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If you weren't here last week you missed an exciting event. We formally chartered the Vandegrift High School Interact Club. Shown here are the club attendees flanked by New Generations VP Pat O'Farrell and NWAR President Ken Dickensheets.

The 4-Way Test "of the things we think, say or do":

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, February 11, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

February is World Understanding Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Point/Counterpoint – Austin Water Treatment Plant 4

We begin February with an interesting program focusing on an issue of significance in the Austin metropolitan area - The City of Austin Water Treatment Plant 4 (a/k/a WTP4). Jason Hill will present the initial portion of the program on behalf of the Austin Water Utility. The second part of the program will be a response presented by UT Professor Mark Kirkpatrick.

Mr. Hill will give an overview of the Austin Water Utility and share information on the Jollyville Water Transmission Main including an explanation of the design process, route selection, an update on the project, and the schedule. Jason Hill has lived in Central Texas for the past nine years and has kept an eye on the area's growth as an award winning news anchor for KVUE-ABC Television. Jason is currently a Senior Public Information Specialist with Austin Water where he uses his media relations and community outreach expertise to communicate, market and maintain a successful relationship between the city's water utility and its customers. Jason has a Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree from the University of Detroit.

Dr. Kirkpatrick is a biologist by training with a BA from Harvard and a PhD from the University of Washington. He joined the faculty at The University of Texas at Austin in 1985, and his current position is the Painter Centennial Professor in the Section of Integrative Biology. Dr. Kirkpatrick has been active in conservation issues in the Austin area for over 20 years, and now serves as the Science Officer for the Save Our Springs Alliance. Professor Kirkpatrick's position is that the Water Treatment Plan 4 is an expensive project that raises serious economic and environmental concerns. He will present the case against building WTP4 now, its impact and the alternatives.

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

Greeter: Jerry McCulley

Prayer and Pledge: Brigitte Benquet

50/50 Ticket Sales: Steve Welch

Sunshine Basket: none due to time constraints

Looking Forward (speakers are now listed on the website)

Next Week: - Andy Kauffman - World War II Veteran

Feb. 25 Fruit Sale Celebration, aka The Birdcage Breakfast

Mar. 4 Donald Beaumont, "The Lost Horizon/BP Experience"

FEBRUARY Birthdays

03: Tom Perkins

08: Wayne Thompson, Roger von Rosenberg

11- Steve Jennings

14: Bob Fulmer

17: Damon Holditch

20: Sarah Carriker

26: Durriyah Chinwalla, Oliver Smith

28: Robert Roe



AT OUR LAST MEETING

(on Jan. 28; last week's meeting was canceled)

Bucky Lamb, "Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo"

Our speaker on Jan. 28 was Bucky Lamb, CEO of The Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, who informed us about the upcoming ProRodeo (Official Sport of Texas), the livestock show associated, the always exciting youth auction, the fine concerts to be held and all the entertaining things to do with the fairground attractions. Bucky spoke with us about volunteer memberships, corporate partners and the various fundraisers associated with Rodeo Austin. For further information, go to: www.RodeoAustin.com

Also: Vandegrift Interact Club – Inauguration Day

The inauguration of the Vandegrift Interact Club (Leander ISD) also happened that day. It was wonderful having such a fine group of young adults assist with our meeting, as they did our normal meeting functions of Greeter, Prayer and Pledge, Sunshine Basket and 50/50 drawing.

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

Member Attendance: 58

50:50 Pot Winner: Pat O'Farrell (\$33, donated to Vandegrift Interact Club)

Rotary Minute

- Jim White, International Committee, said every Thursday night is Rotary Night at PET Austin: www.petAustin.org
- The club is 2/3 of the way to our goal of 100% participation in PolioPlus.

Visitors

Tracy Snider (of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)

Visiting Rotarians

Kim Krahn, Del Norte, CO

Club Member Make-ups

David Hall – Austin Downtown (1/25)

Tim Buckley – Caldwell (1/25), Lakeway (1/27)

Henry Mayes – Cedar Park (1/25)

Andy Macfarlane – South Austin (1/26)

Gene Holiman – made up at five different clubs



FEBRUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow (22), Fred Morgan (17)

04: Tony Thompson (6)

21: Oliver Smith (8)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club New: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>

District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Every situation, properly perceived, becomes an opportunity."

