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ROTARY ROOTER



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN MARCH 7, 2014



2013-14 CLUB-LEADERS

President:	Patrick O'Farrell
President-Elect:	Oliver Smith
Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Ryan Zintgraff
Weekly Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet
Membership	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
VP Club Service	Jerry McCulley
Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	George Lewis
Photographers	Oliver Smith/HP Tobler
Set-up/Take-down	Ron Bolen/Tim Duffee/ Mike Moser/Kevin Lancaster
VP Community Service	Bob Allen
Programs	David Davis/Paul Ott
Publicity	
Website	
VP New Generations	
RYLA	
Interact	

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VP Vocational Service
Fireside Meetings
Junior Achievement
Special Project (EAFK)
VP International Service
Peace Inst/PolioPlus
PET Austin
Matching Grant Projects

Rehema Orphanage
Grid Earth
PET Austin
ShelterBox
Libraries of Love
Global Grant Scholars

Brigitte Benquet
Rick Hoffman
Dee Haddock

Tim Buckley
Rebecca Whitehouse
Kent Miller
Jim White
Oliver Smith, Ditas Hall,
Hanspeter Tobler
Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
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John & Audrey Cochrane
Jim White
Tony Thompson
Mary McCaffity
John Knifton



At last week's meeting, Tom Perkins gave a tearful farewell to his primary leadership role in our annual fruit sale. photo by Oliver Smith

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?

Past Presidents Council
Endowment
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Fundraising
Directors-At-Large

Steve Welch
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Sarah Carriker/Sheila Allee



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, March 7, 2014 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President

March is Literacy Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

K. Lindsay Eaves – “The Underground Astronaut”

Lindsay is a Biological Anthropologist. She recently returned to Austin from several months in the Johannesburg area of South Africa. Lindsay is a member of the University of the Witwatersrand / National Geographic Society Rising Star Expedition, excavating and studying the most abundant early hominin [prehistoric man] site in southern Africa - the "cradle of humankind." For more information about her, go to: http://www.researchgate.net/profile/K_Lindsay_Eaves/

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

Greeter: John Knifton
Prayer & Pledge:
Sunshine Basket:
50/50 Ticket Sales:

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

Next Week: Michael Nayebe – “US/Iran Rapprochement”

Mar 21 open
Mar 28 Ashley Lindsey – “Egypt: A New Pharaoh”

MARCH Birthdays

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

MARCH Club Anniversaries

01: Paul Ott (18)
02: Charles Harrison (7)
Rebecca Whitehouse (7)
09: Bill von Rosenberg (7), Sarah Carriker (7)
12: Kristi Holmes (4)
13: Jim White (5)
20: Terral Smith (5)
22: Casey Castle (1)
26: Harold Coleman (10)
23: Jeanne Durbin (1)
30: Kent Miller (7)



WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: [http:// www.nwaustinrotary.org](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
D5870 Special Site: <http://rotary4you.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

Perkins/Roon – “Fruit Sale Celebration Breakfast”

Since 1996, the Northwest Austin Rotary Club has annually provided the opportunity for people of the community to buy boxes of oranges and grapefruit. Last week, we held our annual Fruit Sale Celebration breakfast, which was highlighted by the service of our “Bottom of the Bird Cagers,” Dietz’s Donkeys. The fact that this meeting marked the end of another year of AFTOing, and possibly the LAST of Tom’s pleading and prodding, only served to enhance the celebration.

Greeter: Tony Thompson
Prayer & Pledge: Tom Perkins
Sunshine Basket: Kristen Stephens
50/50 Ticket Sales: Damon Holditch
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 61
50:50 Pot Winner: Bill Zipoy (\$50)

Rotary Minutes

- President O’Farrell announced that scholarships to Lanier H.S. were increased by 2 this year.

Visiting Rotarians

none

Other Visitors & Guests

Lizzie Baughman (of Nancy Lehmann-Carsow)
Jim Bieber (Balcones CC)

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O’Farrell – Hanspeter’s DG Inauguration (3/3)
John & Audrey Cochrane – Perkins RecognizeGood Award (2/21)
Sheila Allee – NWAR Board Meeting (2/21)
Oliver Smith – NWAR Board Meeting (2/21) & New Member Orientation (2/25)

HOW DO OUR COSTS COMPARE TO THOSE OF OTHER SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS OF SIMILAR SIZE? It’s difficult to compare Rotary to other international service organizations. However, The Rotary Foundation’s financial performance is included in assessments by various charity-rating agencies. For example, in the United States, the Foundation receives high marks from several ratings groups. Charity Navigator gives the Foundation four stars, its highest score. The Foundation meets the 20 standards for charity accountability set by the Better Business Bureau’s Wise Giving Alliance and is a silver-level GuideStar Exchange Participant, demonstrating its commitment to transparency. Rotary’s partnership with the Gates Foundation is another strong affirmation of our metrics and reputation.



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

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Mar 14 NWAR Board Meeting
Apr 18 Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards
Apr 25 NWAR Scholarship Presentations
May 1 A Night at the Theater, FIA Fundraiser

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Apr 12 District Leadership Training (details below)
Mar 6-9 Lone Star PETS - DFW Hyatt Regency
May 16-18 District Conference – La Toretta Resort, Montgomery
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

7 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES

How much does it cost to be a member of your club? You can probably answer that question. What do your membership dues cover? That may not be as clear. As a companion to Rotary’s annual report, and on the heels of a \$1 dues increase, we answer some frequently asked questions about where your money goes.

HOW MUCH OF MY TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES GOES TO RI? Right now, RI dues are \$53. Depending on where you are in the world, that equates to about 4 to 14 percent of your total membership dues. The rest of your membership dues total primarily covers club and district expenses, meals, and a subscription to The Rotarian.

WHY ARE RI DUES INCREASING? The RI Board of Directors proposed the increase based on a five-year financial forecast projecting that Rotary’s spending would exceed its revenue by \$9 million in 2018 if there were no increase.

WHY INCREASE DUES? WHY NOT CUT SPENDING? Significant spending cuts will translate into diminished service for Rotarians, clubs, and districts, reducing our impact on the communities we serve. So, Rotary is committed to monitoring and controlling expenses closely, making prudent cuts, and investing where needed.

BESIDES DUES, WHAT OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE DOES ROTARY HAVE? Dues account for about 65 percent of Rotary’s revenue. The next largest source of income comes from return on investments. Rotary also earns money through publication sales, international convention registration revenues, royalties, license fee income, and rental income at the world headquarters building in the U.S.

IS ROTARY FINANCIALLY HEALTHY? Yes. Rotary International’s general surplus fund exceeds the target established in the bylaws, and the budget is balanced.

DOES RI EVER MAKE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION? On occasion, the Board will take extraordinary measures to support the Foundation financially. For example, over the last two years, RI contributed \$10 million from the general surplus fund to PolioPlus. As a result of that commitment, the Foundation received a \$50 million grant from the Gates Foundation. (continued previous page)

Let’s Go to the Theatre!

Treat your Significant Other (and yourself)! How about a night of live theatre? The Way Off Broadway Community Players of Leander is presenting "The Moving of Lilla Barton" on Thursday night, May 1. Tickets are \$30, \$20 of which is tax-deductible, and includes free refreshments and door prizes. Curtain time is 8:00 PM. A raffle of valuable gifts starts at 7:00 PM.

The play is a fundraiser for Faith in Action -- Drive a Senior NW, an organization supported by NWAR. All proceeds help us keep our services free and our senior neighbors in NW Austin, Cedar Park and Leander living independently. Contact Homer Goering for information and tickets: email: txcrdnl@sbcglobal.net Ph: 512-337-7256

Club Leadership Training

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014

Time: Registration Table Opens at 8:00 a.m., Session Begins at 9:00 a.m. Anticipated Completion by 3:00 p.m.

Place: Central Texas College,
6200 West Central Texas Expwy.,
Killeen, TX 76549

Lunch: Provided on campus and covered by registration fee
Who Should Attend: Presidents-Elect, President-Nominee, Club Officers Committee Chairmen and anyone else who wishes to learn more

Purpose: Provide Rotary Club Leaders with the necessary knowledge and motivation and develop the skills to:

- Support and Strengthen their Rotary Club
- Focus and Increase Humanitarian Service
- Enhance Public Image and Awareness

To register online use button on District home page or by mail download the form located under the button. Registration Fee: \$25 Payable Online, by check payable to Rotary District 5870 at the event, or mail check to Kirk Pate, District Registrar, P.O. Box 1072, Flatonia, TX 78941. Map is attached and cancellation policy is provided on the District website.

Note: NWAR pays the registration fee. Select the "pay by check" option and we'll cut one ck for all attending.

2013 NWAR Fruit Sale P&L Statement

Sales revenue:	\$133,324
Expenses:	
• Fruit Cost	\$ 39,651
• Operations	2,735
Total Expenses	\$ 42,386
Profit	\$ 90,938

ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE!!!