

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, September 27, 2019 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President



**SISTER CLUB:
MONTERREY
OBISPADO**

September is Basic Education & Literacy Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sen. Charles Schwertner, "Legislative Insights"

Senator Schwertner is an orthopedic surgeon and politician from Georgetown, Texas. He has served in the Texas State Senate since November 6, 2012, after having represented House District 20 (Milam, Burnet and a portion of Williamson County) in the Texas House of Representatives for a single term beginning in January 2011. Senate District 5 is a ten-county region of Central and East Texas that includes Brazos, Freestone, Grimes, Leon, Limestone, Madison, Milam, Robertson, Walker and Williamson Counties. He will give us his legislative insights and answer your questions. For more information, go to: <https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=5>

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: Duane Johnson 50/50 Sales: Emma Sue Johnson
Prayer & Pledge: Michelle Sanders Humor: Kent Miller
Sunshine Basket: John Pearce Setup: Joni Perkins

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

Next Week: Jimmy Flannigan, "City Council Update"

Oct 11 Joe Straub, President Rodeo Austin
Oct 18 Fruit Sale Kickoff

SEPTEMBER Birthdays

06: Lee Easter
09: Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
11: David Davis
13: Fred Morgan
22: Kent Miller
27: John Knifton, Jim Clements



SEPTEMBER Club Anniversaries

01: Ray Roark (39), Damon Holditch (38)
02: George Kissinger (8)
03: Gail Buckley (9)
04: Mark Dietz (21)
17: Mike Moser (9)
24: Patrick McGuinness (9)
28: Laura Parton (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

Geoffrey Kinaalwa Ssenakula and Susanne Wilson "Uganda, PaCT & Water to Thrive"

Last week's meeting featured Geoffrey Kinaalwa Ssemakula, Executive Director of Partners for Community Transformation (PaCT) in Uganda. He comes to us as a partner with Water to Thrive, and is the guest of Executive Director, Susanne Wilson. It is through Water to Thrive that we do our Rotary global grants providing water wells in Ethiopia. But Water to Thrive also does work in Uganda and Tanzania. PaCT is the agency in Uganda that works with Susanne to provide the water wells. Geoffrey's organization is multipurpose, not only providing water development, but education, women and children's rights, quality health care, and economic development and empowerment. For more information, go to: <https://www.pactug.org/aboutus.html>

Greeter: George Kissinger 50/50 Sales: Midge Norris
Prayer & Pledge: Oliver Smith Humor: Tim Buckley
Sunshine Basket: Laura Parton Setup: Mike Moser

Member Attendance: 37 (of 86 active)

50:50 Pot Winner: Steve Welch (\$26)

Rotary Minutes

- Midge Norris announced that a club photo is the next requirement of the district Rock Star Challenge.
- Tim Duffee presented a \$2,700 grant to House of Friends Director Susie Petersen, who invited us to lunch there on October 24.

Visiting Rotarians

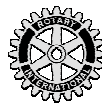
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Other Visitors & Guests

Susie Petersen (of Tim Duffee)
Wonde P. (with speakers, of Kent Miller)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – Cedar Park-Leander (9/18)



Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 9/20/2019)

No new Wild Polio case reported this week!

2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-62, Afghanistan-16, Nigeria-0

2018 Polio Cases: Pakistan-12, Afghanistan-21, 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:

"Never take a solemn oath. People think you mean it."

Norman Douglas

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NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Oct 11 NWAR Board Meeting
Oct 18 Fruit Sale Kickoff
Oct 24 Club Social – Pints for Polio @ Adelbert's
Nov 29 NO MEETING – Thanksgiving!
Dec 6 Annual Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Party
Dec 19 Science Day at the Bullock Museum
Dec 20 Club Holiday Party at The Oasis (details to follow)

Upcoming District & International Events

Oct 24 Rotary World Polio Day
Nov 11 Rotary Day at the U.N.
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

Support PolioPlus with a Pint of Two!

Where: Adelbert's Brewery
2314 Rutland Dr #100
Austin, TX 78758

Date: Thursday, October 24th
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Adelbert's also serves a couple of wines by the glass. There is a food truck and have attached a link to the menu and happy hour special they offer. <https://www.thehotboxdiner.com/>

Rotary Foundation Receives Highest Rating

For the 12th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency. Only one percent of the organizations Charity Navigator evaluates have received 12 consecutive 4-star evaluations.

"Attaining a 4-star rating verifies that The Rotary Foundation exceeds industry standards and outperforms most charities in your area of work", says Michael Thatcher, president and chief executive officer of Charity Navigator. "This exceptional designation sets the Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness.

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

SCIENCE DAY AT THE BULLOCK MUSEUM

Have a fun time at the Bullock Museum assisting school kids with science experiments. Easy to do and you get to tour the museum afterwards for free. Our volunteer day is 9:30 – 1:30, on Thursday, December 19th. Parking is also free. Sign up for as many hours as you wish. This is a joint project with NxNE Rotary and a good opportunity to volunteer with fellow Rotarians. Contact Nancy Lehmann-Carsow for more information: nlehmanc49@gmail.com

Jerry Johnson Trust Matching Program Update #8

It was a relatively slow week. We only had 7 new donors over the past 7 days and \$2,525 in new contributions. To date, 138 Rotarians representing 33 of our 57 clubs have contributed a total of \$58,733! These contributions continue to result in recognition as all but 7 of the 138 contributors have reached a new Paul Harris Fellow level as the result of their participation.

Update: There was one change in the leader board this week.

- 1st Place: Rotary Club of Austin (\$7,900)
- 2nd Place: Rotary Club of Pflugerville (\$6,685)
- 3rd Place: Rotary Club of Waco (\$4,230)
- 4th Place: Rotary Club of Lakeway/Lake Travis (\$3,245) (passing West Austin)

Please remember that the winner of this race will receive 1,000 Foundation Recognition Points to distribute as they see fit.

If you're one of the 138 who has already contributed, thank you for your generosity. Your donation helps The Rotary Foundation create the environment and circumstances that give hope to disadvantaged people both at home and around the world that a better day is possible.

If you're not, there's still time - the match will continue until we run out of points or it becomes obvious that it's run its course. As of today, a just under 75% of the match pool has been used, and we continue to estimate that the pool will be used up sometime in mid-to-late October.

As a refresher, District 5870 is offering the following to any Rotarian who is already a Paul Harris Fellow but not yet a Paul Harris Fellow +8, on a first come, first served basis. Using a pool of Foundation Recognition Points, we will match contributions of new cash made to the Annual Fund-SHARE during Rotary Year 2019-20 on a 1-to-1 basis in amounts of \$250 to \$500 for any active Rotarian in District 5870 who is not yet a Paul Harris Fellow +8.

Respectfully, Rich Kaye, Past District Governor, 2013-14
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, 2018-20
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