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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN February 21, 2020



2019-20 CLUB-LEADERS

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President:	Brigitte Benquet
President-Elect:	Lee Easter
Secretary:	Debbie Tam
Treasurer:	Amity Mercado
Co-Treasurer	Mark Puzdrak
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VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
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VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
Co-Chair	Midge Norris
Member-At-Large	Tim Buckley
Member-At-Large	Mike Jaggars

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Bulletin	Harold Coleman
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Communications/Social Media	Midge Norris
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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



We lost our beloved Marla, wife of Hanspeter Tobler, earlier this week. Here is a photo of Marla in her healthier days at the 2008 NWAR Holiday Party. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Hanspeter and his family.

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?



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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, February 21, 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

Susan Engelking, “Micromobility for All”

Today’s speaker is Susan Engelking, Executive Director and founder of Tiny Transit Strategies. She is the author of *Tiny Transit: Cut Carbon Emissions In Your City Before It’s Too Late*. Having founded the company Tiny Transit Strategies in 2016, she brings three years of experience and connections in developing the movement for protected networks for Neighborhood Electric Vehicles (NEVs) and other low speed modes of transportation. Susan has been president of Engelking Communications LLC since 1998. She served three terms as president of the Austin Children’s Museum. She has a Master’s degree from the LBJ School of Public Affairs and a B.S. in education, from UT Austin. For more information, go to: <https://www.tinytransit.com/founder-bio/>

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: Martha Davis & Bentley 50/50 Sales: Chuck Space
Prayer & Pledge: Paul Ott Humor: Kent Miller
Sunshine Basket: Beatriz Zilveti Setup: Steven Wilson

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

Next Week: Lacey Loftin & Jim Castagneri, U.S Census Bureau
Mar 6 TBD
Mar 13 Ben K. West, Update from Stratfor

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-Carssow (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
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Andra Leigh Watkins, “Why I Walked 444 Miles”

Last week’s program featured New York Times best-selling author Andra Watkins, who 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 wingman, 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 at: <https://www.amazon.com/Not-Without-My-Father-444-Mile/dp/0990859312>

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Member Attendance: 48 (of 83 active)

50:50 Pot Winner:

Rotary Minutes

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Visiting Rotarians

Roger McLain – Austin Westlake
Matt Bahn – Round Rock

Other Visitors & Guests

Ron Butler (of Martha Davis)
Salee Davis (of David Davis)
Martyn Bennett (of Emma Sue Johnson)
Emily Eyob & Matt VerMeer (of Mike Jaggers)
Becki Breyfogle (of Debbie Tam)
Dee Dee Arismendez (of Oliver Smith)

Club Member Make-ups

Josh Reeley – PACT (3/8)
Tim Buckley – NXNE, Rotary Foundation Gala (2/7)
Joe Ramirez – NWAR Board Meeting (2/14)



Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 2/17/2020)

Five new 2020 Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-12, 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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“The wish for healing has always been half of health.”

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

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#1DistrictStrong

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 24 New Member Orientation (details below)
Feb 26 EAFK @ Hart Elementary, 8:30-10:30 AM
Feb 27 Happy Hour @ Hopsquad Brewery
Mar 13 NWAR Board Meeting
Apr 24 Teacher & Paraprofessional OTY Awards
May 1 Annual NWAR Scholarships Day

Upcoming District & International Events

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 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

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



New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will take place on Monday, February 24, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the home of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow 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-Carssow, Membership Chairs

Outsanding Fruit Sale Balances

Here are the people with outstanding fruit balances: Bill Estes, John Douglas, John Knifton and Josh Reeley. Please see Mark Puzdrak to rectify your account.

Atomic Bomb Trees Serve as Silent Witness for Peace

The Rotary Club of Hiroshima Southeast, Japan, wanted a project to mark its 60th anniversary and also the 75th year since the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In his post for Rotary Voices, Akio Nishikiori, an atomic bomb survivor, describes the project to plant two saplings from trees that survived the A-bomb in a park midway between the two cities.

On the International Day of Peace, 21 September 2019, we held an inauguration event with more than 400 attendees, including community residents and local school children, the mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, members of three Rotary clubs (Hiroshima Southeast, Nagasaki South, and Buzen), and members of a local Interact Club. We planted the one sapling each at two locations that we named "Hiroshima Hill" and "Nagasaki Hill." After the event, we continued the ceremony inside a community hall, where the mayors made proclamations of peace and declared that the trees would stand as a silent witness for peace.

Water to Thrive Needs Volunteers to Staff Concession Stands at 2020 Dell Match Play

Water to Thrive's volunteers are ONCE AGAIN staffing the 9th Green Concession Stand at the 2020 WGC-Dell Match Play Tournament at the Austin Country Club. The tournament runs seven days, Monday, March 23 through Sunday, March 29. Monday and Tuesday are practice rounds and the finals are on Sunday. W2T is compensated for your volunteer time by the concession contractor and W2T gets to keep all the tips (so be friendly and encourage the patrons to support W2T!). This will directly support W2T's mission to bring clean water to communities in Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda. Volunteers MUST BE 18 or older. Sign up HERE: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050b45a9af28a4fe3-2020>

Once you commit to a shift(s), we are counting on you to show up at the appointed time. If you unexpectedly cannot fulfill your shift commitment, please find a replacement and have them register in your shift time. If you fail, please text Julie Craig at 916-479-1360.

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