

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

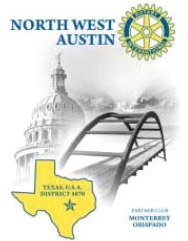
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2016-17 CLUB-LEADERS

OFFICERS

President:	Kevin Lancaster
President-Elect:	Danny Davila
Secretary:	Greg Rabaey
Treasurer:	Josh Little & Stephen Bentley
Sergeant At Arms:	
Immediate Past President:	Sarah Carriker
VP Club Service:	Kristin Stephens
VP Community Service:	Danny Davila
VP Vocational Service:	Jesus Chavez
VP International Service:	Audrey & John Cochran
VP Youth Service:	Rick Hoffman
Member-At-Large:	Mark Dietz
Member-At-Large:	Paul Ott

SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin:	Harold Coleman
Communications:	Sheila Allee Kershaw
Early Act First Knight:	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair:	John Voss
Foundation:	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising:	Sarah Carriker
Membership:	Beatriz Zilveti & Don Shindler
Past Presidents Council:	
Photographers:	Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith
PolioPlus:	Kent Miller
Program Committee:	David Davis
Website:	Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Weekly Meeting Volunteers:	Brigitte Benquet



At last week's meeting, Nancy Lehmann-Carssow shared her photographs of the toilets used throughout the world.
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, February 24, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

February is World Understanding Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kent Miller, "100 Years of the Rotary Foundation"

On February 23rd Rotary International will be 112 years old, and this year the Rotary Foundation will be 100 years old. Paul Harris and his three business colleagues sat down for their first meeting for what was to become our great organization. During the Rotary Convention in 1917 at the suggestion of Arch Klumpf, they created The Rotary Foundation to carry out the work of Rotary. In recognition of this anniversary, Kent Miller will present a program that highlights the work of the foundation over the years, and then will discuss one of the focus areas, Water and Sanitation, including a progress report on our club's application to the Rotary Foundation to provide 12 new water sites in Ethiopia. For more information, go to:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/rotary-foundation>

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

Greeters: Ditas Hall
Prayer & Pledge: Jim Henry
Sunshine Basket: Byron Walston
50/50 Ticket Sales: Cristina Nguyen
Setup: David Benjamin

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

Next Week: Kent Miller, "NW Austin Global Grant Program"

Mar 10 Brian Smallwood, "Honor Flight Austin"

Mar 17 Representative Tony Dale, "Texas Legislative Update"

FEBRUARY Birthdays

02: Ryan Zintgraff
03: Tom Perkins
06: Emma Sue Smallwood
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 (27)
01: Fred Morgan (22)
04: Tony Thompson (11)
08: Ibrahim Fakhreddine (2), Virginia Hart (2)
21: Oliver Smith (13)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>

Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>

Club Fruit Sale Website: rotaryfruit.org

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

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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, "Toilets of the World"

At last week's meeting, Nancy Lehmann-Carsow mesmerized us with her photographs of the toilets used throughout the world. Her advice, instructions and personal favorites kept us all entertained. Highlights were the sidewalk toilets in Paris, the "throne" in Crete, and a Fort Stockton restroom where you can shop and "do business" at the same time. We learned that it's important to have a "buddy system" when squatting in the great outdoors amidst elephants and tigers.

Greeters: John Voss
Prayer & Pledge: Byron Walston
Sunshine Basket: Dave Benjamin
50/50 Ticket Sales: Virginia Hart
Setup: Jim Clements
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are split between PolioPlus and TRF Annual Fund.

Member Attendance: 48 (of 92 active)

50:50 Pot Winner:

Rotary Minutes

- The club presented a grant to Donna Roland of Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center.

Visiting Rotarians

Jerry Chapman – Cedar Park

Other Visitors & Guests

Prakash Tata (of Emma Sue Smallwood)
Joe Ramirez (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)
Candy Smith (of Kevin Lancaster)
Tabby Khan (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)
Kevin Wier (of Paul Ott)
Gordon Loomer (of Tom Perkins)

Club Member Make-ups

Gene Holliman – three makeups (2/10 & 2/15)
Andy Macfarlane – Board Meeting (2/10)
Beatriz Zilveti – Board Meeting (2/10)
Sandy Wahl – Board Meeting (2/10)

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to frequent changes in club meeting times and places, 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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Be not simply good... be good for something."

