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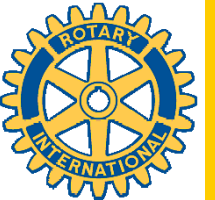
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# ROTARY ROOTER



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN DECEMBER 9, 2011



### 2011-12 CLUB-LEADERS

President: Tony Thompson  
President-Elect: Steve Welch  
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Rick Hoffman  
Dee Haddock  
Tracy Snider  
Dave Roon  
Ken Dickensheets  
John Voss  
Tracy Snider  
Tom Perkins  
Kent Duran  
Oliver Smith



At last week's meeting, Ryan Zintgraff (left) officially became our newest member. Sponsor John Voss is at right affixing Ryan's Rotary pin.  
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 9, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

*December is Family Month*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Christmas Breakfast/Party

The Mission of Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center is to ensure the provision of accessible, efficient and effective services that support the dignity and independence to adults with serious mental illness, to children and adolescents with serious mental illness or emotional disorders, autism or pervasive developmental disorders, to persons with mental retardation and to infants and toddlers with developmental delays. Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center (the 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.

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

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

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

**Next Week:** - Dr. Fred Hansen - D5870 Literacy Programs

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

Dec 30 Patty Kelly - "Centennial Rotary Club Update"

## DECEMBER Birthdays

04: Kevin Lancaster  
11: Angela Caffey, Henry Mayes  
16: Ken Lewis  
17: Steve Windle  
18: Chuck Durant  
20: Sheila Allee  
24: Steve Welch  
29: 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

### 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>

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Trudy Marshall - "Update on Libraries of Love"

At last week's meeting, Trudy updated the club on one of our selected international projects, the "Libraries of Love." Trudy told us about 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, and 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 reminds 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. For more information, go to: <http://www.librariesoflove.org/>

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

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

Member Attendance: 55  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Henry Mayes (\$23)

### Rotary Minutes:

- Jim White and Terrel Smith gave a plea for anyone knowing of space available for PET Austin. The problem has since been resolved.
- Tom Perkins gave an update on the fruit sale.

### Other Visitors & Guests

(list not available)

### Visiting Rotarians

(list not available)

### Club Member Make-ups

(list not available)

**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](http://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:

"The whole world is my family."

Pope John XXIII

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Dec 10 Final Fruit Delivery & Distribution  
Dec 23 **No regular meeting – Christmas**  
Dec 30 Regular meeting as scheduled!

### 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)

### Good news for PET Austin!

The landlord who owns the property where the PET Austin shop is located will allow us to use space in another section of the strip center. This is important because we can continue to build PETs while we to look for a permanent location. We appreciate the support and efforts of the members of the Rotary Club of Northwest Asutin efforts to help us find a new home. See Jim White or Terral Smith for more information.

### Note from our District Governor

This month's Rotary Theme is The Family and, as my wife Brigitte is recuperating from a serious health situation, that topic is most important to me. Many of you have heard that she recently suffered a brain aneurysm. My thanks to you, my Rotary family, for your thoughts, messages, words of encouragement, and kindnesses.

Brigitte complained of a severe headache on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, at about 7:00 PM. It looked really bad and I immediately called an ambulance. She went through an emergency brain surgery later that night. The surgery was successful. She spent two days in ICU, two days in IMC (Intermediate Care) and has been out of IMC since then. She was released from Seton Hospital on the 9th of November and checked in to a rehabilitation hospital.

She has been recovering well and has been going through physical, occupational and speech therapies. We are expecting a complete recovery. Again, thanks. Let's all celebrate this season with special emphasis on the family.

### ROTARY'S ENTRY IN THE ROSEBOWL PARADE WILL BE... Inching Towards The End of Polio

The Rose Parade is viewed by an estimated 300 million TV viewers worldwide and is a great opportunity to display the great work of Rotary. It is constructed with donations from Rotarians worldwide. Last year, my family was among the 800 volunteers who had the opportunity to help prepare the Rotary Float for the Parade. To see this year's, and past years' floats (and to contribute) go to: [www.rotaryfloat.org](http://www.rotaryfloat.org).

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EVERY  
YEAR

### This is the 25Th Anniversary of NWAR's Partnership with the Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Center

Today, the NW Austin Rotary Club will host 60 guests from the Bluebonnet Trails Day Hab program for a Christmas breakfast at Balcones Country Club. This is the 25th year the party has been held. In addition to a breakfast buffet, the Bethany United Methodist church bell choir will play favorite Christmas musical selections and Santa will arrive to give gifts to and be photographed with each participant.

The Day Hab program, which serves adults with intellectual developmental disabilities in Williamson County, is located at the Bluebonnet Trails Community Services center in Round Rock. Participants have a variety of activities to stimulate their abilities and to enhance life skills. Each year the staff says that this party is the highlight of the year for the participants and is an opportunity for them to practice social skills they have learned.

This partnership started in 1986 when the NW Austin Rotarians adopted the Hill Country Workshop as their local community service project. Initially Rotarians painted and fixed up the facilities as well as taking individuals to Special Olympics events and occasionally lending a hand with a major recycling contract. One Rotarian's business employed an individual through the Assisted Employment program. In 1997 the Hill Country Workshop was consolidated with other programs into the Bluebonnet Trails Community Services center. By that time the contract work had been phased out and replaced by the Day Hab program that serves these individuals with training and life enrichment programs.

In addition to Williamson County, Bluebonnet Trails serves 7 other central Texas counties. It offers an array of mental health and intellectual developmental disabilities services to children, adolescents and adults. Services to infants (ages 0-3) with developmental delays or a medical condition that might cause developmental delays are provided through Bluebonnet Trails' early childhood intervention program (ECI). This year the NW Austin Rotary club provided a \$4000 grant which was matched by the City of Georgetown for equipment which can be temporarily loaned to families to help resolve mobility problems and to overcome special developmental issues. There are many other programs that help individuals with drug and alcohol abuse, autism, crisis intervention for behavioral health issues, and disaster trauma support following events like the Bastrop fires, hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and Marble Falls flooding.

For more information, please go to: <http://www.bluebonnetmhmr.org/>  
Contact: Tim Duffee,, email: [timduffee@yahoo.com](mailto:timduffee@yahoo.com), ph: 512-619-9202

### New Member Proposed

Rich Barbee has been proposed for membership in NW Austin Rotary. His sponsor is Kristi Holmes and his category is Printing-Executive.