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Past President Nancy Lehmann-Carssow and Director-at-Large Sarah Carriker are two very active members of NW Austin Rotary.

photo by Hanspeter Tobler

Rotary's "4-Way Test":

- 1. Is it theTRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Past Presidents Council Endowment Foundation Fundraising Directors-At-Large

Steve Welch John Voss Ken Dickensheets Tom Perkins/Dave Roon Kent Duran/Dave Roon Sarah Carriker: Sheila Allee



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, January 17, 2014 – 7:00 A.M. Meeting at Balcones Country Club Call to Order – Patrick O'Farrell, President January is Rotary Awareness Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Casey Hatfield & Debbie Immel - "The American Red Cross"

Debbie Immel, Regional Chief Development Officer with the American Red Cross will be with us along with Casey Hatfield, AmeriCorps VISTA. Debbie will provide us with an update on Red Cross activities in Central Texas along with their plans for 2014. Debbie managed fundraising efforts for the Central Texas Wildfires in the fall of 2011 and the Southeast Austin floods in the fall of 2013. Casey is a recent graduate of Southwestern University and responsible for the local implementation of a new Red Cross program that you will learn of through Debbie's presentation. For more information, go to: http://www.redcross.org/tx/austin

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TO OUR SPEAKERS: TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE AND LISTEN! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Harold Coleman Prayer & Pledge: Greg Rabaey Sunshine Basket: Ditas Hall

50/50 Ticket Sales: Larry Eichenbaum

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

Next Week: Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith, "Digital Photography as

a Hobby"

Jan 31 Nataliya Davydova – "Ukraine – Civil Unrest"

Feb 7 Terral Smith – "The ACA from the Employer Perspective"

JANUARY Birthdays

01: Ditas Hall

06: Harold Coleman

12: Jim Henry

18: Bill Zipoy

19: Tim Duffee

22: Ken Dickensheets 24: Mark Dietz

29 Gail Buckley

31 Carla Young

JANUARY Club Anniversaries

09: Sheila Allee (5)

10: Tim Duffee (28)

12: Jeff Rhodes (7)

13: Mike Jaggers (2)

16: Josh Little (5)

19: Bill Zipoy (7)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

Club Facebook Page: http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary

District 5870: http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/ D5870 Special Site: http://rotary4you.org/ Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org/

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Dr. Paul Cruz - "AISD/New Testing Update"

At our last meeting, Dr. Paul Cruz, Deputy Superintendent, Austin Independent School District visited with us about the implementation of the new student testing requirements. Besides explaining this new procedure and its significant for students, parents and teachers, he also updated us on timely issues related to this area's largest school district. For more information, go to: http://www.austinisd.org/

Greeter: Greg Rabaey Prayer & Pledge: Bill Farrell Sunshine Basket: Dee Haddock 50/50 Ticket Sales: Tony Thompson Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

NOTE: Sunshine Basket proceeds are being donated to PolioPlus unless otherwise announced.

Member Attendance: 53

50:50 Pot Winner: Henry Mayes (\$20)

Rotary Minutes

- Ken Dickensheets reminded us about the Rotary Foundation dinned on Feb. 8.
- On behalf of the International Committee, Oliver Smith presented a check for \$2,000 to Jim White of PET Austin.
- Jim White reminded us to vote for Tom for the Recognize Good Legends Award to benefit PET Austin.

Visiting Rotarians

Mario Fredriga - Forli, Italy

Other Visitors & Guests Steve Balazs (of Lee Easter)

Ibrahim F. (of David Davis)

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O'Farrell – Foundation Dinner Planning (1/8)

A Note Concerning Rick Hoffman's open-heart surgery... I have not seen an update since last Friday, but at that time according to wife Carol, "Rick was out of surgery before 10, we have talked to the doctor and everything went well."

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to clubs occasionally changing their meeting times and places, it is best to go to the Rotary District 5870 website and click on the When/Where Clubs Meet link for a list of area club meetings. Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryeclubone.org



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up."

