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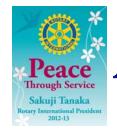
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One of our newest members, Mary McCaffity, gives her classification talk at a recent meeting. photo by Hanspeter Tobler

Rotary's "4-Way Test":

- 1. Is it theTRUTH?
- 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 8, 2013 – 7:00 A.M. Meeting at Balcones Country Club Call to Order - Steve Welch, President March is Literacy Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Eric Bustos, "Driving Progress"

John-Michael Cortez, Capital Metro's Community Involvement Manager, is our Speaker today, bringing us "Driving Progress" in Austin, Texas. Capital Metro is on the move 365 days a year, connecting people, jobs and communities. Every day, they provide people with over 120,000 trips to where they want to go, while helping reduce traffic congestion and making Central Texas a better place to live. Today you will learn how Capital Metro is investing in mobility solutions to meet our region's transportation needs, including our newest efforts: MetroRapid and Project Connect, the regional vision for high-capacity transit. We would very much appreciate each of you completing a very brief survey regarding the presentation. For access to the survey, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/20130308_NWARC and email us at feedback@capmetro.org. This link will also be forwarded on Northwest Austin's Web page. Have an idea or suggestion to make Capital Metro better? Please also let us know at ideas.capmetro.org.

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

Greeter: Clifton Clyborne

Prayer & Pledge: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow

Sunshine Basket: Clifton Clyborne 50/50 Ticket Sales: Lee Easter

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

Next Week: - Susie Petersen. House of Friends

Mar 22 Gene Holiman, "Austin Steam Train Association"

to be announced Mar 29

MARCH Birthdays

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

MARCH Club Anniversaries

01: Paul Ott (17)

Charles Harrison (6) Rebecca Whitehouse (6)

Bill von Rosenberg (6), Sarah Carriker (6)

12: Kristi Holmes (3)

Jim White (4)

David Corna (4), Terral Smith (4)

Bob Rein (1)

Harold Coleman (9)

Kent Miller (6)

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.rotarveclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Ron Tabery, "Gliding"

Ron Tabery is a multiple US National Open Class Gliding Champion from Austin. Ron has represented the US on the US Glider Team at several biennial World Gliding Championships. He has won every major gliding award. Although an amateur who has redesigned his own glider and flies at his own expense, Ron competes against pilots who are funded or salaried by their governments. Ron's first glider ride at age eight was with Neil Armstrong, but he had to wait until age 14 to solo in an SGS 1-26. Last week, he gave us a presentation on Gliding 101 with a heavy emphasis on the physics of flight. Fascinating! And his championship glider was assembled in the BCC parking lot!

Greeter: Brigitte Benguet Prayer & Pledge: Tom Perkins Sunshine Basket: Larry Eichenbaum 50/50 Ticket Sales: Sarah Carriker

Blue Badge Ceremony - Clifton Clyborne presented blue badges to Hohn & Audrey Cochrane, Cornel Jones and Mary McCaffity.

Humorist Emeritus: Dave Roon

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

Member Attendance: 53

50:50 Pot Winner: Tom Perkins (\$23, donated in memory of Reed Stone)

Rotary Minutes

- Sarah Carriker and the International Committee presented the Cochranes a grant for \$3,400 to their Grid Earth Project.
- Steve presented a \$2,000 check to Jim White for PET Austin.

Visiting Rotarians

Don Tompkins (Austin Downtown)

Other Visitors & Guests

Sharon Sarles (of Tim Buckley) Danny Holmes (of Kristi Holmes) Sheila Dunagon (of Kristi Holmes)

Club Member Make-ups

Lee Easter - NXNE Austin (2/20)

Sarah Carriker – International Committee Meeting (3/1)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: http://www.nwaustinrotary.org Club Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary District 5870: http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/ D5870 Special Site: http://rotary4you.org/ Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org/



"Obviously, every child should be given the best possible opportunity to acquire literacy skills."



