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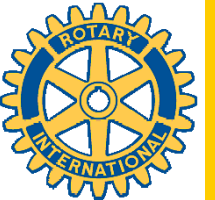
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ROTARY ROOTER



**ROTARY CLUB OF
NORTHWEST AUSTIN
DECEMBER 16, 2011**



2011-12 CLUB-LEADERS

President: Tony Thompson
President-Elect: Steve Welch
Secretary: Don Shindler
Treasurer: Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms: Kristi Holmes
Weekly Volunteers: Kristi Holmes
Membership: Sarah Carriker/
Nancy Lehmann-Carsow

VP Club Service
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Club Historian
Photographers
Set-up/Take-down

VP Community Service
Programs
Publicity
Website

VP International Service
Ambassadorial Scholar
Group Study Exchange
Peace Inst/PolioPlus
PET Austin

VP New Generations
Interact
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Rotary Youth Exchange
RYLA

VP Vocational Service
Fireside Meetings
Junior Achievement
Special Project

Past Presidents Council
Endowment
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Rick Hoffman
Dee Haddock
Tracy Snider
Dave Roon
Ken Dickensheets
John Voss
Tracy Snider
Tom Perkins
Kent Duran
Oliver Smith



Mixers Jerry McCulley, Tony Thompson, Dick Hamilton and Harold Coleman are busy at work during our December 8 fruit sale unloading/mixing party.
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, December 16, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

December is Family Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Fred Hansen - D5870 Literacy Programs

Today, Dr. Fred Hansen will bring us a program on our District 5870's Literacy Project, another Rotary effort to better our community and world. Dr. Hansen is a retired Austin area obstetrician and gynecologist of 40 years service to the community. He is a Charter Member of the University Rotary Club and is currently serving as the District 5870 Chair of the District 5870 Early Literacy Program. He will be visiting with us about this important Rotary service to our Community.

New Member Induction - Rich Barbee will be inducted today as the newest member of NW Austin Rotary. His sponsor is Kristi Holmes and his category is Printing-Executive.

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

Greeter: Larry Eichenbaum
Prayer & Pledge: Tim Buckley
Sunshine Basket: Tom Perkins
50/50 Drawing: Clifton Clyborne

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!

Dec 30 Patty Kelly - "Centennial Rotary Club Update"
Jan 6 Harold Coleman - "Family History: Getting Started"

DECEMBER Birthdays

04: Kevin Lancaster
11: Angela Caffey, Henry Mayes
16: Ken Lewis
17: Steve Windle
18: Chuck Durant
20: Sheila Allee
24: Steve Welch29: Bill von Rosenberg
30: Jesus Chavez



DECEMBER Club Anniversaries

01: Jerry McCulley (17)
06: Clifton Clyborne (2)
14: Brigitte Benquet (4), Rick Hoffman (4)

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/>

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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Christmas Breakfast/Party

At last week's meeting, NWAR hosted 60 guests from the Bluebonnet Trails Day Hab program for a Christmas breakfast and party. This was the 25th year the party has been held. In addition to a breakfast buffet, the Bethany United Methodist church bell choir played favorite Christmas musical selections and Santa will arrive to give gifts to and be photographed with each participant. Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center was formed in 1996 through an interlocal government agreement among the six counties of Bastrop, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Lee and Williamson. After well-attended public hearings and at the request of these counties, the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) legally established the Center as a community MHMR center in 1997.

Greeter: Clifton Clyborne
Prayer & Pledge: David King
Sunshine Basket: none
50/50 Drawing: none
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 55
50:50 Pot Winner: none

Rotary Minutes:

- none

Other Visitors & Guests

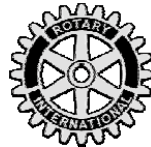
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Visiting Rotarians

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Club Member Make-ups

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2012 Rotary Convention

Register now for the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May, and enjoy an unforgettable experience in the Land of a Thousand Smiles! For more information, go to: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Next Board Meeting

TODAY after the regular Friday meeting

We're all AFTO'd out!!!

