than half of club members made par. We have a right to be proud! Birdcage bottom dwellers will be announced and will proudly serve breakfast to the winning team, Steve Welch's Juicers! Congratulations, Steve and the Juicers!

Instead of the Fruit Salebration today, we will instead hear from long time member David Davis, who will give us a classification talk and present an interesting case study.

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.

50/50 Sales: John Pearce Greeter: Laura Goettsche Prayer & Pledge: Harry Polly Humor: Kent Miller Sunshine Basket: Tom Perkins Setup: Jim Clements

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website): Next Week: Susan Engelking, "Micomobility for All"

Julia Ricicar, "Lanier HS FFA Update" David Perkins, "TACA Members Build Texas"

JANUARY Birthdays

- 01: Ditas Hall, Patrick McGuinness
- 06: Harold Coleman
- 12: Jim Henry
- 19: Tim Duffee
- 24: Mark Dietz
- 25 Ibrahim Fakhreddine
- Gail Buckley

JANUARY Club Anniversaries

- 01: Harry Polly (37)
- Gary Sellergren (1)
- Tad Turpen (2) 10: Tim Duffee (34)
- 13: Mike Jaggers (8)
- 15: Stephen Bentley (4)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

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

Club Fruit Sale Website: rotaryfruit.org

District 5870: http://www.rotarvdistrict5870.org/ Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org/

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Pam Catoe, "Austin Craft Beer Review"

Pam joined Craft Beer Austin, Austin's source for Austin craft beer news and events, in 2015. Pam has been writing the weekly event summaries on Texas Brewery Profiles and created the Women of Austin Craft Beer series. She is also the Southwest Regional Editor at www.Porchdrinking.com. Pam gave a presentation on the craft beer industry, recognizing the numerous philanthropic events that those breweries sponsor.

Greeter: Joni Perkins 50/50 Sales: Harry Polly Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter Humor: Tim Buckley Sunshine Basket: Ibrahim Fakhreddine Setup: Steven Wilson

Member Attendance: 50 (of 83 active) **50:50 Pot Winner:** \$36 (Joe Ramirez)

Rotary Minutes

- Debbie Tam announced there are dates available for volunteer concession duty at the HEB Center. See her for details.
- Harold Coleman reminded members about the January club social event on Jan. 21 - Austin Spurs.
- Jim Henry plugged the District Foundation Dinner on Feb. 8.

Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Park, CO

Other Visitors & Guests Carol Lee (of Tim Buckley)

Martin Bennett (of Emma Sue Johnson) Rebecca Breyfogle (of Debbie Tam)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – NXNE (1/8)

Joe Ramirez – NWAR Board Meeting (1/10)

Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 1/10/2020) 13 new Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-11, Afghanistan-2, Nigeria-0 2018 Polio Cases: Pakistan-128, Afghanistan-28, 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

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.rotaryeclubone.org

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



"Facts are stubborn, but statistics are more pliable."

Mark Twain



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Fruit Sale Wrap-up/Birdcage Breakfast Today! Jan 21 Club Social - Austin Stars at the HEB Center Feb 14 NWAR Board Meeting

Upcoming District & International Events

Foundation Gala, Sterling Event Center, Austin Feb 8 District Assembly, Central Texas College, Killeen May 1-3 Conference of Clubs, Beyy Hotel, Boerne June 6-10 RI Convention, Honolulu, HI

Last Call for January Social Event Austin Spurs @ The HEB Center

Please come out with the NW Austin Rotary Club and enjoy an Austin Spurs basketball game at the HEB Center in Cedar Park, 183A & Avenue of the Stars, Jan. 21 at 7:30 PM. We have discounted tickets at \$12 and \$19 in Section 117 reserved in blocks for our club. This will be a fun event for the whole family and we've tried to make it affordable! Go to: https://groupmatics.events/event/Nwaustin to order tickets; see Harold Coleman for details. Tickets must be purchased today or they will be open for sale to the public.

Branding & Public Image Training

We will be reviewing the foundational tools of Public Image and sharing some new tips and tricks. You will leave inspired and on fire with the knowledge and tools necessary to spread the good works that your club is doing in the community!

> Date: January 25th, 2020, from 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Breakfast will be served!

FEE: \$0...zip...nada...nothing!!! WHO: Open to all Rotarians!

WHAT: Hands on training designed to give you tools and resources for your Club's success. These tools can also be implemented into the success of your business!!!

WHERE: Georgetown Library in the Hewlett Room 402 W. 8th St., Georgetown, TX.

WHY: Come learn how to properly BRAND your Club as the CENTER OF SERVICE in your community through social media, news media, and branding tools in a hands-on environment.

Grants Management Training in Bastrop Tomorrow

Attend the first Grants Management Training in Bastrop January 18th. at the Bastrop Library. We will have the one hour (9:15-10:15) and the 3 hour (10:15-1:15) training back to back due to space limitations. To participate in Foundation programs your President Elect and one other club member must attend GMTS. Please register on the district website. If interested

Fruit Sale Open Receivables List

The following Rotarians still have discrepancies between their sales versus receivables: Beatriz Zilveti, Bill Estes, Brigitte Benquet, Debbie Tam, Don Shindler, Hanspeter Tobler, Harold Coleman, Jerry McCulley, Jesus Chavez, John Douglas, John Knifton, John Voss, Josh Reeley, Kevin Lancaster, Kristin Stephens, Mark Dietz, Rick Hoffman, Rick Navlor, Tad Turpen, Tim Duffee, Hanspeter Tobler, and Tony Thompson. Pease get with Mark Puzdrak at your earliest convenience to reconcile your account. We need all money by Fri Jan 31st.

Another Foundation Gala Reminder

The registration for the Foundation Gala on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Sterling Event Center, Austin is now open. Our guest speaker is Past R.I. Vice President & Past Rotary Foundation Trustee, Tom Thorfinnson. Dress: Business Attire - Black Tie

There will be an All-Rotarian Social from 6pm to 7pm & the Foundation Gala at 7pm to 10pm. Tickets for the Foundation Gala are \$80. Seating is limited! This event will sell out! Register early: http://bit.lv/2Y2gvIS

A club table will be reserved once 5 members have registered.

Hotel Reservation: Crown Plaza - Special room rate \$129 USD/night plus tax. DoubleTree Suites Austin - special room rate \$139 USD/night plus tax

If you have already registered, fantastic! We look forward to

Pam Blankenzee, D5870 Website Admin/Social Media Manager

Rotarians Respond to Australian Brushfires

More than 100 separate brushfires in Australia have damaged hundreds of homes and forced mass evacuations. Rotary clubs are taking action to provide immediate relief to those affected by the fires. Rotary has a Disaster Response Fund which following a natural disaster like the fires in Australia ensures we can deliver supplies, provide health care, and support rebuilding efforts. By making a donation today, you can help Rotarians respond swiftly and effectively, bringing hope to those whose lives have been affected by disaster. To make a donation, go to: https://my.rotary.org/en/disaster-response-fund

View the latest Annual Report

The 2019 Rotary International Annual Report is available. Check it out online at: https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2019