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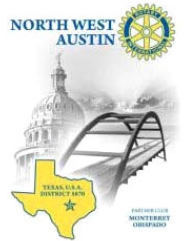
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# ROTARY ROOTER



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

**JAN 27, 2017**



### 2016-17 CLUB-LEADERS

#### OFFICERS

President:	Kevin Lancaster
President-Elect:	Danny Davila
President Nominee	Ryan Zintgraff
Secretary:	Greg Rabaey
Treasurer:	Josh Little & Stephen Bentley
Sergeant At Arms:	
Immediate Past President	Sarah Carriker
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
VP Community Service	Danny Davila
VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
VP International Service	Audrey & John Cochran
VP Youth Service	Rick Hoffman
Member-At-Large	Mark Dietz
Member-At-Large	Paul Ott

#### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Communications	Sheila Allee Kershaw
Early Act First Knight	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair	John Voss
Foundation	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising	Sarah Carriker
Membership	Beatriz Zilveti & Don Shindler
Past Presidents Council	
Photographers	Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith
PolioPlus	Kent Miller
Program Committee	David Davis
Website	Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Weekly Meeting Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet



At last week's meeting, Byron Walston became our newest member. He is shown here being pinned by his sponsor, Brigitte Benquet.  
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?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, January 27, 2016 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

**January is Rotary Awareness Month**

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Chris Almendarez, President - Round Rock Express**

This week's program features Chris Almendarez, President of the Round Rock Express Baseball Club. Before joining the Express as a Senior Account Executive and later as General Manager, Chris had been involved in sales and entrepreneurial business. His current position is a "natural" for Chris as baseball is in his blood. He played baseball on scholarship for two years at Howard Junior College in Big Spring, Texas and then for two years at the University of Houston where he obtained his BA in Mass Communications. He and his family reside in Round Rock where his youngest son plays baseball for Round Rock H.S. Chris's oldest son plays baseball at the University of Houston - Victoria. Chris continues to coach in youth sports and participates in the annual Cougar baseball alumni game. And, yes, Chris will be talking baseball and the Round Rock Express. For more information, go to: <http://www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t102>

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

Greeters: Sandy Wahl  
Prayer & Pledge: Hanspeter Tobler  
Sunshine Basket: Tom Perkins/Andy MacFarlane  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Scott Isaacsen  
Setup: David Benjamin

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

**Next Week:** Fruit Salebration (aka Birdcage Breakfast)  
Feb 10 Matt Baker, "The Ebola Outbreak and the Environment"  
Feb 17 open

## JANUARY Birthdays

01: Ditas Hall, Patrick McGuinness  
06: Harold Coleman  
12: Jim Henry  
18: Bill Zipoy  
19: Tim Duffee  
22: Ken Dickensheets  
24: Mark Dietz  
25: Ibrahim Fakhreddine  
29: Gail Buckley



31 Carla Young

## JANUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Corey Ryan (4), Harry Polly (34)  
09: Sheila Allee (8)  
10: Tim Duffee (31)  
13: Mike Jaggars (5)  
15: Stephen Bentley (1)  
16: Josh Little (8)  
19: Bill Zipoy (10)  
31: Salvador Apud (3)

## WEBSITES TO KNOW:

**Club Website:** <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>  
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)  
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>  
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Laura Whitus, Physical Trainer**

Our speaker last Friday was Laura Whitus, Athletic Trainer and Sports Medicine Instructor, both with Baylor Scott & White Austin/Round Rock Region. Her program focused on her recommendations for what we can do in the new year to be more active, healthy and safe. Laura is a graduate of both the University of South Carolina and Texas State University with college level experience as an Athletic Trainer before more recently being an Instructor and Trainer at Anderson High School in Austin for eight years. Laura joined the Baylor Scott & White Health Staff this past summer where she works in Sports Medicine and in Athletic Training outreach to our community. For more information about Laura, go to her LinkedIn page: <https://za.linkedin.com/in/laura-whitus-b6188937?trk=pub-pbmap>

Greeters: Harry Polly  
Prayer & Pledge: Dick Hamilton  
Sunshine Basket: Andy MacFarlane  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Bill Zipoy  
Setup: Jim Clements  
Humorist Emeritus: Kent Miller

**NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are split between PolioPlus and TRF Annual Fund.**

Member Attendance: 49 (of 91 active)  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** \$33 (Bob Fulmer)

## Rotary Minutes

- Jim Henry inducted Byron Walston, small business consultant sponsored by Brigitte Benquet, as the club's newest member.
- Beatiz Zilveti announced that the next club orientation meeting will be held Feb. 8 at Nancy Lehmann-Carsow's home.
- Cristina Nguyen requested support for RRISD's annual socks & boxers drive.

## Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Park, CO

## Other Visitors & Guests

Anthony Rabaey (of Greg Rabaey)  
Lois Ann Stanton (of Don Shindler)  
Gordon Loomer (of Jerry Chambers)  
Keith Wier (of Paul Ott)

## Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – Board Meeting (1/13)  
Lee Easter – eClub Online (1/19)

**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.rotaryclubboney.org](http://www.rotaryclubboney.org)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"Peace is its own reward."*

Mahatma Gandhi

# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 3 Fruit Salebration (aka Birdcage Breakfast)  
Feb 8 New Member Orientation Meeting (details below)  
Feb 10 NWAR Board Meeting

## Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 4 District Foundation Dinner, Austin Capitol Sheraton  
Feb 23-26 Lone Star PETS, Dallas, TX  
Mar 8 Rotary International Women's Day  
April 15 Club Leadership Training, Killeen, TX  
May 19-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni  
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA  
Jun 17 DG & Club Leaders Installation Luncheon

## New Member Orientation Meeting Scheduled

You are invited to the next orientation on February 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Nancy Lehmann-Carsow has once again kindly offered to host in her home located at 8809 Bell Mountain Drive, Austin, TX, 78730. Board members will be there to explain the ins and outs of our Northwest Austin Rotary Club and answer any questions you might have. Please RSVP as soon as possible by responding to this email or calling/texting me at (512)983-1775. Beatriz Zilveti, Club Membership Co-Chair

## New Member Proposed

Paul Ott has proposed Keith Wier for membership in our Club. Keith has attended several of our meetings, and is interested in joining NW Austin Rotary. Keith works as an Attorney with the firm Maurice Wutscher, where he practices Commercial, Consumer Credit and Employment Litigation. Keith is active in our community, and his hobbies are boating and hunting. His proposed classification is Law-Litigation. Per our Bylaws, the general membership has 7 days to vote and, barring any dissentation, Keith will be inducted into our club. Yours in Rotary, Greg Rabaey, Secretary, Northwest Austin Rotary Club

## 2017-18 RI President Ian H.S. Riseley announces his presidential theme: Rotary: Making a Difference

Rotary International President-elect Ian H.S. Riseley made the case on Monday that protecting the environment and curbing climate change are essential to Rotary's goal of sustainable service.

Environmental degradation and global climate change are serious threats to everyone, Riseley said. "They are having a disproportionate impact on those who are most vulnerable, those to whom Rotary has the greatest responsibility. Yet environmental issues rarely register on the Rotary agenda," he said.

Riseley added, "The time is long past when environmental sustainability can be dismissed as not Rotary's concern. It is, and must be, everyone's concern." The president-elect challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members between the start of the Rotary year on 1 July and Earth Day on 22 April 2018. Trees remove carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases from the air, which slows global warming.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

News from D5870...

## Jerry Johnson Testamentary Announcement!

On behalf of the Trustees of the Jerry Johnson Testamentary Trust, our most sincere congratulations go out to Tonda Campbell, the newest member of the RC of Killeen Heights, for becoming the 1,000th recipient of a Jerry Johnson Testamentary Trust match. This match, along with her contribution, also results in her becoming the newest Paul Harris Fellow in District 5870.

Now in its 8th year, the Jerry Testamentary Trust Match Program has distributed in excess of \$203,000 to match the contributions made by 1,000 Rotarians in Districts 5730 and 5870, and to help them earn a total of 528 first time Paul Harris Fellowships. So far this Rotary year, the Johnson Trust has distributed \$28,093 to help 76 Rotarians become Paul Harris Fellows.

The trustees owe a great debt to PRIP Ron Burton without whose steadfast help in working through some Rotary Foundation red tape none of this would have been possible, and to our late friend Jerry Johnson whose vision to see what could be possible has left such a huge legacy.

## Foundation Giving – as of 12/31/2016

Killeen Heights	\$96,757
Austin	\$28,124
Temple-South	\$20,844
Harker Heights	\$12,688
<b>Northwest Austin</b>	<b>\$10,455</b>

## Per Capita Foundation Giving – as of 12/31/2016

Killeen Heights	\$1,051.71
Temple-South	\$372.21
Harker Heights	\$164.78
Marble Falls	\$144.10
Austin	\$137.19
Austin Westlake	\$129.96
<b>Northwest Austin</b>	<b>\$117.47</b>

## PolioPlus Contributions – as of 12/31/2016

<b>Northwest Austin</b>	<b>\$3,232</b>
Cameron	\$2,451
Georgetown	\$2,180
Pflugerville	\$1,905
Austin	\$1,800

This coming year – 2017 – marks the 100th Anniversary of our Foundation. As we begin the year, we need your help to celebrate this anniversary in a big way. We are asking every Rotarian in the district to help us achieve 100% participation in the 100<sup>th</sup> year – meaning, we are asking every Rotarian in District 5870 to contribute something (preferably \$25 but anything will be appreciated) to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund between now and June 30th. We've never done that before, reach 100% giving. The best we've ever done is 87.5%. This is definitely the year to make that magic happen!