



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, January 5, 2018 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Danny Davila, President
December is Family Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Kathryn Eversmann, RYE Student

Today’s speaker is Kathryn Eversmann, NWAR’s sponsored Rotary Exchange Student for 2016-2017. Kathryn attended Westwood H.S. and graduated in 3 years allowing her to spend her ‘gap’ year abroad, studying in Italy for 10 months. Her interest in going to Italy was her connection to the arts; authors, comics, painting, dancing, fashion and film making. Her parents, Dori and Jeff, hosted an inbound student from Spain. Dori will also tell us about her experience as a host parent.

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

Greeter: Tad Turpen
Prayer & Pledge: Gene Holiman
Sunshine Basket: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow
50/50 Ticket Sales: Byron Walston
Setup: Mike Moser
Humor: Kent Miller

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

Next Week: Fruit Sale-A-Bration Breakfast (Off Site)
Jan 19 to be determined
Jan 26 Kristen Keener, Advances in Audiology

JANUARY Birthdays

01: Ditas Hall, Patrick McGuinness, Tim O’Brien
06: Harold Coleman
12: Jim Henry
19: Tim Duffee
22: Ken Dickensheets
24: Mark Dietz
25: Ibrahim Fakhreddine
29: Gail Buckley
31: Carla Young



JANUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Corey Ryan (5), Harry Polly (35)
10: Tim Duffee (32)
13: Mike Jagers (6)
15: Stephen Bentley (2)
20: Byron Walston (1)
31: Salvador Apud (4)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

Club Assembly

At last week’s meeting, we held a “Club Assembly,” where we heard from several of the club committees. Rick Hoffman of Youth Services and Kristin Stephens gave an update on projects and opportunities in their Youth Services and Club Services areas, respectively. Pat O’Farrell spoke about Rotary Youth Exchange and Kent Miller updated us on Rotary Peace Scholarships. Finally, we heard a first semester report from Lanier High School scholarship winner Isaac Antonio Mendoza Ibarra.

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Prayer & Pledge: Mark Dietz
Sunshine Basket: Joe Ramirez
50/50 Ticket Sales: Don Shindler
Setup: Kent Duran
Humorist Emeritus: Andy MacFarlane

NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are being donated to PolioPlus via Perky the Pig. Please bring your loose change and put it in the jar!

Member Attendance: 38 (of 94 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: Angela Caffey (\$30)

Rotary Minutes

• none

Visiting Rotarians

none

Other Visitors & Guests

none

Club Member Make-ups

none



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 make-up: www.rotaryclubone.org

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 12/21/2017

Two new Wild Polio cases reported this week. (Pakistan & Afghanistan)

2017 Polio Cases: Pakistan-7, Afghanistan-12, 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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It's easier to resist at the beginning than at the end."

Leonardo da Vinci



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today! Club Service Committee Meeting
Jan 16 EAFK Ceremony at Hart Elementary School, 8:30 AM
Jan 19 NWAR Board Meeting

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 3 District Foundation Gala, La Fontera, Round Rock
Feb 10 D5870 Arbor Day
Mar 1-4 Lone Star PETS
Apr 14 District Assembly – Central TX College, Killeen
May 4-6 District Conference – Eilan Hotel & Resort, San Antonio
Jun 23-27 RI Convention – Toronto, Canada

From Kristin Stephens and the Club Service Committee...

Interested in planning or organizing socials for our club? Or just want to share your ideas? Please attend our Club Services committee meeting today, promptly after the regular meeting.

Fruit Sale-A-Bration Breakfast Off Site Next Week!

ATTENTION: Our meeting next week will be held at Waterloo Ice House, 8600 Burnet Rd, Austin 78757. 7am on January 12th. Breakfast will be served for the usual \$12/person. We are celebrating the fruit sale! The winning team will enjoy their orange juice in the form of mimosas (if they wish), and we will get a chance to cheer for the successes of our annual fundraiser.

Foundation Gala Registration Now Open!

Our next District-wide event, the Foundation Gala in Round Rock at the Austin Marriott North La Frontera on February 3, 2018 - is only 30 days away. Now is the time to register! At the district website! Our guest speaker will be P.R.I.D Andy Smallwood.

District Governor, Gene Holliman, welcomes all Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors and all interested Rotarians to the Foundation Gala on Saturday, February 3, 2018! A Major Donor Reception precedes the dinner. Please reserve now. You'll be glad you did! Register Now!

Why plan ahead? To make sure you don't miss the pre-registration deadline (which is January 29th) and to guarantee that all members from your club will be seated at the same tables. Tickets for Foundation Dinner are \$80, Major Donor Reception (invitation only) \$30. Table reservation for a Rotary Club is available (table seats up to 10), if interested contact Registrars Doug Lowe 940.368.8611 or dougmarcyloew@aol.com

Austin Marriott North - Special room rate for \$99 USD/night. If you have already registered, fantastic!!! We look forward to seeing you there. Pam Blankenzee, South Austin Rotary

Ditas Hall Update – Dec. 30

We received a call this morning that, because she was experiencing extreme pain, Ditas again was transported by EMS to Seton Northwest early this morning. They now think that she has a hairline fracture of her thigh bone, and she will have surgery tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 8:00 AM. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. - Tim Buckley

Youth Exchange Alumni Give Back Through Rotex

By Sophie Richter, 2012-13 Rotary Youth Exchange Student
As a RYE Student, I spent a year in Thailand. This experience changed my life and my view of the world. When I returned to Germany, I wanted to give something back to Rotary because of how incredibly thankful I was for the opportunity I had been given. Joining our district's Rotex club was my way of doing that.

A Rotex club is an organized group of Youth Exchange alumni that stay involved in Rotary by working closely with Rotarians in their district. Our Rotex in District 1800 was founded in 1989 and has around 80 active members. We organize about six weekends each year for inbound and outbound exchange students.

We enjoy doing these activities year-round. But a tragedy last year taught us we had the power to do even more. In April 2016, a massive earthquake struck Ecuador while three Ecuadorian students were on their exchange in our district. They weren't able to communicate with their families for days and were going through a difficult time. Sadly, one of the students even lost an uncle in the disaster. Our Rotex and the current exchange students wanted to help in any way we could. As one of our inbound students explained in a letter to the Youth Exchange chair, "whenever one part of a family is in a difficult situation, you stand together even closer."

Every Rotary district should encourage alumni to give back. By taking action, our Rotex is living the principles of Rotary. The exchange students, in cooperation with Rotex and the Youth Exchange team, reached out to Rotary clubs in our district. In addition to receiving donations from many clubs, we organized a day of service. Exchange students helped by baking cakes to sell at their schools, and even raised money on the street. In the end, we were able to raise more than 20,000 euros (about \$23,000) for victims of the earthquake. One of the students from Ecuador, Camila, later wrote, "seeing people who I only met recently move mountains for others filled my heart." It was gratifying to know that our Rotex could help accomplish such a big task for Camila and the others.

Rotex allows us to stay involved in our community and helps us do more through Rotary than we could as individuals. Every Rotary district should encourage alumni to give back. By taking action, our Rotex is living the principles of Rotary. Now that we have officially chartered as a Rotary alumni association, we are excited to see what the future will bring!