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# ROTARY ROOTER

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

### SEPTEMBER 6, 2019



## 2019-20 CLUB-LEADERS

### OFFICERS

President:	Brigitte Benquet
President-Elect:	Lee Easter
Secretary:	Debbie Tam
Treasurer:	Amity Mercado
Co-Treasurer	Mark Puzdrak
Sergeant At Arms:	Terral Smith
Immediate Past President	Beatriz Zilveti
VP Community Service	Andy MacFarlane
VP International Service	Audrey Cochran
VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
VP Youth Service	Josh Reeley
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
Co-Chair	Midge Norris
Member-At-Large	Tim Buckley
Member-At-Large	Mike Jaggars

### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	Tim Duffee
Communications/Social Media	Midge Norris
Early Act First Knight	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair	John Voss
Finance Committee	Danny Davila
Tony Thompson, Mark Puzdrak, John Voss	
Foundation Chair	Tad Turpen
Co-Chair	Rick Naylor
Fundraising	Beatriz Zilveti
Membership	Joe Ramirez
Co-Chair	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
Past Presidents Council	Oliver Smith
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

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 Strategy  
 Website  
 Weekly Meeting Volunteers



Last week was "school colors" day at our regular meeting. Shown here are Joe Ramirez and Nancy Lehmann-Carsow dressed in burnt orange, I'm sure discussing the likelihood of a winning Longhorn season!

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, September 6, 2019 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President

**September is Basic Education & Literacy Month**



**SISTER CLUB:  
MONTERREY  
OBISPADO**

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Nicole Halder, "Wonders & Worries"

Nicole will visit with us today about Wonders & Worries, a Texas-based nonprofit that provides free, professional mental health support for children and teens who face the trauma of a serious parental illness. Since its founding in 2001, Wonders & Worries has supported 8,600 individuals. Nicole's personal focus is in helping create outstanding services for children in challenging environments. A multi-degree educational background along with extensive practice as a teacher has provided Nicole with the education and experience to meet her passion for helping children. For more information, go to: <https://www.wondersandworries.org/>

**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: Andy MacFarlane 50/50 Sales: Harry Polly  
Prayer & Pledge: Fred Morgan Humor: Andy MacFarlane  
Sunshine Basket: Joe Ramirez Setup: Jim Clements

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

**Next Week:** Anisa Lloja – "Rotary Connects the World: From Tirana to Austin"

Sep 20 Kinaalwa Ssenakula and Susanne Wilson, "Uganda, PACT & Water to Thrive"

Sep 27 Sen. Charles Schwertner, "Legislative Insights"

### 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](http://www.rotaryfruit.org)  
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>  
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Walter Moreau, "Affordable Housing"

At last week's meeting, we had a timely presentation from Walter Moreau, along with Donna Williams, on affordable housing. Mr. Moreau is the Executive Director of Foundation Communities, which creates non-profit owned affordable housing in Austin and other areas of Texas. Walter will update us on the status of affordable housing effort that has resulted in serving over 6,000 residents in Austin over the last 30 years. He plans and hopes to educate us on what affordable housing in Austin can be. For more information, or go to: <https://foundcom.org/>

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Sunshine Basket: Lonnie Perkins Setup: Joni Perkins

Member Attendance: 41 (of 86 active)

**50:50 Pot Winner:** Joe Ramirez (\$23)

### Rotary Minutes

- Lee Easter gave us a brief history on wearing our school colors.
- Jim White gave an update on PETS; building permit is \$23k.
- Kristin Stephens is sending us a holiday party email.
- Josh Reeley held an Interact liaison meeting.
- Nancy Lehmann-Carsow reminded us about the Lanier HS BBQ.

### Visiting Rotarians

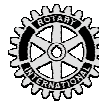
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### Other Visitors & Guests

none

### Club Member Make-ups

Debbie Tam – Cedar Park-Leander (8/28)



### Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 8/30/2019)

#### **Five new Wild Polio case reported this week!**

2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-58, Afghanistan-13, 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 makeups:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

Locals: Cedar Park-Leander – Wednesday noon @ Hyatt Place  
NXNE Austin – Wednesday noon @ Casa Chapala

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"Between saying and doing, many a pair of shoes is worn out."*

Iris Murdoch

*#1DistrictStrong*

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Sep 13 NWAR Board Meeting  
Oct 18 Fruit Sale Kickoff  
Oct 24 Club Social – Pints for Polio  
Nov 29 NO MEETING – Thanksgiving!  
Dec 6 Annual Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Party  
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

### DG Jim Henry's September Message

Well I am now two months into my year as District Governor. I have visited 26 clubs so far, almost half-way there. Visiting the clubs and talking to Rotarians throughout our District is one of if not the most rewarding thing I will do all year. For those clubs that I have visited, thank you so much for your hospitality. For those that I haven't made it to yet, I am so looking forward to my visit.

For those who have heard my talk you know my emphasis is on Why We Do What We Do. This month in Rotary is Basic Education and Literacy Month. The Education that I would like all you to think about is educating yourself. Educate yourself in not just what we do in Rotary but the real reason behind what we are doing, the Why of Rotary.

When I was in the active practice of law, I would try and explain to clients what the law was in a certain situation. Sometimes they wouldn't understand that and would tell me, that doesn't make sense. Often I would agree, but I would try and explain to clients the reason behind the rule. There are a lot of things Rotary asks us to do and we may wonder why. I truly believe if we can educate ourselves and find out why we are asked to do something and how we personally can change and save lives, then that is our Rotary story. When someone asks you about Rotary, don't just tell them what we do, but tell them your Why story.

Jim Henry, D5870 Governor for 2019-2020

### FACTS ABOUT LITERACY - DID YOU KNOW?

In a study of literacy among 20 'high income' countries, the United States ranked 12th. 44% of American adults do not read a BOOK in a year. 1 in 4 children in America grow up without learning how to read. Students who don't read proficiently by the 3rd grade are 4 times likelier to drop out of school. Over 70% of America's inmates cannot read above a 4th grade level.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

### Jerry Johnson Trust Matching Program Update #5

We had an amazing week! 22 new donors and \$9,134 in contributions. To date, 108 Rotarians representing 29 clubs have contributed a total of \$46,263! These contributions continue to result in recognition as all but 6 of the 108 contributors have reached a new Paul Harris Fellow level as the result of their participation.

Update: In the race for the highest contributing club, the Rotary Club of Austin still remains in the lead (\$6,900) with Pflugerville close behind in 2nd place (\$6,235). Waco is in 3rd Place (\$3,275), and Lakeway/Lake Travis is now in 4th Place (\$2,995). Please remember that the winner of this race will receive 1,000 Foundation Recognition Points to distribute as they see fit.

Here's a shout out to the following clubs that lead in the donor count department – Pflugerville-14, Austin-13 and Rockdale-10!

If you're one of the 108 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 whole that a better day is possible.

If you're not, there's still time - the match will continue until we run out of points. As of today, a little under 60% 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. 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.

Please note: These matches are limited to one per donor and will be processed on a first come, first served basis.

Respectfully, Rich Kaye, Past District Governor, 2013-14  
Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, 2018-20  
254-291-4890 (Cell)

### Club Services Committee Meeting

If you are interested in getting involved with a committee that would only have a small time commitment, then please join us Friday, September 20, after the regular meeting wraps up. We will be holding a Club Services meeting to discuss the upcoming year of events and would love to have new ideas and involvement. Hope to see you there!

Kristin Stephens & Midge Norris, Club Service Co-Chairs