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

George Burns

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Dec 23 **No regular meeting – Christmas**
Dec 30 Regular meeting as scheduled!
Feb 24 Fruit Sale Birdcage Breakfast

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Jan 13 District Roll of Fame Nominations Deadline
Feb 11 Foundation Dinner –Westin, Austin (details to follow)
May 16 GSE Team from Australia
May 19 District Conference Part I – Killeen
Jun 16 District Conference Part II (Lost Pines)

New Club Directory

As VP of Club Service, it is my job to publish a new club directory. Previous conversations have suggested that the club prefers the same directory binding style as we have had before. I would like to start working on this process in January and I need a few good members to step up and help me with photographs, updated information and layout. Kristi Holmes has a printer and has volunteered to print it for us, so I think that part is taken care of. If you want to help with this job, please contact me at a meeting or email me at: diane.lyerly@premierepartycentral.com Diane Lyerly

Making Time For Family and Rotary

When Bill Simmermon joined the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton), Colorado, USA, six years ago, he wanted to be an active member without sacrificing time with his family. So the father of two brought his sons along to lunch meetings and involved them in club activities. His eldest son, Denver, has taken part in community and international service projects, is a member of Interact, and has been the featured speaker several times at the club's weekly meeting. And Simmermon's wife has been an active part of the club. "My family is all in," Simmermon says. "My involvement with Rotary doesn't conflict with family time. It has actually enhanced our family time, because we are all there together."

On RI's official LinkedIn group, several Rotarians also discussed the benefits of involving their family in Rotary. Henna Budhrani, a member of the Rotary club of St. Maarten, Sint Maarten, says she has included her children in the club's holiday food distribution to the elderly. Her kids will also attend the club's annual Christmas party for children from low-income families.

Family is on the minds of many Rotarians in December, as Rotary celebrates Family Month. In addition to recognizing the importance of families in Rotary, the month celebrates the family of Rotary, which includes Rotarians and all those involved in Rotary's work -- from Rotary Foundation program alumni to participants in Rotary youth programs around the world.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS - 2011 FRUIT SALE

AS OF 12/13/2011

TOTAL SALES.....\$120,071!!!

TOP TEN SALES REPRESENTATIVES:

1. DR. GEORGE LEWIS	\$9,570!!!
2. TOM PERKINS	\$6,845
3. STEVE WELCH	\$6,197
4. KENT MILLER	\$5,612
5. LEE EASTER	\$4,714
6. TIM BUCKLEY	\$4,337
7. HENRY MAYES	\$2,696
8. KEN DICKENSHEETS	\$2,488
9. BOB ALLEN	\$2,430
10. ANGIE CAFFEY	\$2,285

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

DANNY DAVILA 1,113 POINTS

THE BIG KAHUNA:

KENT MILLER WITH 138 CUSTOMER LINE ITEMS.
RUNNER UP WAS TIM BUCKLEY WITH 92.

TOP ALL AROUND TEAM: TOO CLOSE TO CALL AT THIS TIME AS SALES ARE STILL COMING IN AND WILL BE CUT OFF AS OF MONDAY 12/19. HERE ARE THE RESULTS SO FAR:

EASTER'S ENERGIZERS	22,854 POINTS
CARRIKER'S ALL STARS	22,779 POINTS
ROONS SELLERS TBNL	20,326 POINTS

BOTTOM OF THE BIRD CAGE RESULTS ARE NOT EVEN CLOSE. THE WINNER WITH ALL PRECINCTS COUNTED IS HOMER'S HUSTLERS WITH 7,619 POINTS. CONGRATS HOMER I KNOW YOU AND YOUR TEAM WILL COVER YOURSELVES WITH GLORY DURING THE ANNUAL BIRD CAGE BREAKFAST. Tom Perkins, Fundraiser Extraordinaire

Five Reasons to Support The Rotary Foundation

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. By donating to the Foundation, you support Rotary's six areas of focus, which help advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty. Contributions to the Every Rotarian, Every Year (Erey) initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. By giving US\$100 a year through Erey, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. Here are a few ways your contributions are changing the world:

5. Fighting hunger
4. Reducing child mortality
3. Promoting peace and conflict resolution
2. Basic education and literacy
1. Eradicating polio