Henry David Thoreau

NEWS & EVENTS

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 23 Rotary's 112th Birthday
Feb 23-26 Lone Star PETS, DFW Hyatt Regency, Dallas, TX
Mar 4 Pflugerville Rotary Casino Party
Mar 8 Rotary International Women's Day
April 15 Club Leadership Training, Killeen, TX
May 19-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA
Jun 17 DG & Club Leaders Installation Luncheon

Rotary Club of Taylor Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Time: 8:30 AM (come earlier for the Bloody Mary bar)

Location: Mustang Creek Country Club, Taylor, TX

Format: 18 hole, 4 man scramble (par is max score)

Prizes: cash prizes for top 3 teams, closest to pin, longest drive and circle game hole

Entry Fee: \$300 per team, which includes lunch and beer

Don't want to play? Be a private sponsor for \$50 or a business sponsor for \$100. Your name or logo will be displayed at the clubhouse.

Please remit a completed form and payment to: Rotary Club of Taylor. Kristy Mucha, 1101 Carlos Parker Blvd NW, Taylor, TX, 76574. Tim Buckley should have blank forms.

**Forms and payment are due by March 31!
SEE ANDY IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A NWAR TEAM!!**

Manitoba Honors Rotary Peace Fellow for Public Achievement

Refugees who come to Winnipeg often end up living in areas that are predominantly inhabited by indigenous people.

"Newcomers do not know much about the indigenous life and heritage and, without that knowledge, the first thing they encounter is people who are poor and stereotyped by the mainstream community," says Abdikheir "Abdi" Ahmed, a 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellow and immigration partnership coordinator for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg. "Indigenous people may see immigrants as encroaching into their neighborhoods. There is tension between both groups."

Ahmed works to smooth relations, helping them see they have more in common than what divides them. "Integration is a two-way process," he says.

In recognition of his work, Ahmed received the Order of the Buffalo Hunt, one of the highest honours for public achievement issued by the Manitoba legislature, in January 2016.

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"I never thought what I was doing had this significance," he says. "But I don't look at what I have done. I look at what needs to be done to bring about better living standards for people."

Ahmed, 37, may understand the needs of immigrants better than most.

Originally from Somalia, he and his family fled the conflict there and settled in Kenya when he was a child.

As a young adult, he moved to Canada as part of the national resettlement program. He began working with refugee children who were struggling in school while attending the University of Winnipeg, where he earned a degree in international development in 2007.

After graduation, Ahmed began working at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba.

He learned about the Rotary Peace Centers program from Noëlle DePape, a colleague who had earned her master's degree at the University of Queensland, Australia, through the fellowship.

After Ahmed completed his own peace fellowship at Queensland, he and DePape worked together to develop a curriculum for a summer course that they teach to high school students at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, part of a Rotary District 5550 (Manitoba and parts of Ontario and Saskatchewan) program called Adventures in Human Rights.

"We help them view the world from the perspective that everyone's rights are equal and understand the idea of building a community where everyone's rights are respected and each person is given a fair opportunity," he says.

In addition to his work in Winnipeg, Ahmed serves on the board of Humankind International, an early childhood learning center that he co-founded at the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya with two Somali friends who also immigrated to Winnipeg. He says it serves 150 children with four teachers, and he hopes to expand it to accommodate the many children who have to be turned away.

Despite the suffering he has witnessed and the daily conflicts he works to resolve, Ahmed is optimistic about the prospects for peace and the potential of the peace centers program.

"My hope is that in the next 20 to 50 years, if we have more Rotary Peace Fellows around the world who are speaking the same language and taking on a leadership role to create an interconnected world, things will change," he says. "I also hope we can find an opportunity for Rotarians and past peace fellows to collaborate on projects in a more defined way."