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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

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At last week's meeting, Foundation Chair Diane Lyerly presented a PHF+2 to long time NWAR member Thea Lent, and also presented a PHF award to herself.

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 25, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

March is Literacy Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jerry Gregoire, "Flight Simulation"

Our speaker today is Jerry Gregoire, Founder and Chairman of Redbird Flight Simulations, who will educate us on his Company and its products. At Redbird, they recognize there is a need in the aviation industry for high-quality, feature-rich flight training devices, delivered at a price that flight schools can actually afford! Their motto is "Every pilot starts out as a student... great pilots never stop being one." From the beginning, our mission was clear: to develop and market a full line of safe and reliable aviation training devices, utilizing the latest improvements in software and video graphics technology to deliver a "realistic" training environment that is well within the financial reach of virtually every flight school. From questioning the status quo to idea to mission to reality... that's the "Evolution of the Redbird."

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

Greeter: Kerri Kilmer-Young

Prayer and Pledge: David Corna

Sunshine Basket: Roger von Rosenberg

50/50 Ticket Sales: Bob Roe

New Member Induction – Tracy Snider, Insurance, sponsored by Nancy Lehmann-Carsow

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - Sara Evans, Co-Founder "Well Aware"

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

Apr 15 Linda Brucker, "A Legacy of Giving"

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/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

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. Last week, she presented 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."

Greeter: Rick Hoffman

Prayer and Pledge: Don Gonzenbach

Sunshine Basket: Don Shindler

50/50 Drawing: Linden Welsch

Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 48

50:50 Pot Winner: William Haddock (\$12)

Rotary Minute - Diane Lyerly, Foundation Chair, presented a Paul Harris Fellow +2 to Thea Lent and also a PHF to herself.

Visitors

William D. Haddock (of Ken Dickensheets)

Tracy Snider (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)

Tim Wright (of Brigitte Benquet)

Visiting Rotarians

Al Rolfsen – Cedar Park

Carl Noble – Austin Downtown

Club Member Make-ups

Gene Holiman – RYLA Training (3/15)

George Lewis – Onion Creek (3/17)

Lee Easter – NE Austin (3/16), West Austin (3/17)

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

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.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Through literacy you can begin to see the universe. Through music you can reach anybody. Between the two there is you, unstoppable."

Grace Slick



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

Rotary Youth Exchange

I'm pleased to announce that we have two foreign exchange students coming to NWAR for the 2011/2012 academic year. This time we have a girl from Sweden and a boy from France. I know all you have improved your French with the past few students and now we all get to learn a bit of Swedish. We are going to need host families in the Westwood school district so if you can or know of someone that would be a good host, please let Brigitte or I know. We are sending two students abroad next year, one girl from Westwood is going to Sweden and another girl from Lanier is going to France.

Pat O'Farrell

Summer Internship for a RYLA Counselor

John "Garrett" Rowe is a sophomore at Texas A&M and has been a RYLA counselor for the past 3 years. This year we promoted Garrett to the Head Boys Counselor as he's demonstrated all the leadership qualities we need for this key role. Garrett is looking for an internship this summer in the finance area. If you know anyone that is looking for a summer intern, please let me know. Thanks! Pat O'Farrell

House of Friends 2011 Benefit Concert!

Gina Chavez in Concert

Bethany U.M.C.

10010 Anderson Mill Road

Austin, TX 78750

Friday evening, April 8th

7:00pm

Gina Chavez is an ear-catching Latin folk-rock performer whose percussive finger-style guitar and powerful vocals evoke an energetic live performance. Her sound has been described as a cross between Sheryl Crow and Selena!

The House of Friends, an outreach ministry of Bethany United Methodist Church, is a non-profit social program that provides care for individuals with early stages of Alzheimer's and related dementias and gives a welcome respite to family caregivers. Visit HOF at: www.bethanyHOF.org

TRF Sets up Disaster Fund for Japan

In response to the massive earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on 11 March, The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Japan 2011 Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in affected areas. Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online. Clubs and districts can contribute cash and District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations to the fund.

Group Study Exchange Team Safe

Rotarian Robert Blackburn was leading a Group Study Exchange team in Japan when the earthquake struck. The five team members from Illinois, USA, were in a hotel in Tokyo, getting ready for a farewell dinner with their hosts. Blackburn says the earthquake lasted at least two minutes. He used a laundry cart outside his hotel room for protection. After the tremors stopped, he walked 18 floors down to the lobby, where the rest of the team congregated.

Former Speaker Honored

Former Northwest Austin Rotary speaker, David Oshinsky, Ph.D., the Blanton Chair in History and Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Texas Austin has been honored by The Columbia University Medical Center for his 2006 Pulitzer Prize winning book Polio: An American Story. Professor Oshinsky spoke to the club about his book which chronicled America's efforts to eradicate polio in the United States, focusing on the March of Dimes. He included in his book a chapter discussing Rotary's world-wide efforts to eliminate polio from the remainder of the world. Columbia presented him the Cartwright Prize, an award established in the 1870s by Benjamin A. Cartwright to create a prestigious lecture series for the exchange of scientific knowledge. Dr. Oshinsky's lecture was entitled: "Polio: A Look Back at America's Most Successful Public Health Crusade." In 2009 he was awarded the Dean's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to Public Health by the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University for his historical work related to polio. Dr. Oshinsky now serves on an advisory committee with Bill Gates related to the Gates Foundation grants to the Rotary International effort Polio Plus. He has graciously agreed to a return "engagement" at North West Austin Rotary in Spring, 2012, to update our club with a first-hand report on our efforts to defeat polio.



Next Regular Board Meeting

April 8 (after the regularly scheduled Club Meeting)