

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN January 31, 2020



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
Co-Chair	Laura Parton
VP Youth Service	Josh Reeley
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
Co-Chair	Midge Norris
Member-At-Large	Tim Buckley
Member-At-Large	Mike Jagers

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-Carsow
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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Weekly Meeting Volunteers



At last week's meeting, Welch's Juicers celebrated being the winning team with a steak and eggs breakfast served to them by Tad's Tangerines. Shown here seated enjoying their meals are Terral Smith, Bill Estes, Fred Morgan and Jim Henry.

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, January 31, 2020 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President

January is Vocational Service Month



**SISTER CLUB:
MONTERREY
OBISPADO**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Julia Ricicar, "Lanier HS FFA Update"

Today's program features Julia Ricicar and two student representatives of the FFA Program at Juan P. Navarro Early College High School [formerly Lanier High School]. Julia is an Agriculture Science Teacher and the Lanier - Austin FFA Advisor. You will recall the FFA's past presentation where they enlightened us about their "home made" Bar-B-Q pits and their Bar-B-Q "take out" for events. Through a PowerPoint and "props" they will update us on this agriculture program in the heart of North Austin.

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: Bill Estes 50/50 Sales: Kristin Stephens
Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter Humor: Andy MacFarlane
Sunshine Basket: Mark Dietz Setup: Joni Perkins

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

Next Week: David Perkins, "TACA Members Build Texas"

Feb 14 Andra Leigh Watkins, "Why I walked 444 Miles"
Feb 21 Lacey Loftin & Jim Castagneri, U.S. Census Bureau

JANUARY Birthdays

01: Ditas Hall, Patrick McGuinness
06: Harold Coleman
12: Jim Henry
19: Tim Duffee 25 Ibrahim Fakhreddine
24: Mark Dietz 29 Gail Buckley

JANUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Harry Polly (37) 10: Tim Duffee (34)
03: Gary Sellergren (1) 13: Mike Jagers (8)
05: Tad Turpen (2) 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.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

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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Drew Scheberle, Austin Chamber of Commerce
& Fruit Sale Celebration**

Last week's speaker was Drew Scheberle, Senior Vice President of the Austin Chamber of Commerce and responsible for Talent Development & Military Affairs. He spoke to us about Austin's new U. S. Army Futures Command that is tasked with helping focus the Army on technology and the requirements of the 21st Century. For info, go to: <https://www.austinchamber.com/>

We also celebrated the successes of our fruit sale! We totaled nearly \$106,000 in actual fruit sales and cash donations for the 2019 fundraiser! More than half of club members made par. Tad's tangerines proudly served breakfast to the winning team, Steve Welch's Juicers! Congratulations, Steve and the Juicers!

Greeter: Damon Holditch 50/50 Sales: Dick Hamilton
Prayer & Pledge: Tony Thompson Humor: Tim Buckley
Sunshine Basket: Rick Hoffman Setup: Mike Moser

Member Attendance: 44 (of 83 active)

50:50 Pot Winner: \$27 (Rick Hoffman)

Rotary Minutes

• Beatriz Zilveti presented the final fruit sale numbers as reported in the bulletin.

Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Valley, CO

Other Visitors & Guests

Martyn Bennett (of Emma Sue Johnson)
Phuong Nguyen (of Tim Buckley)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – NXNE Austin (1/22)
Bill Estes – NWAR Social Event at Austin Spurs (1/21)
Tim Duffie, Danny Davila, George Kissinger, Debbie Tam, Dick Hamilton, Lonnie & Joni Perkins – HEB Center Volunteers (1/15 & 1/17)

Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 1/24/2020)
2 new 2019 & one 2020 Wild Polio cases reported this week!
2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-1, Afghanistan-0, Nigeria-0
2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-136, Afghanistan-29, 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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters."

Epictetus

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

#1DistrictStrong

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 14 NWAR Board Meeting
Apr 24 Teacher & Paraprofessional OTY Awards
May 1 Annual NWAR Scholarships Day

Upcoming District & International Events

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

Paul Harris Fellow Awardees

The following members of the Northwest Austin Rotary club have achieved their next Paul Harris award. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition acknowledges individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation. Rotary established the recognition in 1957 to encourage and show appreciation for substantial contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The Rotary Foundation is a great force for good and one of the top (if not the top) rated charities in the world.

Brigitte Benquet	PHF+5
Joe Ramirez	PHF+1
John Pearce	PHF+6
Kevin Lancaster	PHF+1
Larry Eichenbaum	PHF+4
Amity Mercado	PHF+1
Greg Rabaey	PHF+1
Chris Rink	PHF
Mike Moser	PHF+1
Michelle Sanders	PHF
Roger von Rosenburg	PHF+3

Last Call for Foundation Gala

There is still time to register for the Foundation Gala on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at the Sterling Event Center, Austin! Register here: <http://bit.ly/2Y2qvIS>

Our guest speaker, is Past R.I. Vice President & Past Rotary Foundation Trustee, Tom Thorfinnson. Dress: Business Attire - Black Tie Optional. If you have already registered, fantastic! We look forward to seeing you!

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

Pam Blankenzee, D5870 Website Admin/Social Media Manager

BRINGING AN END TO CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING

The Rotary Club of Northwest Austin is a proud partner and co-sponsor for the PACT Little Red Bag Project. Community volunteers are invited to join PACT and the Rotary Club of Northwest Austin on

Saturday, February 8, 11AM to 1PM
Hill Country Bible Church Gymnasium
1214 Ranch Rd 620 N, Austin, TX 78750

Teams will be assembling and distributing 500 Little Red Bags to area children's shelters and hospitals. Along with fun and useful items, the bags will also have helpful information like the National Human Trafficking Hotline card and educational information on how to know the signs: Trafficking Red Flags to help the youth to understand the danger signs amongst their peers.

Rick Naylor, Executive Director of PACT, shared that "child sex trafficking is a WORLDWIDE problem of 4.5 million victims and a LOCAL problem with 79,000 minor and youth victims right here in Texas! "PARTNERS Against Child Trafficking" (PACT) is a ministry that is uniting communities to bring an end to child trafficking by raising awareness, preventing victimization and reducing demand through education.

The Rotary Club of Northwest Austin's partnership with PACT demonstrates our commitment to "THINKING GLOBALLY and ACTING LOCALLY" to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace." To volunteer for assembling the bags, loading the bags or driving the bags to the shelters and hospitals, please see Rick Naylor or email him at: rick@pact.city

New Member Proposed

Emma Sue Johnson has proposed Martyn Bennett for membership in our Club. Martyn has visited our club several times, and is interested in joining our Club.

Martyn is a Technical Program Manager at Rackspace. He has worked with many ground-breaking technologies as Program Director and Systems Engineer for major international companies such as General Dynamics, Thales, EADS, and Ericsson. He has a deep knowledge and understanding in Robotics, Satellite Communications, Overt & Covert Communications, Telecommunications, ICT, and improvised Explosive Device Disposal solutions.

Martyn volunteered for Round Rock Police Department and is a team leader & member driven to improve those less fortunate. He is a lead military representative for veterans within his current organization. He is willing to get involved and get his hands dirty for the club. Martyn's proposed classification is Technologist.