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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

JULY 20, 2018

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At last week's meeting, Foundation Chairs Tad Turpen (l) and Rick Naylor (2nd from right), along with DG Jerry Chapman (2nd from left), presented Paul Harris Fellow awards to (l-r) Don Shindler (PHF+1), Jesus Chavez (PHF+2) and Bill Estes (PHF+7). Jim Bieber (PHF+5) was not present. 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, July 20, 2018 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Beatriz Zilveti, President
July Begins a New Rotary Year!

SISTER CLUB: MONTERREY OBISPADO

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Empower Texans - "Property Tax Reform"

Zach Maxwell serves as the Coalition Director for Empower Texans where he leads efforts to engage and equip Texans with the tools they need to hold their lawmakers accountable. Jacob Asmussen is the Central Texas Bureau Chief for Empower Texans, where he reports on the local governments in the Austin area. For the past few years, most Texans have watched their property taxes increase. Today, Zach and Jacob will present a better solution to this increasingly expensive property tax issue. For more information, go to: www.empowertexans.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.

Greeter: Lonnie Perkins
Prayer & Pledge: John Pearce
Sunshine Basket: Amity Mercado
50/50 Ticket Sales: Codie Baxa
Setup: Jim Clements
Humor: Kent Miller

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):
Next Week: Harold Coleman – "DNA: A Genealogist's Tool"
Aug 3 Jim Lux – "Hot Stuff" Update
Aug 10 Adam DeBower, Founder-Brewmaster - Austin Beer Works

JULY Birthdays

18: Danny Davila
19: Dick Hamilton
21: Wayne Lott
25: Gene Holiman

Are there any other July birthdays?

JULY Club Anniversaries

01: Homer Goering (31), Ditas Hall (27), Wayne Lott (15), Danny Davila (7)
03: Jim Clements (3)
07: Gonzalo Garza (19)
29: Larry Eichenbaum (13)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: http://www.nwaustinrotary.club
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

Jerry Chapman - "District Governor Visit"

Last week's meeting featured Jerry Chapman, District 5870 Governor for the 2018-19 Rotary Year, who announced his plans and goals for the year and shared some of his own personal Rotary moments.

Beatriz' plan is to have NWAR members share their Rotary stories and she invites all members to share their Rotary Moment. Last week featured Tim Buckley.

Greeter: Mark Puzdrak
Prayer & Pledge: Chris Rink
Sunshine Basket: Kent Miller
50/50 Ticket Sales: Codi Baxa
Setup: Mike Moser
Humorist Emeritus: Byron Walston

Member Attendance: 52 (of 90 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: Chris Rink ($18, donated to PolioPlus)

Rotary Minutes

- TRF Chairs Naylor & Turpen presented PHF awards to Don Shindler (PHF+1), Jesus Chavez (PHF+2) and Bill Estes (PHF+7).
- Rick Hoffman announced that this year's RYLA camp was a success, thanking all who contributed.
- Hanspeter Tobler spoke about the Bi-District Reunion.

Visiting Rotarians

Anna Johndrow – Austin Centennial

Other Visitors & Guests

none

Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – Installation Dinner (6/27)
Tim Buckley Installation Dinner (6/27 & NXNE (7/11)
John Pearce – NWAR Board Meeting (7/13) & Austin RC (7/26)
Sandy Wahl – Hays, KS (7/5)
Gene Holiman – RI Convention, Toronto (6/25), Austin Centennial (7/10) & Governor's Meeting (7/13)

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to frequent changes in club meeting times and places, 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

July Theme – Bring a Friend to Rotary

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Nothing great in the world has ever been accomplished without passion."

