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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

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At last week's meeting, speaker Dr. Donald Beaumont discussed the BP incident in the Gulf of Mexico - how the well was drilled, how the casing was set, and how it failed.

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, March 11, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

March is Literacy Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Donald Christian, Concordia University

Dr. Donald Christian, Dean of the College of Business at Concordia University Texas, will speak today on "Moral Leadership". According to Dean Christian, his talk will explore a new definition of leadership that is shaped by an understanding of acting for the common good, a type of leadership that is reserved not only for those in particular positions but also for all who are willing to take up the challenge of making a difference in their world. Drawing on the stories of historic and present day leaders, examples will be provided that can be taken and lived out by any and all listeners.

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

Greeter: Steve Windle
Prayer and Pledge: David Hall
Sunshine Basket: Dave Roon
50/50 Ticket Sales: Mike Moser
Classification Talk: Bob Roe

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - Jennifer Webb, "Magic Communications"

Mar 25 Jerry Gregoire, "Flight Simulation"

Apr 1 Sara Evans, Co-Founder "Well Aware"

MARCH Birthdays

01: Bill Estes
03: Chuck Space
10: George Lewis
23: Tony Allison

MARCH Club Anniversaries

01: Paul Ott (15)
02: Charles Harrison (4)
Rebecca Whitehouse (4)
09: Bill von Rosenberg (4), Sarah Carriker (4)
12: Kristi Holmes (1)
13: Jim White (2)
20: David Corna (2), Terral Smith (2)
26: Harold Coleman (7) 30: Kent Miller (4)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club New: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

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



AT OUR LAST MEETING

Donald Beaumont - "The BP Gulf Incident"

At last week's meeting, Dr. Beaumont, a member of Sun City Rotary, gave a presentation of how the well was drilled, how the casing was set, and how the cement casing failed. He gave background on the geological setting and how routine drilling has been there for 60 years. When working for Texaco, he assisted in drilling in a similar geological formation in 1953. The only difference was that was in shallow water. For anyone interested in his numerous geological presentations, please visit Don's website at: www.donbeaumont.weebly.com.

Greeter: David Hall
Prayer and Pledge: Kristi Holmes
Sunshine Basket: Bob Roe
50/50 Ticket Sales: Kerri Kilmer-Young
Humorist Emeritus: Ray Roark

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

Member Attendance: 51

50:50 Pot Winner: Mike Moser (\$21)

Rotary Minutes

- Nancy Lehmann-Carssow (International) – told us about the CTAUN UN conference scheduled April2, 2011.

Visitors

Tabithia Ramsey (of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)
Tracy Snider (of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)
Michael Childers (of Tim Duffy)
Ryan Zintgraff (of John Voss)

Visiting Rotarians

Mike Hanley - Westlake

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O'Farrell – Rotary Conf (3/4)
Tom Perkins – New Member Orientation (3/3)
Gene Holiman – New Member Orientation (3/3)
Oliver Smith – New Member Orientation (3/3), Int'l Projects (3/4)
Jesus Chavez – Round Rock (2/24)
Wil Gregorcyk – Round Rock (2/24)
Bill Estes – Centennial (2/22)



District Conference Registration

Registration for this year's District Conference in Fredericksburg to be held June 2-5, 2011 can be done online. Payment can be made online with credits cards (no extra charge this time) or by check – just follow the instructions. Make sure you take the \$25 discount if you have pre-registered at the beginning of this Rotary year.

Hanspeter Tobler

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Literacy is not a luxury, it is a right and a responsibility. If our world is to meet the challenges of the twenty-first century we must harness the energy and creativity of all our citizens."

