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ROTARY ROOTER

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

JANUARY 27, 2012



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We had a terrific meeting last week led by an enthusiastic group of Interact Club members from Vandegrift H.S. Here, club V.P. Piyushi Bishnoi and President Denise Bui review their projects from 2011 and what is planned for 2012.

photo by Oliver Smith

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, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

January is Rotary Awareness Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Keith Elkins, "Freedom of Information Foundation"

Keith is a long-time Austin communicator and Executive Director of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. Today, he will discuss the role of one of our nation's oldest open government non-profit groups and some of the newest transparency challenges of the 21st Century. The organization recently moved from Dallas to Austin and Keith was one of its first hires. He brings a long history in public media as a News Anchor and Reporter with Fox, CNN, NBC and CBS. He has also worked as Communications Director for the Texas Comptroller and the Texas Lottery Commission.

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE DURING THE MEETING! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Sarah Carriker

Prayer & Pledge: Mark Dietz

Sunshine Basket: Roger Von Rosenberg

50/50 Drawing: Steve Windle

New Member Induction - Galen Fischer, sponsored by Don Shindler with the classification of "Financial Consultant," will be inducted today as NWAR's newest member.

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

Next Week: - Kent Miller, "Annual PolioPlus Update"

Feb 10 Dr. Monica Anderson - "The Medical Benefits of Humor"

Feb 17 Matt Gonzalez, Pedernales Electric Coop

JANUARY Birthdays

01: Ditas Hall

06: Harold Coleman

12: Jim Henry

18: Bill Zipoy

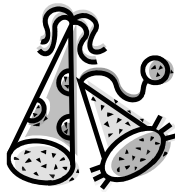
19: Tim Duffee

22: Ken Dickensheets

24: Mark Dietz

29: Gail Buckley

31: Carla Young



JANUARY Club Anniversaries

09: Sheila Allee (3)

10: Tim Duffee (26)

12: Jeff Rhodes (5)

16: Josh Little (3)

19: Bill Zipoy (5)

21: Steve Windle (7)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

Club Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>

District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Vandegrift Interact Club

The Vandegrift Interact Club, formed in January 2011 and now numbering 35 members, ran most of last week's meeting. Pat O'Farrell introduced us to Denise Bui, President and Piyushi Bishnoi, Vice President, who were our guest speakers. Denise and Piyushi explained their motivation to provide service through Rotary's Interact Program, with projects demonstrating the diversity of ideas of this next generation of leaders who are learning through Rotary.

Various Vandegrift Club members performed the responsibilities of Greeter, Prayer & Pledge, Sunshine Basket, 50/50 Drawing. Humorist Emeritus: Bill Zipoy

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

Member Attendance: 60

50:50 Pot Winner: Kristin Stephens (\$20)

Rotary Minutes

- Rebecca Whitehouse presented a \$500 check to Nancy Lehmann-Carssow for the South African Literacy Project.
- Tim Buckley announced that First Tee of Greater Austin is having a luncheon on March 7; Jesus Chavez will be honored.

Other Visitors & Guests

Cecilia Katz (of Ryan Zintgraff)

Galen Fischer (of Don Shindler)

Visiting Rotarians

Michael Tolbert (North Austin)

Rose Wilderom (Norman Sooner)

Club Member Make-ups

Ditas Hall – International Committee (1/6)

Hanspeter Tobler – International Committee (1/6), Pflugerville (1/18), Round Rock (1/19)

Tim Buckley, Oliver Smith and Rick Hoffman – NWAR Orientation Meetings (1/13,19)

Bob Allen – Austin Downtown (1/17)

Kent Miller – Austin Centennial (1/17)

Ken Dickensheets – District Membership (1/17)

Pat Byrum – Georgetown (12/16)

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.rotaryclubone.org

Next Board Meeting

Feb. 10 (after the regular Friday meeting)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Let us not look back in anger, nor forward in fear, but around in awareness."

