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Friday, February 14, 2020 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President

January is Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month



**SISTER CLUB:
MONTERREY
OBISPADO**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Andra Leigh Watkins, "Why I Walked 444 Miles"

Featured in January 2017's Rotarian Magazine, New York Times best-selling author Andra Watkins chose a crazy way to launch her debut novel. She's one of the only living persons to walk the 444-mile Natchez Trace as the pioneers did, and she did it with an unconventional wing-man, her 80-year-old father, a Dayton, TN native. Her life-changing adventure inspired her New York Times best-selling memoir, *Not Without My Father*, which chronicles their experience. Andra is also the author of four other successful books, and is an active and celebrated Rotarian, having served in a number of leadership positions at Eastern South Carolina area clubs. Get more information or order her book: <https://www.amazon.com/Not-Without-My-Father-444-Mile/dp/0990859312>

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: George Kissinger 50/50 Sales: Mark Dietz
Prayer & Pledge: John Douglas Humor: Kent Miller
Sunshine Basket: Martha Davis Setup: Steven Wilson

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

Next Week: Susan Engelking, "Micromobility for All"

Feb 28 Lacey Loftin & Jim Castagneri, U.S Census Bureau
Mar 6 TBD

FEBRUARY Birthdays

03: Tom Perkins
06: Emma Sue Johnson
08: Roger von Rosenberg
14: Bob Fulmer
17: Damon Holditch
19: Amity Mercado
26: Oliver Smith



FEBRUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Nancy Lehmann-Carsow (31), Fred Morgan (26), Michelle Sanders (1)
04: Tony Thompson (15)
08: Ibrahim Fakhreddine (6), Virginia Hart (6)
21: Oliver Smith (17)
22: Lisa Doris (1), John Douglas (1)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://www.rotaryfruit.org)
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

David Perkins, "TACA Members Build Texas"

Last week's program featured David Perkins, President and CEO of the Texas Aggregates & Concrete Association (TACA). Texas' unprecedented population growth means there is great demand for the raw materials that help residents and businesses grow and thrive. David shared some timely thoughts on the issues and importance of these critical industries, including the economic impact – which only continues to grow. For more information, go to: https://www.tx-taca.org/about_taca

Greeter: Gary Sellergren 50/50 Sales: Damon Holditch
Prayer & Pledge: Martha Davis Humor: Chris Rink
Sunshine Basket: Larry Eichenbaum Setup: Jim Clements

Member Attendance: 39 (of 83 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: \$40 (Joe Ramirez)

Rotary Minutes

- Rick Naylor promoted PACT's Little Red Bag project held on Feb. 8.
- Harold Coleman announced that this month's club social will be Feb. 27 at Hopsquad Brewery, 2307 Kramer Lane, from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Valley, CO

Other Visitors & Guests

Martyn Bennett (of Emma Sue Johnson)
Becki Breyfogle (of Debbie Tam)
Jeffrey Mayes (of Henry Mayes)

Club Member Make-ups

none



Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 2/10/2020) 5 new 2019 & 3 2020 Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-7, Afghanistan-0, Nigeria-0
2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-144, 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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt."

Charles M. Schultz

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NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today International Committee Meeting
Feb 14 NWAR Board Meeting
Feb 24 New Member Orientation (details below)
Feb 26 EAFK @ Hart Elementary, 8:30-10:30 AM
Feb 27 Happy Hour @ Hopsquad Brewery
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

NWAR Supports PACT's Little Red Bag Project

NW Austin Rotary Club members joined with other volunteers last Saturday to put together 500 Little Red Bags for 500 children. This is the partnership we all want to do in our community about a local issue that is also around the world. We can do something right here by spreading the facts, the issues and teaching our children how to Detect, Defend and Disrupt child sex trafficking. Rotarians around the globe are joining together to help and our Club did it today!



Rotary & PACT will impact the lives of 500 children over the next few days as this gifts of love will be delivered to:

- CASA of Travis County
- SafePlace
- Center for Child Protection
- The Rainbow Room at Child Protective Services
- Imagine a world without child exploitation!

Rick Naylor, PACT Executive Director

February Social - Hopsquad Brewery

Let's get together at one of Austin's newest craft beer breweries - Hopsquad Brewing Company. They have indoor seating and an outdoor patio with seating and yard games, plus a food truck offering Japanese bar snacks. Kid and dog friendly. Beer flights, Half pints, Pints and even wine available.

Date - Thursday, February 27th
Time - 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location - 2703 Kramer Lane, Austin, 78758
Hope you can make it!
Kristin Stephens, Club Service VP



A Brief History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, also called St. Valentine's Day, holiday (February 14) when lovers express their affection with greetings and gifts. The holiday has origins in the Roman festival of Lupercalia, held in mid-February. The festival, which celebrated the coming of spring, included fertility rites and the pairing off of women with men by lottery. At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius I replaced Lupercalia with St. Valentine's Day. It came to be celebrated as a day of romance from about the 14th century.

Although there were several Christian martyrs named Valentine, the day may have taken its name from a priest who was martyred about 270 CE by the emperor Claudius II Gothicus. According to legend, the priest signed a letter "from your Valentine" to his jailer's daughter, whom he had befriended and, by some accounts, healed from blindness. Other accounts hold that it was St. Valentine of Terni, a bishop, for whom the holiday was named, though it is possible the two saints were actually one person. Another common legend states that St. Valentine defied the emperor's orders and secretly married couples to spare the husbands from war. It is for this reason that his feast day is associated with love.

Formal messages, or valentines, appeared in the 1500s, and by the late 1700s commercially printed cards were being used. The first commercial valentines in the United States were printed in the mid-1800s. Valentines commonly depict Cupid, the Roman god of love, along with hearts, traditionally the seat of emotion. Because it was thought that the avian mating season begins in mid-February, birds also became a symbol of the day. Traditional gifts include candy and flowers, particularly red roses, a symbol of beauty and love.

New Member Orientation Scheduled

New Member Orientation will take place on Monday, February 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow at 8809 Bell Mountain Drive, 78730. All committee chairs are asked to attend or to send a representative in their place. New members and their sponsors who will need to attend are Martyn Bennett (Emma Sue Johnson), Martha Davis (Midge Norris), Lisa Doris (Amity Mercado), and Becki Breyfogle (Debbie Tam).

Joe Ramirez & Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, Membership Chairs

EAFK Knighting Ceremonies @ Hart Elementary

There will be two Early Act First Knight Knighting ceremonies at Hart Elementary on Wednesday, February 26, with the first one beginning at 8:30 AM and the second beginning at 9:30 AM. All NWARotarians are encouraged to attend.

Tim Buckley, EAFK Coordinator