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Martyn Bennett (L), our newest member, is shown here conversing with Pat O'Farrell. Say "Hi" and introduce vourself to Martyn when you get a chance.

photo by Hanspeter Tobler



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, March 6, 2020 – 7:00 A.M. Meeting at Balcones Country Club Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President



March is Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Ted Windecker, Founder & CTO, Windecker Aircraft

Ted is an outside-the-box thinker with a strong aptitude for structural visualization, the ability to see the forest and the trees (and the deer), and a record of resolving complex challenges. Ted has extensive experience with General Aviation design, composite manufacturing, testing, FAA Certification and promotion. With help from his father and brothers, Ted helped design and win certification for the world's first all-composite (plastic) airplane. As a member of the Lakeway Wildlife Advisory Committee, Ted is active in assisting local civic leaders in developing deer management programs in their communities. For more information, go to: https://www.windeckeraero.com/

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.

Setup: Mike Moser

Greeter: Mike Jaggers 50/50 Sales: Martyn Bennett
Prayer & Pledge: Fred Morgan Humor: Andy MacFarlane

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

Next Week: Ben K. West, Update from Stratfor

Mar 20 TBI

Mar 27 Angelos G. Angelou, International Accelerator

MARCH Birthdays

Sunshine Basket: John Pearce

01: Bill Estes

03: Chuck Space

08: Mike Moser

29: Michelle Sanders



01: Paul Ott (24)

09: Bill von Rosenberg (13)

13: Jim White (11)

20: Terral Smith (11)

24 Joe Ramirez (3)

26: Harold Coleman (16)

30: Kent Miller (13)

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

Lacey Loftin, U.S Census Bureau

Statistician Lacey Loftin of the United States Census Bureau was last week's speaker. In the 17 years that she has been with the agency, she has served as an Analyst for the Economic Census, supervised data collection operations, acted as a congressional liaison during the 2010 Census, and worked to create the Statistics in Schools program. The United States Census Bureau results affect health clinics, fire departments, schools and even roads and highways. The 2020 Census forms will be delivered from March 12-20; responses can be made online, by phone, or by mail. For more information, go to: https://2020census.gov/

Greeter: Tony Thompson 50/50 Sales: Martha Davis Prayer & Pledge: Martyn Bennett Humor: Chris Rink Sunshine Basket: Midge Norris Setup: Joni Perkins

Member Attendance: 44 (of 84 active) **50:50 Pot Winner:** Tom Perkins (\$35)

Rotary Minutes

- Josh Reeley announced a club project for FiT, March 6 at Freda's.
 Brigitte announced that everyone had a good time at the club social
- last night at Hopsquad Brewery.

Visiting Rotarians

NA

Other Visitors & Guests

NA

Club Member Make-ups

NA

Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 3/3/2020)
Two new 2020 Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2020 Polio Cases: Pakistan-17, 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.rotaryeclubone.org Locals: Cedar Park-Leander – every other Tuesday 7 AM

> @ Springhill Suites NXNE Austin – Wednesday noon @ Casa Chapala



"It is easier to prevent bad habits than to break them."

Benjamin Franklin



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Mar 13 NWAR Board Meeting

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

Upcoming District & International Events

April 18 District Assembly, Central Texas College, Killeen
May 1-3 Celebration of Clubs, Bevy Hotel, Boerne

June 6-10 RI Convention, Honolulu, HI

Jun 27 DG Installation Luncheon @ The Oasis

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.

Marla Tobler's Memorial Service

Date: March 22, 2020 Time: 1 PM

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Address: 700 W Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park, Texas, 78613
A reception is planned at the same location after the service.

Celebration of Clubs Early Bird Sign-up Available

District Governor Jim Henry is asking all Rotarians to join him as "People of Action" at the Celebration of Clubs on May 1-3, 2020 at the new Bevy Hotel & Conference Center in Boerne.

Event Pricing: 3-day \$195 (early bird) til April 3rd or Sunday only (\$50) (meals are included in the pricing). Click to register.

Hotel registration: \$159 per night plus tax (available til April 9) Sign-up at D5870 website.

Come join us as "People of Action" with our District Service Project to the feed the hungry with Rise Against Hunger on Friday night.

Scholarships, Scholarships

I wanted to share the process used in awarding scholarships and the important role Rotary members play. It all begins with our fruit sale. A major portion of fruit sale profits (\$23,200) are used for 16 scholarships. We award scholarships to students in Lanier, Leander, McNeil, and Westwood high schools. Student from these schools apply. Rotary members volunteer to read the applications and in teams for each high school Rotary members select the four winners. We then have the students write an essay on the 4 Way Test and select a student from each high school for an additional \$1,000 in a named/memorial scholarship. We also ask for Rotary members to volunteer to read the essays. Finally, we have a Scholarship Awards Meeting the first Friday in May where students, parents, and counselors are invited to our meeting. Please consider volunteering to read applications or the 4 Way Test essays and assist us in selecting our scholarship winners. We cannot carry out this program without you. Email me or text me if you would like to volunteer. Jesus Chavez, VP Vocational Service, jhchavez56@gmail.com, 512-769-4384

Packing Party for FiT!

Families in Transition is a Round Rock ISD program assisting children in homeless situations. One of the programs, provides back packs filled with shelf-stable meals and snacks for these students to take with them for spring break when they will not have access to school breakfast/lunch programs.

Josh Reeley has already handled all of the food purchases for the back packs and will deliver them to the schools, but needs our help packing them.

Such a great opportunity to volunteer and then enjoy the nice patio weather together afterwards! Party Details:

Date: Sunday, March 8th Time: 4:00pm

Location: Freda's Seafood Grille, 10903 Pecan Park Blvd

The private dining room has been reserved for packing the back packs. Please RSVP to this email, so we know how large of a table we will need for those planning to stay for the after party.

Kristin Stephens, VP Club Service, 512-801-3363

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
March 6, 2020
From NW Austin Rotary
And the Rotary Foundation

