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ROTARY ROOTER

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

FEB 9, 2018

ROTARY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

NORTH WEST AUSTIN

2017-18 CLUB-LEADERS

OFFICERS

President:
President-Elect:
Secretary:
Treasurer:
Sergeant At Arms:
Immediate Past President
VP Club Service

Danny Davila
Beatriz Zilveti
Greg Rabaey
Debbie Tam
Steven Wilson
Kevin Lancaster
Kristin Stephens/
Scott Isaacson
Andy MacFarlane
Audrey & John Cochran
Jesus Chavez
Rick Hoffman
Mark Dietz
Paul Ott

VP Community Service
VP International Service
VP Vocational Service
VP Youth Service
Member-At-Large
Member-At-Large

SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin/Website
Communications
Early Act First Knight
Endowment Chair
Foundation
Fundraising
Membership
Past Presidents Council
Photographer
PolioPlus
Program Committee
Weekly Meeting Volunteers
Club Historian

Harold Coleman
Arval Headrick
Tim Buckley
John Voss
Ken Dickensheets
Sarah Carriker
Beatriz Zilveti/Arval Headrick
Kevin Lancaster
Hanspeter Tobler
Kent Miller
David Davis
Brigitte Benquet
Tim Duffee



Andy MacFarlane (r) received his initial Paul Harris Fellow award at last week's meeting. Foundation Chair Ken Dickensheets had the presentation honors. 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, February 9, 2018 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Danny Davila, President

February is World Understanding Month



**SISTER CLUB:
MONTERREY
OBISPADO**

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Kent Miller, Water Wells in Ethiopia

NorthWest Austin Rotary Club has partnered with the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa-Central Mela and Water to Thrive to develop 12 fresh water sites in Ethiopia with a \$60,000 Rotary Global Grant. Kent traveled to Ethiopia with Water to Thrive in November for two weeks to visit some of the sites completed and underway. Great sightseeing was also on the agenda. At the end of January our partner club members visited seven more sites to see the progress. Kent will give us a PowerPoint update on the trip and our project. For more information, go to: <https://www.watertothrive.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 via Perky the Pig. Please bring your loose change and put it in the jar!

Greeter: Rick Hoffman
Prayer & Pledge: Steve Welch
Sunshine Basket: Jim Bieber
50/50 Ticket Sales: Tony Thompson
Setup: Steve Wilson
Humor: Homer Goering

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

Next Week: Darden Smith, Song Writing for Soldiers

Feb 23 Tom Pruett – Rotary Foundation in Action
Mar 2 open

FEBRUARY Birthdays

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-Carssow (29)
01: Fred Morgan (24)
04: Tony Thompson (13)
08: Ibrahim Fakhreddine (4), Virginia Hart (4)
21: Oliver Smith (15)

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

Stephen H. Murdoch, Population Change & Implications

Steve is a former Professor at TAMU where he was head of the Department of Sociology and currently serves as Professor of Sociology at Rice University. He was the first official demographer of the state of Texas and later served as Director of the United States Census Bureau after being nominated by President George W. Bush. At last week's meeting, he discussed "Population Change in Texas - Implications for the Socioeconomic Future of the State and Austin." According to Professor Murdock, unless the state and major metropolitan areas address socioeconomic diversity within them, they will become poorer and less competitive in the future than they are today. Steve can be reached by email at shm3@rice.edu. For more information, go to: <http://www.tamupress.com/product/New-Texas-Challenge,91.aspx>

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Prayer & Pledge: Sarah Carriker
Sunshine Basket: Tim Buckley
50/50 Ticket Sales: Rick Naylor
Setup: Mike Moser
Humorist Emeritus: Byron Walston

NOTE: Last week's Sunshine Basket proceeds – about \$350 - were donated to the Rotary Foundation in memory of George Lewis.

Member Attendance: 60 (of 92 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: Bob Allen (\$35)

Rotary Minutes

• TRF Chair Ken Dickensheets presented a PHF+2 award to Harold Coleman and Andy MacFarlane with his initial PHF award. He also presented Ed Sharlau of Water to Thrive with an honorary PHF award, with Kent Miller accepting on Ed's behalf.

Visiting Rotarians

Duane Johnson – Austin Centennial

Other Visitors & Guests

none

Club Member Make-ups

Nancy Lehmann-Carssow – Lanier Interact (1/25)
Joe Ramirez – International Committee Meeting (2/2)



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:

"The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity."

