

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN December 6, 2019



## 2019-20 CLUB-LEADERS

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President:	Brigitte Benquet
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Treasurer:	Amity Mercado
Co-Treasurer	Mark Puzdrak
Sergeant At Arms:	Terral Smith
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VP Youth Service	Josh Reeley
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
Co-Chair	Midge Norris
Member-At-Large	Tim Buckley
Member-At-Large	Mike Jagers

### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

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Club Historian	Tim Duffee
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Co-Chair	Tony Thompson
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Photographer	Hanspeter Tobler
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Co-Chair	Jim Bieber
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	Bob Allen
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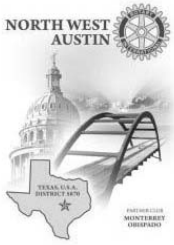
As our Fruit Sale winds down, a big thank you goes out to Past President Beatriz Zilveti for providing guidance and leadership during this year's campaign. It's a tough job keeping us on track and motivated.  
photo by Hanspeter Tobler

**Rotary**  **District 5870  
Central Texas**

### 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 6, 2019 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Brigitte Benquet, President



**SISTER CLUB:**  
**MONTERREY**  
**OBISPADO**

***December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month***

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Breakfast Party

Today we continue a long-standing Northwest Austin Rotary tradition by hosting a Christmas Party & Breakfast for the clients of the Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Community 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Center by calling 512-255-1720, emailing them at [info@bbtrails.org](mailto:info@bbtrails.org), or go to: <http://bbtrails.org/>

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

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

Greeter: Debbie Tam 50/50 Sales: none  
Prayer & Pledge: Oliver Smith Humor: none  
Sunshine Basket: none Setup: Mike Moser

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

**Next Week:** Bill Brice, Downtown Austin Alliance

Dec 20 Pat O'Farrell, "For The Love of Ireland"

Dec 27 **TBD**

## DECEMBER Birthdays

01: Rick Naylor	04: Kevin Lancaster
11: Angela Caffey, Henry Mayes	15: George Kissinger
17: Kristin Stephens	24: Steve Welch
29: Bill von Rosenberg	30: Jesus Chavez

## DECEMBER Club Anniversaries

01: Jerry McCulley (25)  
14: Brigitte Benquet (12), Rick Hoffman (12)  
21: Audrey Cochrane (7)



### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>  
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)  
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>  
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

**MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS:** 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 makeup:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

Locals: Cedar Park-Leander – Wednesday noon @ Hyatt Place  
NXNE Austin – Wednesday noon @ Casa Chapala

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Trudy Marshall, "Libraries of Love" Update

Last meeting featured our annual "Libraries of Love" update from Trudy Marshall. Trudy has been building libraries and stocking bookshelves in Africa since 2005. The purpose of Libraries of Love is to promote literacy in Africa by partnering with Africans to create libraries in individual schools, provide financial support to assist in the educational development of individuals, and address humanitarian needs in Africa. For more information, go to: <https://librariesoflove.org/>

Greeter: Midge Norris 50/50 Sales: Joni Perkins  
Prayer & Pledge: Mike Moser Humor: Andy MacFarlane  
Sunshine Basket: John Pearce Setup: Joni Perkins

Member Attendance: 58 (of 83 active)

**50:50 Pot Winner:** \$48 (Tim Duffee)

### Rotary Minutes

- Dick Hamilton reminded us of the new warehouse location: 715 Discovery Blvd, Ste 312 in Cedar Park.
- Beatriz gave us one final urgent message to sell fruit.
- Kent Miller: the water well global grant is nearing its finish.

### Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Park, CO  
Dick Pyle - Washington, D.C.  
Brigid Lester – Cedar Park-Leander  
Mary Lynn Pelican – Niles (Fremont)



### Other Visitors & Guests

Martha Davis (of Midge Norris)  
Roger Nichols – (of Debbie Tam)  
Ella Holditch (of Damon Holditch)  
Robert Woodcock (of Chris Rink)  
Linda Benson (of Mary Lynn Pelican)

### Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – District Secretary Meeting (11/16)  
Tim Buckley - EAFK & Vet Luncheon (11/13), & CP-Leander (11/20)

### Polio Eradication Update (Status as of 11/29/2019)

#### Five new Wild Polio case reported this week!

2019 Polio Cases: Pakistan-91, Afghanistan-21, Nigeria-0

2018 Polio Cases: Pakistan-12, Afghanistan-21, 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:

*"As far as I'm concerned, 'whom' is a word that was invented to make everyone sound like a butler."*

Calvin Trillin

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

*#1DistrictStrong*

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today Annual Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Party  
International Committee Meeting  
Dec 13 NWAR Board Meeting  
Dec 19 Science Day at the Bullock Museum  
Dec 20 Club Holiday Party at The Oasis (details below)

### Upcoming District & International Events

Feb 8 Foundation Gala, Sterling Event Center, Austin  
April 18 District Assembly, Central Texas College, Killeen  
May 1-3 Conference of Clubs, Bevy Hotel, Boerne  
June 6-10 RI Convention, Honolulu, HI

### Holiday Party Plans Finalized

Friday, December 20th

6:30pm - 10:30pm

The Oasis @ 6550 Comanche Trail, Austin, TX 78732

\$46.00 per person + 20% gratuity = \$55.20 pp

\*CASH BAR\*

Payments will only be collected the evening of the event.

Please RSVP to Kristin Stephens at: [kristin@austin-catering.com](mailto:kristin@austin-catering.com)

(no White Elephant Gift Exchange this year)

### Updated Team Fruit Sales Totals

As of 12/4/2019

2. Buckley's Bombers	\$13,998
4. Kevin's Fruit Loops	13,365
1. The Juicers	20,062
3. Fruit Flingers	13,677
5. The Producers	11,461
6. Harold's Hucksters	10,749
7. The Orange Crush	9,395
8. Tad's Tangerines	9,028
TOTAL	\$101,735

### Top 10 Sales Individuals

As of 12/4/2019

1. Steve Welch	\$ 6,122
2. Angela Caffey	\$ 5,000
3. Tim Buckley	4,770
4. Tom Perkins	3,520
5. Tony Thompson	3,311
6. Lee Easter	3,310
7. Beatriz Zilveti	2,880
8. Henry Mayes	2,825
9. Kent Miller	2,726
10. Bob Allen	2,280

### NW Austin Rotary Club's Partnership with Bluebonnet Trails Community Services

Today, the NW Austin Rotary Club will host about 60 guests from the Bluebonnet Trails Day Habilitation program (Enrichment Center) for a Christmas breakfast at Balcones Country Club. After 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 to be photographed with each participant.

Located in Round Rock, the Bluebonnet Trails Enrichment Center serves adults with intellectual developmental disabilities. Participants have a variety of activities stimulating their abilities and enhancing life skills. Each year the staff says that the Rotary 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 Enrichment Center, formerly 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 lent 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 under Bluebonnet Trails Community Services. By that time, the contract work had been phased out and replaced by the Day Habilitation program, which serves these individuals with training and life enrichment programs. Today, the program is known as the Enrichment Center. There is no greater testimony of enrichment than what is shared between the life connection of the NW Austin Rotarians and the participants of the Enrichment Center.

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. Infants (ages 0-3) with developmental delays or a medical condition that might cause developmental delays are served through Bluebonnet Trails' early childhood intervention (ECI) program. A few years ago the NW Austin Rotary club also donated a \$4,000 grant which was matched by the City of Georgetown United Way 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, PTSD, autism, crisis intervention for behavioral health issues, and disaster and trauma support following events like the Bastrop fires, hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and Marble Falls flooding.