

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY ROOTER



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN FEBRUARY 1, 2019



2018-19 CLUB-LEADERS

OFFICERS

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 President-Elect:
 Secretary:
 Treasurer:
 Co-Treasurer
 Sergeant At Arms:
 Immediate Past President
 VP Community Service
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 VP Vocational Service
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 Foundation
 Foundation Co-Chair
 Fundraising
 Membership
 Membership Co-Chair
 Photographer
 Photographer
 PolioPlus
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 Program Committee
 Program Co-Chair
 Weekly Meeting Volunteers
 Club Historian
 Finance Committee
 Danny Davila

Harold Coleman
 Virginia Craig
 Chris Rink
 Tim Buckley
 John Voss
 Rick Naylor
 Tad Turpen
 Angie Caffey
 Joe Ramirez
 Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
 Hanspeter Tobler
 Josh Reeley
 John Pearce
 Jim Bieber
 David Davis
 Joni Perkins
 Brigitte Benquet
 Tim Duffee
 John Voss
 Tony Thompson
 Mark Puzdrak



Brigitte Benquet presented the NWAR board members for 2019-2020 at last week's meeting. And a fine lot it is! 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, February 1, 2019 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Beatriz Zilveti, President
***February is Peace and Conflict
Prevention/Resolution Month***



**SISTER CLUB:
MONTERREY
OBISPADO**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Catherine Mayfield, "Rise Against Hunger"

Catherine Mayfield is the Assistant Community Engagement Manager for Rise Against Hunger. Cat will be traveling to Austin from Houston where she resides and is based. She will introduce us to Rise Against Hunger, an international hunger relief organization that distributes food and aid worldwide. Cat will tell us about their goal of mobilizing the necessary resources to end hunger by 2030 and why her organization believes this optimistic goal is attainable. For more information, go to: <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

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: Tom Perkins 50/50 Sales: Don Shindler
Prayer & Pledge: Emma Sue Johnson Setup: Chris Rink
Sunshine Basket: Gary Sellergren Humor: Steven Wilson

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

Next Week: Fruit Sale Celebration

Feb 15 Tony Thompson, "NWARC Governance"

Feb 22 Leon Smith, Therapeutic Family Life Founder

FEBRUARY Birthdays

03: Tom Perkins
06: Emma Sue Johnson
08: Wayne Thompson, Roger von Rosenberg
14: Bob Fulmer
17: Damon Holditch
19: Amity Mercado
20: Sarah Carriker
21: Mike Murphy
26: Oliver Smith



FEBRUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Nancy Lehmann-Carsow (30)
01: Fred Morgan (25)
04: Tony Thompson (14)
08: Ibrahim Fakhreddine (5), Virginia Hart (5)
21: Oliver Smith (16)

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/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Johnathan Kaplan, "Bitcoin: What Is It?"

Jonathan manages Numeris Capital, a Central Texas based entity that invests in Bitcoins and other "crypto assets." He will explain to us what crypto assets, including Bitcoins and Ether are, along with blockchain technology upon which these digital assets are based. Below is Jonathan's website & contact information for anyone interested in learning more about Bitcoin. Also, Linden suggests you read *The Bitcoin Standard*, by Saifedean Ammous, book about the history of money, how Bitcoin came about and how the Bitcoin network functions.

Jonathan Kaplan, Numeris Capital
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Greeter: Ditas Hall
Prayer & Pledge: Gary Sellergren
Sunshine Basket: Tony Thompson
50/50 Ticket Sales: George Kissinger
Setup: Joni Perkins
Humorist Emeritus: Tim Buckley

Member Attendance: 59 (of 90 active)

50:50 Pot Winner: Danny Davila (\$34)

Rotary Minutes

- TRF Co-Chair Tad Turpen announced the names of fruit sale par producers, all of whom earned \$100 to their TRF account.
- Bill Estes and Lee Easter presented a banner from Crested Butte, CO.
- Brigitte Benquet announced her board for the 2019-20 RY.

