

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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DECEMBER 2, 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
 Diane Lyerly
 Harold Coleman
 George Lewis
 Oliver Smith/HP Tobler
 Ron Bolen/Tim Dufee/
 Pat O'Farrell/Mike Moser/
 Jim Henry
 David Davis/Paul Ott
 Steve Jennings
 Sheila Allee
 Rebecca Whitehouse
 John Knifton
 Fred Morgan
 Kent Miller
 Jim White
 Pat O'Farrell
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 David Zersen
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 Tracy Snider
 Tom Perkins
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VP Club Service
 Bulletin
 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
 Rotaract
 Rotary Youth Exchange
 RYLA

VP Vocational Service
 Fireside Meetings
 Junior Achievement
 Special Project
 Past Presidents Council
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At our last meeting on November 18, Kristen Stephens (center) became our newest member. Inductor Extraordinaire Jim Henry is shown at left; Kristen's sponsor Damon Holditch is at right.
 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, December 2, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

December is Family Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Trudy Marshall - "Update on Libraries of Love"

Today, we will receive an important update on one of our Club's selected international projects, the "Libraries of Love" project, from Trudy Marshall. Trudy will update us on her most recent visit with an LOL Team to Uganda in June, including her visit to the Wambwa Primary School where students are receiving meals courtesy of Bethany UMC, the "all-school" second annual reading contest among the Kampala schools and the field day at Namirembe Primary School. This person to person "mission" that our club supports will remind us of the closeness of Texas to Africa and the universal message of love and respect that can be shared by children truly a world away.

New Member Induction: Contrary to prior reporting that he was already inducted (bad assumption on my part), Ryan Zintgraff, sponsored by John Voss, will be inducted today. Let's give Ryan a warm NWAR welcome!

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

Greeter: Sarah Carriker
Prayer & Pledge: Pat Byrum
Sunshine Basket: Shelly Hohmann
50/50 Drawing: Kevin Lancaster

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Party

Dec 16 Dr. Fred Hansen - D5870 Literacy Programs

Dec 23 **NO MEETING – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!**

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)

Next Board Meeting

Dec. 16 after the regular Friday meeting
(note change from 2nd Friday)

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Edie Surtees from MADD

Edie Surtees from Mothers Against Drunk Driving led an interactive discussion about why people still choose to drive drunk despite the strict laws and the dangerous consequences. She also talked about the exorbitant costs of getting arrested for a DWI, how alcohol increases impairment with each drink, and how you can still have fun over the holidays and keep yourself and the roads safe. For more information, go to: www.madd.org

Greeter: Kent Duran
Prayer & Pledge: Pat O'Farrell
Sunshine Basket: Steve Jennings
50/50 Drawing: Hanspeter Tobler
Humorist Emeritus: Bill Zipoy

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

Member Attendance: 57
50:50 Pot Winner: Kevin Lancaster (\$29)

Rotary Minutes:

- Kristen Stephens, sponsored by Damon Holditch, was inducted. Her classification is catering.
- Tom Perkins gave an update on the fruit sale.

Other Visitors & Guests

Natalie Kastberg (of Pat O'Farrell)
Mike Jagers (of Tony Thompson)
Galen Fischer (of Don Shindler)

Visiting Rotarians

Al Rolfsen (Cedar Park)

Club Member Make-ups

Harold Coleman – Austin Centennial (11/8)
Pat O'Farrell – RYLA ROundup (11/12)
Tim Buckley – Zone Institute (11/9-13)
Bob Roe (2)
Hanspeter Tobler – RYLA Roundup (11/12), Lakeway (11/12), RoAnns (11/15), Round Rock (11/17)

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

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/>

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"In family life, love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony."

Eva Burrows



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Tonight NWAR Holiday Party
Dec 8 Fruit Delivery & Distribution
Dec 9 Bluebonnet MHMR Christmas Party
Dec 23 **No regular meeting – Christmas**
Dec 30 Regular meeting as scheduled!

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

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

Why the Rotary Year Begins 1 July

Ever wonder why the Rotary year begins 1 July? The international convention initially played a key role in determining the start date of our fiscal and administrative year. Rotary's first fiscal year began the day after the first convention ended, on 18 August 1910. The 1911-12 fiscal year also related to the convention, beginning with the first day of the 1911 convention on 21 August.

At its August 1912 meeting, the Board of Directors ordered an audit of the International Association of Rotary Clubs' finances. The auditors recommended that the organization end its fiscal year on 30 June to give the secretary and treasurer time to prepare a financial statement for the convention and board, and determine the proper number of club delegates to the convention.

The executive committee concurred, and at its April 1913 meeting, designated 30 June as the end of the fiscal year. This also allowed for changes to the schedule for reporting club membership and payments. Even The Rotarian changed its volume numbering system to correspond to the fiscal year (beginning with vol. 5, July 1914).

Rotary continued to hold its annual conventions in July or August until 1917. Delegates to the 1916 event in Cincinnati, Ohio, USA, approved a resolution to hold future conventions in June, mainly because of the heat in cities where most of them occurred. The next one was held 17-21 June in Atlanta, Georgia.

The term "Rotary year" has been used to signify Rotary's annual administrative period since at least 1913. An article in The Rotarian that July noted, "The Rotary year that is rapidly drawing to a close has been signaled by several highly successful joint meetings of Clubs that are so situated as to assemble together easily and conveniently." Since the executive committee's decision in 1913, the end of the Rotary year has remained 30 June.

NWAR on Facebook

Click on the FaceBook icon on the Club Homepage or go to <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary> and check out the video of Jim Henry and his latest new member induction ceremony.
Ken Dickensheets, Past President - 2010/11

Fruit Sale Update – 11/29

This is a tight race at the top and even tighter at the bottom as four teams have a very legitimate shot at the Bird Cage. For now, The Donkeys are in line to be our beloved Bird Cage Team who will be serving whoever wins out at the top of the ticket. At present Roon's Sellers are 84 total points ahead of Carriker's All Stars. The activity points above are entirely made up of Par Producers (250 per). Soon, the \$12,000 sales plateau will be reached by Numbers 1 and 2 teams, who will achieve 2,000 points. When a team has 100% Par Producers they receive another 2,000 points. From then on, it is Sales \$\$ that count toward the Top Spot so don't ease up now or Give up now, with the additional sales coming in by clubs sponsored by a Rotarian the \$\$ will increase.

1. DAVE ROON'S SELLERS TBN \$11,685 + 1000 = 12,685
2. Sarah Carriker's Citrus All-Stars \$11,101 +1500 = 12,601
3. Steve Welch's Zombie Killers \$8,117 +250 = 8,367
4. Rick Hoffman's Heroes \$6,577 +1500 = 8,077
5. Easter's Energizers \$6,056 +1250 = 7,306
6. Shelly Hohmann's Show Offs \$5,805 +750 = 6,555
7. Diane Lyerly's Fruit Bats \$4,893 +750 = 5,643
8. Dee Haddock's Fisher Kings \$5,116 +500 = 5,616
9. Homer's Hustlers \$4,700 +500 = 5,200
10. Dietz's Donkeys \$4,530 +500 = 5,030

TOTAL - \$68,579

New award Recognizes Exceptional Literacy Projects

Rotary International and the International Reading Association have collaborated on an exciting new award that will give two deserving projects monetary gifts of US\$2,500 on behalf of the Pearson Foundation. New literacy service projects jointly undertaken by Rotary clubs and IRA reading councils in 2011-12 may be considered for these two awards. Application criteria:

- Rotarian applicants must be Rotary club members in good standing.
- IRA members and Rotarians must be working together to improve literacy through a project created to meet the needs of the local community or the literacy needs anywhere else in the world. Any project launched 1 July 2011 or later is eligible.
- Applications must be submitted by 15 June 2012.

If you need more information on this Pearson Foundation recognition after reading the application, Rotarians should contact programs@rotary.org. To find IRA members, click on councils and affiliates on the IRA website. To find out more on different RI/IRA projects, visit the Literacy Project Guide.