James Thurber

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 2 Happy Hour, 5-7 PM at Freda's Seafood Grill

Feb 24 Fruit Sale Birdcage Breakfast

Mar 25 NWAR Social at Henry Mayes' Home, 5:00-7:00 PM

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 3 House of Friends Valentine Benefit Dinner ***

Feb 11 Foundation Dinner –Westin, Austin (details to follow)

Mar 2 Cedar Park RC Talent Show, Don Tew P.A. Center

May 16 GSE Team from Australia

May 19 District Conference Part I – Killeen

Jun 16 District Conference Part II (Lost Pines)

*** There will be four tables of Rotarians at the House of Friends benefit dinner and concert next Friday, Feb. 3. A few tickets are available. See Tim Duffee or Pat O'Farrell at our meeting today.

Vandegrift Interact Club – just a follow-up note to the young and enthusiastic Interactor's that were with us last week. I notified their teacher/moderator, Jennifer Wood, at VHS how well they did at our club meeting and complimented her on her volunteer efforts with the Interact Club. Her reply back to me was that these young students have really done this all on their own; they search out projects, plan, organize and execute each one with a minimum of assistance from her. Her words make these kids seem all the more incredible. Pat O'Farrell

Cedar Park Rotary Club Talent Show

The first annual Cedar Park Rotary Club Talent Show will be held at the Don Tew Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 2, 2012. Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Friday night, March 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Don Tew Performing Arts Center at Leander High School

Two Divisions: Junior (K-6th grade) and Senior (7th – 12th grade)

Auditions: 6:30 p.m. February 21 and 23, 2012

The top 10 acts in each division will perform at the Finals Talent Show on March 2, 2012

Cash Prizes: \$1000 Overall Winner, \$500 Each Division Winner and \$250 for each Division Runner Up.

We are looking for area sponsors to make this event possible. Your generous sponsorship will be highlighted in announcements and brochures at the event. The sponsorship levels are as follows:

- Platinum - \$500 (Full page ad in brochure and website exposure)
- Gold - \$250 (Half page ad in brochure)
- Silver - \$150 (Quarter page ad in brochure)
- Business Card - \$75 (Business card ad in brochure)

For more details on sponsorship, see Al Rolfsen or call President Tim Adams at 528-7001.

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Rotary Social Events on Tap for Spring 2012

There are several social events planned for our club for this spring and we hope that every member and their significant other will be able to attend at least one, if not all, of these parties.

- Andy MacFarland is coordinating a Micro-Brewery Tour. Some of you may remember the talk he gave on home beer brewing. If you were there that morning you certainly remember Tom Perkins response! Date is still to be announced.
- On Sunday, March 25th, from 5-7 PM Kathy Mayes and Sandra Thompson (our President's wife) will host a member/spouse social at the Mayes' home. Plenty of food and drink will be provided. Time & directions will be forthcoming in a future issue of The Rooter.
- In late April, we are planning a Progressive Dinner. Nancy Lehmann-Carssow has agreed to coordinate this effort. If you would like to help with this please contact Nancy.

PET Austin Update

PET Austin is still looking for a workshop space. We thought we had found a space but it did not work out. If anyone who knows of a space that we can use please let me know. We need about 1500 sq ft, but 2000 would be great. This could be a space within someone else's space, e.g. an unused portion of a warehouse, that we could wall off or two spaces near each other. We would prefer to stay in the general area of our current space or the Cedar Park area.

Fellow Rotarians, PET Austin needs your help. The PET mission addresses a compelling need. PET Affiliates have built and distributed over 31,000 PETs in 93 countries. For information, see me or visit: www.petaustin.org and www.petinternational.org Jim White

WCS Project with Japan

Last Spring, after the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, we learned that our 09-10 GSE Team members were all okay, but that help was needed in areas nearby. We, D5870, offered to provide help. Our offer was gratefully received, and we were told that we would be notified what would be needed from us (probably money) after our friends in Japan evaluated the needs. When we did receive their request, there was little time to respond. They received help from many Rotarians, including from District 5870 Killeen Heights, Austin, and Northwest Austin. From the RC of Austin's newsletter:

"Our District and some members of the Rotary Club of Austin should take pride in knowing they helped our Japanese friends. The offer to provide aid was made in March, 2011, by PDG Tim Buckley shortly after the massive earthquake hit Japan. Funds from our Club, as well as the Killeen Heights and NW Austin clubs, were sent to Japan around September, 2011. The majority of our money was used to repair the Yamato Junior High School." Tim Buckley