Visiting Rotarians

PDG Ron Reynolds (Austin Downtown)

Other Visitors & Guests

John Douglas (of Bob Fulmer)

Lisa Doris (of Amity Mercado)

Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – Princess Star (1/8 & 1/15), District Secretary (12/27)
Tim Buckley & Debbie Tam – Cedar Park (1/23)
HEB Center Training (1/16) - Debbie Tam, Midge Norris, Dick Hamilton, Gary Sellergren, Joni & Lonnie Perkins, Danny Davils, Codie Baxa, & Mark Puzdrak; (1/22) – George Kissinger & Sarah Carriker, (1/24) – Amity Mercado
John Voss – NWAR Board Meeting (1/11)

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Life is like a 10-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use."

Charles Schultz

#1DistrictStrong

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 8 NWAR Board Meeting
Feb 11 Monthly Men's Night Out @ BB Rover's, 5:30-7:30
NWAR Rotary Chix Night Out @ Brio's, 5:30-7:30
Feb 21 New Member Orientation @ Nancy's Home, 7:00-8:30
Feb 28 NWAR Social @ The Brewtorium, 5:30-8:00 PM

Upcoming District & International Events

Feb 2 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Austin Downtown Hilton
Feb 23 Rotary's 114th Birthday
Apr 13 District Assembly, Central TX College, Killeen
May 3-5 D5870 Conference, Menger Hotel, San Antonio
Jun 1-5 RI Convention, Hamburg, Germany

Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 1/26/2019)

Two new (2018) Wild Polio cases reported this week.

2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-0, Afghanistan-0, 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

New Member & Sponsor Orientation Meeting

The next New Member Orientation will be Thursday, February 21st from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Nancy Lehmann-Carsow's home, 8809 Bell Mountain Drive. In order to receive the Blue Membership Badge, the following will need to attend: Amity Mercado & Steve Wilson, Laura Parton & John Pearce, Harin Weerasinha & Damon Holditch, Gary Sellergren & Brigitte Benquet, Michelle Sanders & Tony Thompson, and Chris Rink & Jerry McCulley. Representatives of the five service committees are also requested to attend. Please RSVP at: nlehmannc49@gmail.com by Feb. 14th.

Rotary Foundation Update

Every Rotarian Every Year (Annual Fund) \$100 Participation - 75%
(no new members since last week)

Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) Participation - 82%
(no new members since last week)

*100% EREY participation qualifies our club for leftover district foundation funds at the end of the Rotary year. Visit <https://www.rotary.org/en/donate> to donate. Tad Turpen

Grief In The District

It is with great sadness I share with you that PDG Jack Mayo died this past weekend while on holiday in the United Kingdom. As soon as I have more information regarding service and visitation arrangements, I will share it with you. Please keep Jack's wife Nita Louise and family in your prayers and thoughts during this difficult time. Jerry Chapman, District Governor, 2018-19

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

February Social @ Brewtorium Brewery & Kitchen!

Great space with a patio option and easy parking = Awesome!

Fresh brewed beer + wine + cider + mead = WOW!

Full kitchen offering German-inspired cuisine = Yum!

Socializing with Rotarians = Fun!

Date: Thursday, February 28th Time: 5:30pm - 8:00pm

Location: 6015 Dillard Circle, Suite A, Austin, TX 78752

We hope you see you there! Kristin Stephens & Midge Norris

New Member Induction

Dr Michelle Sanders, sponsored by Tony Thompson, will be inducted today as a member in our Club. Michelle has visited our club and was a program speaker last year speaking on the plight of the Yazidis. Michelle's first experience with Rotary began when she was a Rotary exchange student in Tarija, Bolivia. She is a licensed Psychologist with Great Oaks Counseling Center. Michelle is a graduate of Pace University, NYC where she obtained a BA, a MS Ed, and a PsyD from the Pace University School Clinical Child Psychology

Michelle is originally from New York City and moved to Austin two and a half years ago. She has traveled and/or lived in 48 countries and has done humanitarian work in several of them. For the past two years, she has been advocating for the plight of the Yazidis, an ethnic, religious and cultural minority who primarily live in Kurdistan, a northern Province of Iraq.

She enjoys spending time with her family and her two dogs, walking, swimming, reading and traveling.

2019-20 CLUB-LEADERS

As announced and approved at last week's meeting, here are the NW Austin Rotary Board members for the 2019-20 Rotary Year:

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
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