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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN FEBRUARY 14, 2014



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President-Elect: Oliver Smith
Secretary: Don Shindler
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Sergeant At Arms: Ryan Zintgraff
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Publicity:
Website:
VP New Generations:
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Interact:

Rotaract:
Rotary Youth Exchange:
VP Vocational Service:
Fireside Meetings:
Junior Achievement:
Special Project (EAFK):
VP International Service:
Peace Inst/PolioPlus:
PET Austin:
Matching Grant Projects:

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Grid Earth:
PET Austin:
ShelterBox:
Libraries of Love:
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Tony Thompson
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At last week's meeting, NWAR Member Terral Smith spoke to us about the impact of the PPACA on businesses. 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?

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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, February 14, 2014 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President

February is World Understanding Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Joe Zygarlenski – “ACA - Insurance Benefits Perspective”

Joe is a broker with Whorton Insurance Services of Austin. Trained in Business Management, he has worked in several different industries, including The Sail and Ski Center, K-Mart, H.E.B. and an H.M.O. that was purchased by Humana. At Whorton, where Joe has worked the past 15 years, Joe is intimately involved with health insurance including coverage issues under "Obamacare". Whorton advises apartments, condo associations, office building owners, restaurants/quick-service, manufacturers, mobile food vendors, construction and many other types of businesses. He will provide us his industry's perspective. For more information, go to: <http://www.whortonins.com/>

New Member Inductions

- Virginia Hart, Health Administrator, proposed by Chuck Durant, is a past President of the Rotary Club of Van Horn and a past Secretary of the Rotary Club of Brackenridge.
- Ibrahim Fakhreh, Travel Consultant, sponsored by David Davis.

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

Greeter: Rick Hoffman
Prayer & Pledge: Ryan Zintgraff
Sunshine Basket: Greg Rabaey
50/50 Ticket Sales: Sarah Carriker

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

Next Week: Kent Miller – “RI Benefactor Program”
Feb 28 Perkins/Roon – “Fruit Sale Celebration Breakfast”
Mar 7 K. Lindsay Eaves – “The Underground Astronaut”

FEBRUARY Birthdays

02: Ryan Zintgraff
03: Tom Perkins
08: Wayne Thompson, Roger von Rosenberg
14: Bob Fulmer
17: Damon Holditch
20: Sarah Carriker
26: Durriyah Chinwalla, Oliver Smith



FEBRUARY Club Anniversaries

01: Nancy Lehmann-Carsow (25)
01: Fred Morgan (20)
04: Tony Thompson (9)
21: Oliver Smith (11)

If I left anyone out, please let me know!

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Terral Smith – “The ACA - Employer Perspective”

Our own Terral Smith spoke with us last week about "Obamacare" implementation from the employer perspective. Terral is an attorney with Conner & Winters where his practice focuses on advising and representing businesses regarding state and federal law related to benefit plans. His experience with employee benefits and employment plan design gives him a perspective that differs from the health insurance and health provider perspectives. To contact Terral for more information, go to www.cwlaw.com or email him at Tsmith@cwlaw.com.

Greeter: George Kissinger
Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter
Sunshine Basket: Allan Adams
50/50 Ticket Sales: Jerry McCulley
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 34 (threatening weather)
50:50 Pot Winner: Roger von Rosenberg (\$22)

Rotary Minutes

- Lee Easter presented the club with a banner from Whistler, BC, Canada.
- President O’Farrell presented a check for \$1500 to Stephanie McCollum, representing Libraries of Love.
- TRF Chair Ken Dickensheets accepted a check from the club for \$2500 to PolioPlus and announced that \$6,000 (\$100 per par producer) would be donated to TRF by the club.

Visiting Rotarians

none

Other Visitors & Guests

Stephanie McCollum (Libraries of Love)

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O’Farrell Foundation Planning Meeting (7/14)
Tim Buckley – West Austin (1/30)

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](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
D5870 Special Site: <http://rotary4you.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“All you need is love... but a little chocolate now and then doesn’t hurt.”

