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Santa came early on Dec. 9th and delivered gifts to the wonderful clients of Bluebonnet MHMR Center at our annual breakfast party for the center.

photo by Hanspeter Tobler

Rotary's "4-Way Test":

- 1. Is it theTRUTH?
- 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 30, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

December is Family Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Patricia Kelly - "Centennial Rotary Club Update"

Today, Patty will have additional members of Centennial with her as they present a program updating us on the activities of the Austin Centennial Rotary Club. A former NWAR member, Patty graciously accepted their offer to be president of the club and to aid in building interest and membership. Patty owns a general practice law office providing business formation and advice, wills, trusts, estate planning, and general civil practice and litigation.

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

Greeter: Pat Byrum Prayer & Pledge: Bob Roe Sunshine Basket: George Kissinger 50/50 Drawing: Mark Dietz

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):
Next Week: - Harold Coleman - "Family History: Getting Started"
Jan 13 Jim Lux - "Jake and Hot Stuff - a WW II "Love Affair""

Jan 20 Vandergrift Interact Club Update

04: Kevin Lancaster

11: Angela Caffey, Henry Mayes

DECEMBER Birthdays

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.rotaryeclubone.org

Next Board Meeting

Jan. 13 (after the regular Friday meeting)

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Dr. Fred Hansen - D5870 Literacy Programs

At our last meeting, Dr. Fred Hansen gave 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.

<u>New Member Induction</u> - Rich Barbee was inducted as the newest member of NW Austin Rotary. His sponsor is Kristi Holmes and his category is Printing-Executive.

Greeter: Rick Hoffman Prayer & Pledge: Tim Buckley Sunshine Basket: Mike Moser 50/50 Drawing: Clifton Clyborne Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 56

50:50 Pot Winner: Harold Coleman (\$21)

Rotary Minutes:

- Al Rolfsen was inducted as an honorary member of NWAR.
- Tracy Snider and Tony Delgado spoke about Jr. Achievement.

Other Visitors & Guests

Tony Delgado (of Tracy Snider) Mike Jaggers (of Tony Thompson) Rich Barbee (of Kristi Holmes)

Visiting Rotarians

Al Rolfsen – Cedar Park Eileen Coleman – Austin Centennial Mary Hay – Austin Centennial

Club Member Make-ups

George Lewis – South Austin (12/14) Hanspeter Tobler – South Austin (12/14) & RLI Training (12/10) Tim Buckley – NWAR Xmas Party (12/2)

Nancy Lehmann-Carssow - North Austin Xmas Party (12/3)

Ken Dickensheets – NWAR Xmas Party (12/2)

Gene Holiman – Centennial (12/13)

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/ride

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Human beings are the only creatures on Earth that allow children to come back home."

Bill Cosby



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

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

Junior Achievement Update

by Tony Delgado

Hello NW Austin Rotary Group! Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you on Dec. 16 regarding Junior Achievement. As a result of your open hearts, three of you signed up!! Thank you so much! Your group is doing some amazing things and should all be proud of what you do for the community.

We only have two more slots available at Spicewood Elementary and five at Cedar Valley 6th grade for anyone who might still be interested.

- Elementary is 45 minutes per week for 5 weeks.
- Sixth Grade is 45 minutes per week for 6 weeks.

We start the programs the first week of January, so let me know asap to get you the materials, and if you are new to JA, I will provide a short training. If you need more information to make an informed decision, please let me know or go www.jacentex.org

Science Fair Judges Needes

by Tom Perkins

I am going to be a judge at the Jollyville Elementary Science Fair on January 26th and I need a lot of help from the rest of you wonderful Rotarians. It appears that they need a total of thirty judges; there will be judges from around the community. They have 6, so 24 more (23 since I am volunteering) are needed. Can we put together another 10 or 12 from our Rotary Club? Let me know by e-mail, telephone or whatever communication method you espouse. Thanks for what I know will be an overwhelming level of support from NW Austin Rotary!

Message from RYE Student Jackie Tey

Greetings from France! School is going well although I'm struggling with my French class. The teachers talk way too fast for me to write it down and have it register with me for full comprehension. Although I have not given up, I am continuing to give every class my best effort. One of the more exciting things is that I was nominated for VP of my class. Although I wasn't elected, just the fact that they considered me is flattering. Our class spent a day (and night) in Paris. We walked around a lot, learned about multiple monuments and famous architecture. I managed to get in a little shopping, saw some amazing views and then saw a Shakespeare play.

Each month I report to Rotary on what three things I learned in the past month:

- 1. Most French people are serious about ironing their clothes before wearing them.
- 2. The mother of a French family is usually the head of the family including all chores and making decisions.
- 3. French people have no reluctance to smoke anywhere there are no "no smoking" areas.

Lastly, I do miss my family and friends especially with the holiday season coming up but I have not lost sight of my goals and the great opportunity I have been given. As always, thanks to this group that are making it all possible. A bientot!!

New Member Proposed

Mike Jaggers, sponsored by Tony Thompson and classified as Computer Software Development, is our latest individual proposed for membership in NWAR. The Board has reviewed his application and approved his membership with plans to schedule him for installation on the January 6th Friday morning regular meeting.

<u>Airline Miles for The Rotary Foundation</u>

Support our Foundation -- a million miles of Rotary travel might be earned with your click. Cast a vote for Rotary on the link below on the United Airline site. Use each internet device you have (computer, phone, iPad) to vote every day and help Rotary win a big share of the 10 Million Charity Miles. If we get moving and vote every day plus spread the word with our contacts we will get a chance to get part of the 10 Million Charity Miles as mentioned on their site to vote.

You can vote only once a day (one each device) between now and December 31, 2011 but you can vote EVERY DAY here: http://10millioncharitymiles.com/

When you click on the link, you will see a bunch of symbols and the Rotary Wheel. Click on the Rotary symbol and press "VOTE" below it. Thank you, Ken Dickensheets, Past President 2010/2011, Northwest Austin Rotary Club