George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

July 27 Club Social – Purple Martin Party (details to follow)
Aug 10 NWAR Board Meeting
Oct 24 Club Social - Pints for Polio (details to follow)

Upcoming District & International Events

Aug 3-4 Multi-District Training – Spring Hill Suites, Austin, TX
Aug 9 D5870 Rotary Night At the Ball Park, Dell Diamond
Aug 25 D5870 Membership Seminar, 9AM, Georgetown H.F.
Sep 4-9 Zone Institute – Boise, ID
Oct 24 Rotary World Polio Day & Livestream Event
Oct 26-28 District Conference, San Antonio
10/29-11/2 World Interact Week
Feb 7 D5870 Foundation Dinner

Clean Water For Healthy Families

It stared with a trickle as great rivers often do; as great hopes do, as great plans do; as great movements do; as great changes in lives and communities around the world do. Yes, Rotary started in Chicago with just a trickle of four men meeting in an office. And it grew into a great river of 1.2 million members that circle the globe making great changes.

Yes, Water to Thrive started in 2008 in Austin in a church class with a trickle of folks with an idea of putting their faith into action by providing a water well in Ethiopia. In ten years this became 778 water wells with 332,000 beneficiaries. About 53% of Ethiopian people have no access to clean water. Death rates from water-borne diseases take up to 80% of children before they are five. A cycle of poverty infects all families lacking clean water.

Yes, the Rotary Club of Northwest Austin heard a man from Water to Thrive and a trickle of interest started with one Rotarian donating funds for a well. One year later the Club provided one well as a demonstration for a global grant in partnership with the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa -- Central Mella, Ethiopia, working along with Water to Thrive.

Yes, this small trickle grew into a global grant providing water from twelve developed hillside springs in rural Ethiopia west of Addis Ababa that gives clean, parasite-free drinking water, washing water and livestock water to 688 households with 6,442 adults and children.

Yes, this trickle became a river formed by the two original clubs, and one from Evansville, IN, two from Waverly and Pella, IA, two from Denton, TX, eight from central Texas in District 5870. And of course, this trickle soon swelled with the power of Rotarians all over the world who funded the project with their gifts to the Rotary Foundation--twelve wells for $60,000 from worldwide gifts.

Yes, huge changes in lives around world often result from a mighty flow starting with a trickle. That is Rotary in motion.

July Social Event – Purple Martin Party Update

This year's roost has been found! It is located near the Applebee's at La Frontera Village in Round Rock. Join us Friday evening, July 27, to witness an acrobatic hurricane of birds as hundreds of thousands of Purple Martins "swirl" in the skies in and around the roosting site. It's a better show than the bats! Lawn chairs, picnic blankets, cameras, and hats are highly recommended! Binoculars are optional. Please park in the bank parking lot behind the Applebee's. The Club Service committee is scouting out possible venues for an optional dinner before and/or dessert & drinks afterwards at area restaurants. This is a free event sponsored by the Travis Audubon Society. Please consider making a donation to support their programming at: https://travisaudubon.org

Rotary Night at the Ball Park

Rotary Night at The Ball Park at Dell Diamond with the Round Rock Express vs Omaha Storm Chasers is scheduled for Thursday, August 9. Discounted tickets for $12.99 and $8.00 parking with $1 draft beer and sodas. (As an FYI, if you own a Lexus and drive it to the game, parking is free courtesy of Austin Lexus.) To order tickets, contact Gary Franke <gfranke@rrexpress.com>

Save the Date – Kenya Safari Adventure

No, this is not going to be one of our monthly socials, but rather this is Nancy's annual excursion to Kenya with friends and Rotarians, scheduled for July 12-30, 2019. Orientation meeting is September 16; details to follow.

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 7/19/2018
No new Wild Polio cases reported this week!
2018 Polio Cases: Pakistan-3, Afghanistan-9, Nigeria-0
2017 Polio Cases: Pakistan-8, Afghanistan-14, 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

"We now have a global network of 145 laboratories established by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which also tracks measles, rubella, yellow fever, meningitis, and other deadly infectious diseases. It is imperative that this infrastructure is maintained and repurposed to counter emerging health threats." — John Hewko - General Secretary of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation

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