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The books funded by NW Austin Rotary have already arrived at Nkasioki School in Kenya. My "Maasai Son," is in the middle of the picture. You can see how we are really making a difference!

Story & photo by Nancy Lehmann-Carssow



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



January is Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

David Perkins, "TACA Members Build Texas"

David Perkins is the 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. With such growth comes growing pains. For example, how should the state supply and fund the building of our bridges, roads, homes and hospitals? TACA is right in the middle of this discussion, representing members who are the main resource for necessary infrastructure materials. Today, David will share 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:

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

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website): Next Week: Andra Leigh Watkins, "Why I walked 444 Miles"

Feb 21

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

FEBRUARY Birthdays

https://www.tx-taca.org/about taca

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

FEBRUARY Club Anniversaries

- 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.rotarvdistrict5870.org/ Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org/

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Julia Ricicar, "Lanier HS FFA Update"

Teacher and the Lanier - Austin FFA Advisor at Juan P. Navarro Early College High School [formerly Lanier High School]. 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.

Greeter: Bill Estes Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter Humor: Andy MacFarlane Sunshine Basket: Mark Dietz Setup: Joni Perkins

Member Attendance: 52 (of 83 active) 50:50 Pot Winner: \$44 (Harry Polly)

Rotary Minutes

• Tad Turpen presented 11 PHF awards that were listed in the bulletin.

Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Valley, CO

Other Visitors & Guests

Martyn Bennett (of Emma Sue Johnson) Jeffrey Mayes (of Henry Mayes)

Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – District Secretary Duties and Port Aransas (1/9)

Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 1/31/2020) 3 new 2019 & 3 2020 Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-4, 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

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

Last week's program featured Julia Ricacar, an Agriculture Science

50/50 Sales: Kristin Stephens

February Social - Hopsquad Brewery

Thursday, February 27th 5:30pm - 7:30pm Happy Hour @ Hopsquad Brewery 2307 Kramer Ln, Austin, TX 78758 Food truck and yard games

Fruit Sale Balances

The following members need to see Mark Puzdrak to reconcile their fruit sales balances: Beatriz Zilveti, Bill Estes, Hanspeter Tobler, Jesus Chavez, John Douglas, John Knifton, Josh Reeley, Rick Navlor, Tony Thompson

Housing for Student in Austin for Internship

Below is a letter from Jennifer Graham, Temple RC and District YEO for Youth Exchange. A young student has obtained an internship in Cedar Park and is looking for a room to rent for 3 months. Information below:

"I have a dear friend whose son will be doing a 3 month internship at Firefly Aeronautics in Cedar Park for the months of May, June, July and August. He is looking for a room to rent while he is here. I was wondering if any of you might know someone who may be interested in renting out a room to a really terrific young man.

Parker is from Leesburg, VA. He has been private school trained his whole life - very bright, but also quite athletic. He is a natural leader and a phenomenal kid. His mom is going to drive him out and they're planning to be here May 15. "

Let me know if you are interested, have a room to rent or have any ideas about housing this young man.

Thanks, Patrick O'Farrell, (512) 905-1759

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saving I approved of it,"

Mark Twain



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

International Committee Meeting Today Feb 14 NWAR Board Meeting

Feb 27 Happy Hour @ Hopsquad Brewery

Teacher & Paraprofessional OTY Awards Apr 24 May 1 Annual NWAR Scholarships Day

Upcoming District & International Events

Foundation Gala, Sterling Event Center, Austin District Assembly, Central Texas College, Killeen Conference of Clubs, Bevy Hotel, Boerne

June 6-10 RI Convention, Honolulu, HI

Rotary Peace Center Applications Open Each year, Rotary awards up to 130 fully funded fellowships for

at 9:00 AM followed by a service from 9:30-10:30 AM.

dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our peace centers.

Two Ex-NWAR Members Pass Away

Bob Stroh – Bob was probably Ray Roark's best friend. Ray was

Bob's Rotary sponsor. Services are at Beck Funeral home in

John VanLoon Moore – John transitioned February 4 after a 27-

month battle with brain cancer. His wife, Barbara, and family

members would those who remember John to a celebration of life

at Umlauf Gardens on Feb. 8. There will be a gathering of friends

Cedar Park, Feb. 15 @ 2:00pm.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the Rotary Peace Centers program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals or practitioners to become experienced and effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Since the program began in 2002, the Rotary Peace Centers have trained more than 1,300 fellows who now work in more than 115 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments, NGOs, the military, education, law enforcement, and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

Our Fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year. The Rotary Foundation awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 80 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Master's degree programs - Accepted candidates study peace and development issues with research-informed teaching and a diverse student body. The programs last 15 to 24 months and include a two- to three-month field study, which participants design themselves.

Professional development certificate program - During the one-year program, experienced peace and development professionals with diverse backgrounds gain practical skills to promote peace within their communities and across the globe. Fellows complete field studies, and they also design and carry out a social change initiative.