Mark Twain



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today NWAR Board Meeting

Feb 13 Bowling at The Main Event, 6:00-7:30 PM (see below)

Feb 28 Fruit Sale/Birdcage Breakfast

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 8 District Foundation Dinner (details at right)
Mar 6-9 Lone Star PETS - DFW Hyatt Regency

May 16-18 District Conference – La Toretta Resort, Montgomery

Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

Vote for Tom and Help PET Austin

As you may already know, Tom Perkins was selected the winner of the November 2013, Recognize Good Legends Award. This was in recognition for his 18 years leading the Rotary Club of NWA Austin's annual fundraising drive resulting in over \$1.2 million in sales. Tom received a \$1,000 "pay forward" award and he selected PET-Austin to be the recipient. Now we ask you to help Tom and PET-Austin by voting for Tom to receive the Annual Recognize Good Legends Award of \$10,000. Again, this is a "pay forward" award. These funds would be added to the PET Austin building fund and enable it to purchase a metal building for a workshop.

You can vote every day in every way:

- Log onto: Recognizegood.org & follow the "Say Thanks Austin" link
- Text message to 512-213-4383, message: Perkins
- Email: Saythanks@recognizegood.org Subject: Perkins
- Mobile App: STAC in Google Play Store or Apple App Store
- Facebook: "Perkins@facebook.com/recognizeGood.
- Tweet: Perkins with #saythanks to @recognizeGood.
- Manually vote for Tom and return Voting card to Recognize Good You can & are encouraged to Vote with all the above and do it every day!
 Jim White

NWAR Family Event for Charity

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 13th at Main Event. We're going BOWLING. 6:00pm-7:30pm. As part of the fun, we will be collecting NEW packages of socks and/or underwear/boxers for the Round Rock ISD school clothes closet. All sizes needed. Main Event is contributing a new pair of socks for everyone who comes.

The cost is \$9/person to bowl, payable to NWAR. Kids under 6 are free. Shoe rental is \$3.50 for adult sizes and \$2.50 for kids, payable at the event.

Please RSVP by Feb. 10th to Sarah Carriker (scarriker@gmail.com or 512-496-5700). Come alone, bring a friend, bring your kids, bring your friends' kids, all are welcome. Hope to see you there with your socks!

SPECIAL THANKS TO SARAH FOR ORGANIZING THIS EVENT!!

Rotary: A Year of Exciting Achievements

Dear Rotarian.

This past year was one of exciting achievements and forward momentum for Rotary, as highlighted in the 2012-13 Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation Annual Report. We launched a bold new chapter in our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that makes your contributions to the vital polio eradication end game work three times as hard.

We also finished preparing for the global launch of our new grant model, boosting our ability to help more communities secure and sustain a better quality of life. And we carried out our first projects with Mercy Ships, while building on our work with Aga Khan University, UNESCO-IHE, the Rotary Peace Centers, and other partners. In addition, The Rotary Foundation earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator, and the Wise Giving Alliance.

I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary. You can order print copies of the report at shop.rotary.org. For those who want a more detailed look at Rotary finances, the audited financial statements are available for download. Thank you for the important role you play in Rotary's work to help meet critical human needs, strengthening the groundwork for a more peaceful world.

Sincerely, John Hewko. General Secretary

Highlights and Reports of Rotary's FY 2012-13

The 2012-13 fiscal year was a very good one for Rotary, leaving it financially strong to do good in the world. Contributions to the Annual Fund set a new record, surpassing \$115.1 million. Donors also gave a record \$20.4 million to the Endowment Fund. PolioPlus received \$23.6 million from Rotarians and friends of Rotary, along with \$69.6 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Rotary also geared up for the global launch of its new grant model. During the final year of the Future Vision pilot, 100 districts participated in projects supported by district grants and global grants totaling \$26.4 million. Rotary's consolidated financial activities include those of Rotary International (RI), The Rotary Foundation (TRF), and their wholly owned subsidiaries.

HOW WE'RE FUNDED - Rotary International is principally supported by volunteer dues that support its mission to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by connecting leaders, exchanging ideas, and taking action.

The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable entity, is funded solely by voluntary contributions from members and friends of Rotary who support its mission to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.