Charles M. Schultz



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Feb 21 NWAR Board Meeting
House of Friends Fundraiser (see below)
Feb 25 New Member Orientation Meeting (details TBD)
Feb 28 Fruit Sale/Birdcage Breakfast
Apr 18 Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards
May 2 NWAR Scholarship Presentations

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Mar 6-9 Lone Star PETS - DFW Hyatt Regency
May 16-18 District Conference – La Toretta Resort, Montgomery
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

A GALA EVENT TO BENEFIT HOUSE OF FRIENDS

The House of Friends will hold their annual fundraiser, Starlight Gala, on Friday February 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Road, Austin 78759. This year we will have an elegant supper and musical entertainment by the Stardust Four. Tickets are \$30 each. Reserved tables of 8 are \$250. Sponsorships are available. The Rotary Club of Northwest Austin is a granting partner, awarding grants to House of Friends since 2008. Rotarians are invited to attend this primary fundraiser. Form a table with your friends!

100 percent of all proceeds from Starlight Gala will benefit House of Friends, a FREE respite program for those who suffer from early to mid-stage dementia. Each Thursday, Bethany becomes the backdrop for this social program that benefits the dementia participant and provides the family member much needed respite from their 24/7-caregiver role. Socialization, exercise, singing, games, worship and a healthy meal are all important parts of this day of activities. Please join us in this annual fundraiser to benefit House of Friends. For more information call, or email Susie Petersen, Director, 512.947.5262, S.Petersen419@gmail.com, www.bethanyhof.org

Libraries of Love Update

NW Austin Rotary Club, thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. I am in Uganda now for six months working in our 28 libraries, which you have helped provide over the past 9 years. Together, we have provided libraries for over 60,000 students. In June, your funding will help create libraries for 5,000 new students. May God bless you as we continue to provide literacy through libraries to deserving children.

Trudy Marshall - Director Libraries of Love

New Member Orientation Meeting

There will be a new member and sponsor orientation on Tuesday, February 25th. Please RSVP to Oliver Smith at mmmoesmith@aol.com by Feb. 23rd. Location TBA. We look forward to seeing Patrick McGuinness and Tom Perkins, Salvador Apud, Ibrahim Fakhreh and David Davis. Thanks!

U.S. COMMITS \$205 MILLION TO POLIO ERADICATION

By Dan Nixon, Rotary News, 31-JAN-2014
President Barack Obama signed an omnibus appropriations bill in January that provides \$205 million to support polio eradication in 2014, through the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U. S. Agency for International Development.

The largest government donor to polio eradication, the U.S. has contributed more than \$2.3 billion since the mid-1980s, when 125 countries were polio endemic and the disease afflicted 350,000 people annually. Today, only Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are endemic, and in 2013, the combined incidence of polio in those countries fell to record-low 157 cases. Last month, India reached a three-year milestone without polio, paving the way for the entire Southeast Asia region to be certified free of the disease.

"Eradicating polio will leave a lasting legacy of health care infrastructure, experience, and expertise that is already being used to benefit a broad range of global public health efforts," says James Lacy, chair of Rotary's Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States and past president of Rotary International. The task force leads Rotary's efforts to inform the U.S. government and other funding sources of the urgency and benefits of supporting the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

One of Rotary's chief responsibilities in the GPEI is advocacy. In addition to contributing more than \$1.2 billion to the initiative, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the GPEI was launched in 1988.

History of Valentine's Day

Saint Valentine's Day, also known as Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is observed on February 14 each year. It is celebrated in many countries around the world, although it remains a working day in most of them.

St. Valentine's Day began as a liturgical celebration of one or more early Christian saints named Valentinus. Several martyrdom stories were invented for the various Valentines that belonged to February 14, and added to later martyrologies. A popular account of Saint Valentine of Rome states that he was imprisoned for performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry and for ministering to Christians, who were persecuted under the Roman Empire. According to legend, during his imprisonment, he healed the daughter of his jailer, Asterius. An embellishment to this story states that before his execution he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell.

The day was first associated with romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. In 18th-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines").