





# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, March 31, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

**March is Literacy Month**

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Gregg Philipson, "Dr. Seuss goes to War!"**

Today we welcome Gregg Philipson, a retired executive with over forty years of experience in Technology and Identification Authentication Security industries. In 2012, Governor Rick Perry appointed Gregg to the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission. He has lectured internationally on the Holocaust, Propaganda Art and Jewish Military History. The "Gregg and Michelle Philipson Collection and Archive" is regularly exhibited at major museums, universities and military installations. You will particularly enjoy Gregg's presentation on the art of Theodor Seuss Geisel or "Dr. Seuss" as you now know him, prior to publishing the children's books that made him a household name. The presentation will cover Dr. Seuss' work at Esso Oil Co. as well as his work while serving in the US Army during WWII. For more information, go to: <https://library.georgetown.org/gregg-philipson/>

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

Greeter: Byron Walston  
Prayer & Pledge: Bill Estes  
Sunshine Basket: Tom Perkins  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Keith Wier  
Setup: Kent Duran

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

**Next Week:** Tiesa Holloway, "Hill Country Community Ministries"  
April 14 Audrey Cochran, "Grid Earth Update and Sticker Party"  
April 21 Joe Zygarienski, "Obamacare/Trumpcare"

## MARCH Birthdays

01: Bill Estes  
03: Chuck Space  
08: Mike Moser  
10: George Lewis



## MARCH Club Anniversaries

01: Paul Ott (21)  
02: Charles Harrison (10)  
09: Bill von Rosenberg (10), Sarah Carriker (10)  
13: Jim White (8)  
20: Terral Smith (8)  
25: Chris Bilberto (1)  
26: Harold Coleman (13)  
30: Kent Miller (10)

## WEBSITES TO KNOW:

**Club Website:** <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>  
**Club Facebook Page:** <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
**Club Fruit Sale Website:** [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)  
**District 5870:** <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>  
**Rotary International:** <http://www.rotary.org/>

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

**Mike Pectorius, Adm. USN Retired, "Submarines"**

After a career commanding a nuclear submarine, Mike is currently a Senior Research Engineer at the Applied Research Lab with UT Austin. His talk last week focused on the three legs of the US strategic nuclear triad with a brief overview of the three legs and nuclear release procedures. Emphasis then shifted to the development of nuclear submarine technology and the US ballistic missile submarine force. His talk tracked the development of US nuclear submarines and, to a lesser extent, the development of rival nuclear forces. The role played by the University of Texas Applied Research Laboratories in submarine sonar development was also discussed. For more information, go to: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/mike-pectorius-2654988/>

Greeter: Steven Wilson  
Prayer & Pledge: Kent Miller  
Sunshine Basket: Steven Wilson  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Danny Davila  
Setup: David Benjamin  
Humorist Emeritus: Kent Miller

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

Member Attendance: 51 (of 95 active)

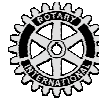
**50:50 Pot Winner:** John Voss (\$42)

## Rotary Minutes

- Jim Henry inducted Joe Ramirez and Denny Rubrig into our club. Both of their classifications are in Education. Their sponsors are Lehmann-Carsow and Sandy Wahl.
- Mary Hey plugged the Cedar Park RC's talent show on May 6.

## Visiting Rotarians

Dick Pyle – Washington, DC  
Rick Naylor – Austin Centennial  
John Tessler – Estes Valley, CO  
Jerry Chapman, Mary Hey and Dee Thomas - Cedar Park



## Other Visitors & Guests

Gordon Loomer (of Tom Perkins)  
Susanne Wilson (of Homer Goering)

## Club Member Make-ups

Gene Holiman – D5870 PR Meeting (3/24)  
John Voss – NWAR Board Meeting (3/10)  
Lee Easter – Westlake (3/17)

**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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"It is easier to forgive an enemy than to forgive a friend."*

William Blake



# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Apr 14 NWAR Board Meeting  
April 20 Club Orientation, Zilveti Residence  
Spring 2017 Progressive Dinner (details to be announced soon)

## Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Apr 8 Rotary Club of Taylor Golf Tournament  
April 15 Club Leadership Training, Killeen, TX  
May 6 Cedar Park RC Talent Show, 4:00 PM, Vista Ridge HS  
May 19-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni  
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA  
Jun 17 DG & Club Leaders Installation Luncheon, Reunion Ranch - SAVE THE DATE!

