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MARCH 18, 2011



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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?



At a recent meeting, Nancy Lehmann-Carsow re-introduced Tabithia Ramsey, an Olympic quality wrestler from Lanier High School whom (I believe) the club sponsored at one time.



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, March 18, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, Past President
March is Literacy Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Jennifer Webb, "Magic Communications"

Jennifer Webb founded her business, Magic Communications, 17 years ago in New York City and has been actively engaged in motivational speaking, communications training and consulting. She also operates her non-profit, Shakespeare Animal Fund, which provides help for elderly, disabled and low income pet owners to pay their veterinary bills. She will be presenting a program on creative communication to assist us in effectively working together. Nancy has authored four motivational books, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro to get over her fear of heights and worked for CBS News, Reno, Nevada, as a "personal power coach."

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

Greeter: Rick Hoffman
Prayer and Pledge: Don Gonzenbach
Sunshine Basket: Don Shindler
50/50 Drawing: Linden Welsch

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - Jerry Gregoire, "Flight Simulation"

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

Apr 8 Torvald Hessel - "A Planetarium for Austin; an Historical Perspective"

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](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 make-up: www.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Donald Christian, Concordia University

Dr. Donald Christian, Dean of the College of Business at Concordia University Texas, spoke last week on "Moral Leadership". According to Dean Christian, his new definition of leadership 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.

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

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

Member Attendance: 54

50:50 Pot Winner: Lyndon Welsch (\$27)

Rotary Minutes

- Diane Lyerly, Foundation Chair, presented a Paul Harris Fellow +1 to Homer Goering and a PHF to his wife, Mary Goering.

Visitors

William D. Haddock (of Ken Dickensheets)
Tracy Snider (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)
Michael Childers (of Tim Duffy)
Tim Wright (of Brigitte Benquet)
Mary Goering (of Homer Goering)

Visiting Rotarians

Al Rolfsen – Cedar Park
Danny Davila

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O'Farrell – RYLA Training (3/7)
George Lewis – South Austin (3/9)
Rick Hoffman – New Member Orientation (3/3)
Diane Lyerly – New Member Orientation (3/3)
David Hall – three area clubs

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:

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



NEWS & EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

Apr 2 UN Day in Austin (Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)
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

April 8 (after the regularly scheduled Club Meeting)

RoAnn's Austin

At their February meeting, Nancy Lehmann-Carsow'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.

Spotlight Fellow Rotarians and Help Out Polio Plus!

Each week, the Sergeant-at-arms, will be assessing "fines" at the end of the club meeting to help raise money for Polio Plus. Fines don't need to be a penalty though, they can also be a way to highlight the achievements of our club members. Do you know someone who deserves to have the spotlight shown on them for something good they are doing? Contact Kristi at 540-0640 so that their success can be recognized! Kristi Holmes, Sargeat-at-Arms

Rotary Responds to Disaster in Japan

In response to the 9.0 earthquake & subsequent tsunami that struck Japan on March 11th, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan & Pacific Islands disaster Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas. Rotarians (and non-Rotarians) can donate online. Clubs & districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund. Millions of Japanese are without power, close to 20,000 have lost their lives and over half a million have lost their homes. RI President-nominee Sakuji Tanaka was in Lisbon, Portugal on Rotary business when the quake occurred. He was able to reach his wife in Kyoto to confirm her safety. He said, "The northern region of Japan is still in chaos. We are unsure when this chaos will end or when things will get better. However, I am most thankful to know that Rotarians around the world care for us." Rotary clubs & districts around the world are also mobilizing efforts to bring urgently needed supplies to victims. The five-member Group Study Exchange from Illinois were in Tokyo on their last night in Japan. They were able to successfully leave the country.

PARTY ALL THE WAY TO NEW ORLEANS

District 5870 has chartered a bus for the convenience of those who are attending the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans May 21st-25th. We will leave early morning on May 21st and return May 25th. Costs: \$225 per person round trip (if we get at least 35 passengers in a 55 seat bus). April 30 is deadline to sign up. You may register and pay online at: rotarydistrict5870.org

We will be leaving Austin early in the morning. No pajamas please. Sit back and enjoy the company and leave the driving to an experienced and safe driver. Advantages:

- No parking fees at hotel- usually \$25 a day.
- No getting lost on the way to New Orleans
- Not having to fill the car up several times with gas which might be \$5 a gallon by then.
- Having a bus available to us in New Orleans to take us to and from the sessions and any place we would like to go as a group.
- Not having to wait on convention shuttle buses.
- You can read, sleep, sing, tell jokes, or swap Rotary stories as you are traveling.
- There will be a mobile restroom so we can avoid frequent stops.
- There will be a North and South pick up as well as other arrangements en route to New Orleans.
- You will not be molested on the way to an airplane. However, we can add that feature if we have numerous requests.

Send checks to Ruth Allison, 1715 Idle Hour Cove, Lakeway, TX 78734, made out to "Rotary District 5870."

ShelterBoxes Heading to Japan's Worst Affected Areas

The first ShelterBoxes to arrive in Japan will be heading to the worst affected areas in Japan's north. The ShelterBox Response Team (SRT), which has been on the ground in Japan for five days, is working in cooperation with the British Embassy in Japan and the British military.

International Director, Lasse Petersen (AU), says ShelterBox will be doing everything they can to help. "As you head further north along the coast literally every single home has been destroyed," he said. "At this moment the focus of the relief effort is still on search and rescue. The authorities are still in the stage of establishing what they need, where they need it and where the best places to house large numbers of displaced people are. They're gearing up for the anticipated need that will become apparent when their focus shifts from search and rescue. It's extremely cold here and we are hearing reports of people having to sleep in their cars while evacuation centres remain full and overcrowded. We're committed to doing everything we can to help Japan's people at this extremely testing time." So far there are 468 ShelterBoxes in the country with another 400 en route. A further 5,000 are on stand by should they be required.