Hugh Mackay

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

NWAR Board Meeting

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

2013-14 District Assembly – CTC, Killeen Apr 13

Austin Centennial Fun Run Apr 20

May 3 Inbound GSE Team Arrives - D3860, Cebu Philippines

5/31-6/2 D5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs 6/23-26 RI Convention – Lisbon, Portugal July 15 Libraries of Love Trip to Uganda

Austin Centennial Spirit of Sharing Fun Run

5K Adventure fun run/walk to benefit local non-profits supporting children, veterans and elderly.

April 20th, 2013, 9am-12pm \$20 for Adults (includes registration and t-shirt) Harper Park, 11008 Lakecreek Parkway, Austin, TX 78750 (intersection of Lakecreek and Dearbrook)

FREE registration for 18 & under & Veterans

Register online at: http://spiritofsharing.weebly.com/

Note About Last Week's Presentation

Ron Tabery really enjoyed the response and interesting questions from the club members. Thanks for all your help in making this possible. If anyone would like to communicate with Ron, his email address is: rtabery@gmail.com. If you would like more information on our Faultline Flyers Glider Club, rides, or becoming a member, the site is www.faultlineflyers.org

Do not forget to raffle the prize Ron offered.

Allan Adams

As Rotary Celebrates 108th Anniversary, Gains **Against Polio Continue**

Rotary's 108th anniversary on 23 February marked a year of both achievements in the fight to eradicate polio and a stepped-up commitment to finish the job. Worldwide, 222 polio cases were reported in 2012, a little more than one-third of the 650 cases reported in 2011. India marked its second year without polio on 13 January. Overall, the annual incidence of polio has decreased more than 99 percent since the Global Polio Eradication Initiative was launched in 1988, when polio infected about 350,000 children a year.

Although the wild poliovirus is now endemic only in Afghanistan. Pakistan, and Nigeria, it could spread from there back to other countries. In addition to contributing more than US\$1 billion to the GPEI, Rotary has helped secure over \$9 billion from donor governments since the initiative began in 1988. Rotary is boosting its advocacy work in the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs exist to encourage every national government to help meet a \$700 million shortfall (as of 1 February) in funding the GPEI through 2013.

Literacy Month

A Message From the District Governor

Rotary International designates March as Literacy month, and literacy is such an integral part of our 2012-2013 theme - Peace Through Service. More than 800 million adults worldwide are illiterate, meaning they are unable to sign their name, complete a job application, or fully understand the world around them. Illiteracy is a principle cause of poverty, and poverty is a principle cause of unrest in the world that often leads to conflict and war.

We certainly have illiteracy in United States, and some reports say the percentage of illiteracy is rising in some communities around the country. While the overall literacy rate in the United States is 99%, according to Wikipedia, The World Fact Book and other sources, there are other countries much lower. Pakistan's literacy rate is 54% overall and 30% for women; Afghanistan 28% overall and 12% for women: Burkina Faso 21% overall and15% for women, and many other nations at 50% or less. From current world events it's easy to see that much of the unrest in the world thrives in areas with low literacy rates.

Rotarians around the world are working every day, in many parts of the world, promoting and advancing literacy by helping men, women and children learn to read and write. The gift of literacy, the simple act to write their name, read a recipe or a children's book, is a gift for a new and brighter life that can bring peace to a family, or to an entire community.

For more than ten years Rotary International and the International Reading Association have combined resources, skills, and manpower to advance literacy around the world. Providing books, building schools, mentoring students and training teachers and establishing literacy programs has been their principal focus. Rotary Clubs around the world can join the effort.

Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka, when defining the theme "Peace Through Service," stated "The concept of peace is one that differs among people and cultures. It may mean personal tranquility, happiness in the family, and a sense of inner contentment --- or it may mean a situation of safety where basic human needs are met. However we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through service." From this simple definition it's clear that literacy is crucial to peace in the family, the community and the world.

I would like to congratulate all D5870 Rotary Clubs that are involved in literacy programs, or conducting literacy projects, because it is truly an effort in providing Peace Through Service, and is in keeping with the Presidential Challenge required for the 2012-2013 Presidential Citation. Until next month we wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas!!

Aloha, Rick Price