Leo Tolstoy

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today NWAR Board Meeting
Feb 10 Little Red Bag Project, Tio Loco & HC Bible Church
Feb 28 EAFK Ceremony – Hart Elementary
Apr 25 EAFK Ceremony – Hart Elementary
May 24 EAFK Ceremony – Hart Elementary

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Feb 10 D5870 Arbor Day
Mar 1-4 Lone Star PETS
Apr 14 District Assembly – Central TX College, Killeen
May 4-6 District Conference – Eilan Hotel & Resort, San Antonio
Jun 23-27 RI Convention – Toronto, Canada

Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 2/1/2018 (no update this week)

No new Wild Polio cases reported this week!

2018 ('17) Polio Cases: Pakistan-0 (8), Afghanistan-1 (14), Nigeria-0 (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

Club Services Upcoming Event Reminder

February 10th – Community Service Project and Lunch

Lunch at Tio Loco Tex Mex Restaurant tomorrow @ 12:00 pm!
Cost: \$10 - \$12 buffet lunch; alcoholic beverages not included.
The Little Red Bag Packing Party will follow t Hill Country Bible Church, Building B. You can also participate by contributing items for the bags - small individually wrapped snacks, small toys, kid's toothbrushes, nail polish, body lotion, shower gel, shampoo, hand lotion, art supplies and a small box of chocolates.

Please confirm your attendance with Kristin Stephens.

If you plan to attend the packing party please sign up here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/little-red-bag-tickets-41245605717?aff=es2>

Foundation Receives Highest Rating from Charity Navigator

For the 10th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating - four stars - from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. In the most recent ratings, the Foundation earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator notes that "only 1 percent of the charities we evaluate have received at least 10 consecutive 4-star evaluations," indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets The Rotary Foundation apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness."

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

In Memory of George Orin Lewis

March 10, 1928 - January 10, 2018

On Wednesday, January 10, 2018, George Lewis, age 89, of Austin, TX, passed away peacefully at Seton Northwest Hospital in Austin.

George was born in Gordon, NE on March 10, 1928. He was the oldest of five siblings. At the age of six, George made the first of many lifetime moves to another small town, Valentine, NE. Three years later, the family moved again to Rayville, MO. At age fourteen, George's family moved back to Gordon where his father passed away shortly thereafter.

George completed High School in Gordon in 1945 and enlisted in the Air Force. Six months later, he mustered out and earned a pre med degree at Chadron State, NE and attended Northwestern University medical school in Chicago, IL. He graduated in 1954.

In 1947, George married Margaret Lucille Monkman. They would have four children; two boys and two girls. They were divorced in 1962. In 1958, George began his Air Force career accepting a commission as a Captain. His first assignment was as a flight surgeon. He was stationed at Langley AFB in VA, where he met and married Billie Hobart in 1965. Then it was north to Alaska and from there, they moved to Wichita, KS where George was Commander of the base hospital. They moved back to Myrtle Beach AFB and finally to Clovis, NM and Ft Worth, TX. ('76-'78)

After retiring from the Air Force in 1978, George and Billie made the move to Houston, TX and finally to Austin, TX in 1980. Billie passed away in 2005 and in 2007, George married Martha Casper and they made their home at the Atrium Retirement and Assisted Living Community in Austin.

George joined the Northwest Austin Rotary Club in 1981. He had 31 years of Perfect Attendance. He was a Major Benefactor and a Paul Harris Fellow ten times over. He was Club President 1999-2000.

George is survived by his wife, Martha, and her son, Eric Reiningger. He is also survived by his children: Lester Lewis (Vicki), Anchorage AK; Michael Lewis (Jean), Santa Cruz, CA; Jeanette Lisefski (Donald), Fairfield, IA; Karen Britton (Steve), Cottage Grove MN; Billie McCulley (Jerry), Georgetown, TX. Other survivors include 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, February 13, 2018, at 1:00 pm, Cook-Walden Chapel of the Hills Funeral Home, 9700 Anderson Mill Road, Austin, TX 78750.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Paul Harris Foundation. (George's favorite charity), Northwest Austin Rotary, P.O. Box 200307, Austin, TX 78720-0307.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at cookwaldenchapelofthehills.com for the Lewis family.