## Northwest Austin Rotary Club Orientation

Thursday, April 20, 7pm at The Zilvetis' home  
7100 Red Maple Cove, Austin, TX 78759  
RSVP by April 15 at (512) 983-1775 (text or call)  
All new members MUST attend before they lose their red badge. Spouses are welcome!

## Save the Date!

Save the date: June 17, 2017! Our club is hosting the Installation Lunch for 2017-18 District Governor Gene Holiman at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown. We will need volunteers to assist with the event. Gene's first act of business will be to install Club Presidents from around the district. We hope you will take part in this special celebration. More details soon.

## New Member Proposed

Kevin Lancaster has proposed Rick Naylor for membership in our Club. Rick has attended several club meetings, and is interested in transferring to our Club from the Austin Centennial Club. Rick is the Executive Director for a non-profit called Partners Against Child Trafficking, and is active in our community with several non-profits, including Shared Hope, and Thorn. Rick's proposed classification is Youth Services - Child Protection.

## Conference of Rotary Clubs

This year the Rotary District 5870 - Conference of Rotary Clubs will be held on May 19-21 at the Omni Hotel & Resort in Corpus Christi. **Registration is now open!** Please check the district website for more details: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

## Register for the 2017 Convention by 31 March and Save

Today is the last day for the pre-registration discount to the Atlanta convention is 31 March. After that, the registration fee increases \$75 for Rotary members. Don't miss out on your chance to experience the hospitality of the American South and be part of The Rotary Foundation's 100th birthday party. Register now at: <http://www.riconvention.org/en>

## New Book Praises Rotary's Role in Fight to End Polio

by Sallyann Price (Rotary.org)

A new book in the field of public health highlights Rotary's role in the global effort to wipe out polio, and places it in the context of humanity's relentless struggle to contain the world's epidemics. In "The Health of Nations: The Campaign to End Polio and Eradicate Epidemic Diseases" (Oneworld Publications), British journalist and Sunday Times best-selling author Karen Bartlett surveys the global landscape of epidemics past, present, and future. Beginning with the 1980 eradication of smallpox, she guides us through more timely threats such as the Ebola and Zika viruses, and looks ahead to a future without malaria, measles, or polio.

"Who decided to rid the world of polio? Not politicians or global health organizations, as you might expect," she writes, in one of several chapters devoted to polio. "The starting gun was fired by Rotary International, a network of businessmen more used to enjoying convivial dinners, raising money for local good causes, and organizing floats to carry Santa Claus around suburban neighborhoods at Christmas."

Bartlett offers a comprehensive, readable account of the polio-eradication campaign's history and Rotary's unlikely role as its chief advocate. From epidemiologist John Sever's early suggestion that Rotary adopt ending polio as an organizational mission to the first immunization drives in the Philippines and Central and South America, the world community doubted both the idea of a campaign targeting a single disease and Rotary's capacity as a volunteer organization to execute it.

The narrative traces Rotary's mission to reach all the world's children with Albert Sabin's polio vaccine, the formation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), and the struggle to interrupt transmission in the world's poorest communities, particularly in densely populated countries like India, which has not reported a new case since 2011.

"Polio eradication is a twentieth-century dream, conceived by idealists and driven by big international institutions and mass mobilizations of volunteers, working together to make a better world for all," Bartlett writes. "It must succeed or fail, however, in a twenty-first century marked by factionalism, religious intolerance, and rising inequality."

Aziz Memon, chair of Rotary's National PolioPlus Committee in Pakistan, is interviewed about the challenges facing his country, one of the few where polio remains endemic and conflict has slowed progress. Carol Pandak, director of PolioPlus at Rotary headquarters, weighs in on the contributions of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in both funding and high-profile advocacy.

Based in London, Bartlett has previously worked in politics and written for Newsweek and Wired. She has produced documentary films and written nonfiction books, including a biography of musician Dusty Springfield and a collaboration with Anne Frank's stepsister Eva Schloss on Schloss' memoirs.