President Clinton on International Literacy Day, 9/8/94

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COMING EVENTS

Apr 2 UN Day in Austin (Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)
Apr 16 District Assembly, Killeen
May 21-25 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans
Jun 3 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Nimitz Museum, Fredericksburg
Jun 3-5 D5870 Annual Conference, Inn on Baron's Creek, Fredericksburg

Next Regular Board Meeting

Today! (after the regularly scheduled Club Meeting)

RoAnn's Austin

At their February meeting, Nancy Lehmann-Carssow's talk and photos on Toilets of the World had RoAnns' roaring their heads off and begging for more. The March program will have a different slant and Rotarians will surely want their spouses to be there - "What Your Jewelry Says About You." For reservations for lunch, March 22, Austin Country Club at 11:30, call Ditas Hall 219-1332 by March 19th.

Keep It Simple

When I first joined Rotary in 1961, I often heard Rotary leaders say "Keep Rotary Simple." In fact, that phrase was part of the RI theme in 1956-57! However, as Rotary has grown in both the number of members and the number of programs during the last 50 years, simplicity has become more difficult.

The revised RI Strategic Plan for 2010-13 is a refreshingly simple approach to keeping Rotary strong and vibrant in the future. The three priorities of the plan are clear and brief statements calling us to (1) support and strengthen our clubs, (2) focus and increase our humanitarian service, and (3) enhance our public image and awareness.

Please note the interdependence of the three priorities. We have recognized for many years that Rotary cannot provide exemplary service projects without strong clubs and that clubs cannot recruit and retain high-quality members without significant service projects. The third priority now recognizes that in the modern world, Rotary needs the support of our communities, of partner organizations, and sometimes of governments, to conduct larger service projects, which in turn build stronger clubs.

Rotary is now on the world stage due to PolioPlus. But we are still a grassroots organization, and our strength is dependent on the health of our clubs. The three priorities of the strategic plan remind us that the success of Rotary is based on a simple formula of strong clubs, significant service projects, and a favorable public image. Thanks to Paul Harris and other Rotary pioneers, it is a simple formula that produces extraordinary results – and a better world!

Ray Klingensmith, President, Rotary International

NEWS & EVENTS

Rotary Youth Exchange

At any time during the year, Rotary Youth Exchange has 8,000 students traveling and studying abroad. Beyond perfecting their



language skills, RYE students are acting as cultural ambassadors for their country, breaking down stereotypes and learning about the values of other people. Rotary believes this will help contribute to world peace. Picture is NWAR's

outbound student, Sophia Periard (Westwood) traveling with other RYE students on a trip to Barcelona. L to R, Sophia (Texas), Kristin (Florida), Camille (Seattle), Alex (Australia) and Daren (Canada).

Truths for Mature Humans

1. I think part of a best friend's job should be to immediately clear your computer history if you die.
2. Nothing stinks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're just wrong.
3. I take back all those times I didn't want to nap when I was younger.
4. There is great need for a sarcasm font.
5. How the hell are you supposed to fold a fitted sheet?
6. Was learning cursive really all that necessary?
7. Map Quest really needs to start their directions on # 5 ... I'm pretty sure I know how to get out of my own neighborhood.
8. Obituaries would be a lot more interesting if they told you exactly how the person died.
9. I can't remember the last time I wasn't at least kind of tired.
10. Bad decisions usually make good stories.
11. You never know when it will strike, but there comes a moment at work when you know that you just aren't going to do anything productive for the rest of the day.
12. Can we all just agree to ignore whatever comes after Blu-Ray? I don't ever want to have to restart my collection ... again.
13. I'm always slightly terrified when I exit out of Microsoft Word and it asks me if I want to save any changes to my ten-page technical report that I swear I did not make any changes to.
14. I keep some people's phone numbers in my cell phone just so I know not to answer when they call.
15. I think the freezer deserves a light as well.
16. I disagree with Kay Jewelers. I would bet that on any Friday or Saturday night more kisses begin with Miller Lite than with Kay.
18. I have a hard time deciphering that fine line between boredom and hunger.
19. How many times is it appropriate to say "What?" before you just nod and smile because you still didn't hear or understand much of they said?
20. I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars teams up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front of merging lanes.