Helen Schucman



NEWS & EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

Feb 26 NWAR Night Out – Austin Toros Basketball at the Cedar Park Center, 7:30 PM (see Kent Duran)
Apr 2 UN Day in Austin (Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)
May 21-25 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans
Apr 16 District Assembly, Killeen
Jun 3 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Nimitz Museum, Fredericksburg
Jun 3-5 D5870 Annual Conference, Inn on Baron's Creek, Fredericksburg

A New Member Orientation will be scheduled in the near future. Stay tuned for details.

Next Regular Board Meeting

Today! (after the regularly scheduled Club Meeting)

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

North Austin Venue Change

Beginning Monday, 7 February, The Rotary Club of North Austin's weekly meetings will be held in Marie Callender's located at 9503 Research Blvd. in Gateway Square. Please try to arrive by 11:45 AM in order to check; the weekly Rotary program kicks off at 12:10 PM.

NWAR Night Out - Toros Basketball

Saturday February 26th

Time: 7:30 PM

Austin Toros vs. New Mexico Thunderbirds.

Tickets will be \$12 (normally \$20) and will be available at the Will Call window on game day. Seats will be center section. **That night will feature \$2 dogs and \$1 sodas.** The Toros have set up a signup page on their website to make it easy for NWAR members to buy tickets; just go to:

<http://www.toroshomecourt.com/nwrotary>

The Girl Scouts are here!

by Diane Lyerly

Today, girl scouts from Troop 511 are here today to collect money to send girl scout cookies to the troops in Afghanistan. Last year, you may remember, we collected for David Davis' friend who was a doctor imbedded with the Marines in Afghanistan. However, this project to send soldiers cookies is an ongoing project with the Girl Scouts of America - 1000% of money collected will be used to purchase the cookies and send a taste of home to our troops. So show your support of the troops as well as the good work that the Girl Scouts do. You can even buy some boxes for yourself!

NWAR & Junior Achievement

It's that time of the year again for Junior Achievement training at Spicewood and other schools in our area. And, once again, our Rotary Club is participating by providing volunteers for this worthy cause. The following seven Rotarians have already signed-up to help: Gail Gorman, Dave Corna, Pat O'Farrell, Terral Smith, Ed Dusek, Alan Adams, and Tony Thompson.

Our Central Texas Junior Achievement organization needs all of the volunteers they can get so, if you want to help our youth learn more about free enterprise, entrepreneurship, job skills, communications, competition, and the global economy, please call Ed Dusek at 983-6950. To teach one course implies 5 hours for five 45 minute classes and about that same amount of time to prepare for the class. I can guarantee, when it's all over, you will feel really good about what you have done. It's actually an enjoyable experience; just ask anyone who has done it. Ed Dusek

Volunteer Opportunity – Libraries of Love

Fellow Rotarians, Trudy Marshall of Libraries of Love has asked for volunteers from our club to help her prepare books for shipment to Africa. As you no doubt know, we have donated funds to Trudy's cause for a number of years. And here is a chance to help out with our labor, without actually going on her trip to deliver stuff and work in Africa with the schools where she has and is establishing Libraries. Trudy indicates the work is now and is evening and weekends. She can be contacted at 461-7274 or email: trudymarshall@att.net

This is a high impact for good effort Trudy started a few years ago and she will be our Program at a meeting later in the year. So, if you have some spare evening or weekend time, no matter how limited, it would be very helpful. This is our first chance to do some "hands on" help to her. Thanks for considering it. Tony Thompson, NWAR President-Elect.

The Rotary Club of Austin Centennial

You are cordially invited to join us for our Monthly Members Networking Social and help us celebrate 6 years in Rotary!

Where: Freda's Seafood Grille
10903 Pecan Park Blvd
Austin TX 78750

When: Tuesday, March 1st
Time: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

*Fun*Food (Cash Bar) *Fellowship *Networking

This will be a great opportunity to meet and network with Rotarian's who are community business leaders and are active in the community. Our Vista Ridge Interact Club will be joining us and doing their Paint Your Pinkies for Polio fundraiser. Can't wait to see you there!
Tiesa Hollaway, President, Ph: 512.964.8950