














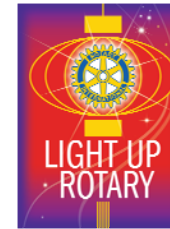


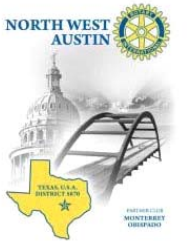
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# ROTARY ROOTER



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN APRIL 10, 2015



### 2014-15 CLUB LEADERS

President:	Oliver Smith
President-Elect:	Sarah Carriker
Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Ryan Zintgraff
Weekly Volunteers:	Brigitte Benquet
Membership:	TBD
VP Club Service:	Larry Eichenbaum
Bulletin:	Harold Coleman
Club Historian:	George Lewis
Photographers:	TBD
Set-up/Take-down:	Tim Duffee/Kevin Lancaster/ Mike Moser/Don Gonzenbach
VP Community Service Programs:	Bob Allen D. Davis / P. Ott / S. Allee / Tony Thompson / Bill Estes / Chuck Durant / Ray Roark
Publicity:	TBD
Website:	Sheila Allee / Sarah Carriker
VP Vocational Service:	Jesus Chavez
Scholarships:	TBD
Teacher & Para Awards:	TBD
Fireside Meetings:	Dee Haddock
Junior Achievement:	TBD
Early Act First Knight:	Tim Buckley
VP International Service:	John & Audrey Cochrane
Peace Inst/PolioPlus:	Kent Miller
PET Austin:	Jim White
Matching Grant Projects:	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, Ditas Hall
Rehema Orphanage:	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
Grid Earth:	John & Audrey Cochrane
ShelterBox:	Tony Thompson
Global Grant Scholars:	John Knifton
VP Youth Service:	Mike Jagers
RYLA:	Virginia Hart / Pat O'Farrell
Interact:	Mike Moser
Rotaract:	Gene Holiman
Rotary Youth Exchange:	Brigitte Benquet



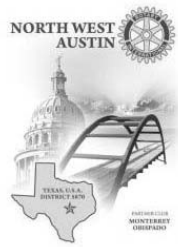
Club member Brigitte Benquet is thinking, "It's hard to believe all that 'stuff' can fit inside the green ShelterBox in the foreground."  
photo by Harold Coleman

### 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?



Directors-At-Large	Kent Duran / Kristi Holmes
VP Fundraising	Dave Roon
Fruit Sales	Dave Roon / Sarah Carriker
Past Presidents Council	Tom Perkins
Endowment	Patrick O'Farrell
Foundation	John Voss
	Ken Dickensheets



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, April 10, 2015 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Oliver Smith, President

***April is Magazine Month***

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

#### **John Robertson, "Ethical and Legal Issues at End of Life"**

This Friday, we will be introduced to Professor John A. Robertson of the University of Texas School of Law. John has written and lectured widely on law and bioethical issues. He is the author of two books in bioethics, one related to the rights of the critically ill and another related to reproductive technologies and of numerous articles on these topics and organ transplantation and embryo screening. He has served on or been a consultant to national bioethics organizations. He currently serves as Chair of the Ethics Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Today, John will speak to us about ethical and legal issues at the end of life.. For more information, go to: <http://www.utexas.edu/law/faculty/jr43/>

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

Greeter: David King  
Prayer & Pledge: Mark Dietz  
Sunshine Basket: Dave Roon  
50/50 Ticket Sales: George Kissinger

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

**Next Week:** Pam Madere, Real Estate Council of Austin

Apr 24 Annual NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards  
May 1 NWAR Scholarship Presentations

### **APRIL Birthdays**

05: Dave Roon  
13: Paul Ott  
18: Allan Adams  
30: Bob Allen

### **APRIL Club Anniversaries**

05: Don Gonzenbach (13)  
08: Dee Haddock (4)  
15: Bob Allen (10), Steve Welch (10)  
28: Jesus Chavez (9)

***Are there any more April birthdays to celebrate?***



#### **WEBSITES TO KNOW:**

Club Website: [http:// www.nwaustinrotary.org](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)  
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)  
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 frequently changing their 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)

### AT OUR LAST MEETING

#### **Past President Tony Thompson, "Shelter Box Update"**

Since its inception, ShelterBox has provided temporary shelter in over 211 disasters in more than 100 countries often making the difference between death and life. Tony has applied his 37 years of experience with IBM Corporation in Research & Development, including computer organization, in assisting ShelterBox serve the international community in the spirit of Rotary. At last week's meeting, Tony updated us on this important project that our club supports. For more information, go to: <http://www.shelterboxusa.org/>

Greeter: Jim Henry  
Prayer & Pledge: Jesus Chavez  
Sunshine Basket: Jim Bieber  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Pat O'Farrell  
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

**NOTE: Sunshine Basket proceeds are donated each week to PolioPlus unless otherwise announced. Today, they were donated to Balcones CC for their help in setting up the ShelterBox display.**

Member Attendance:

**50:50 Pot Winner:** Andy Macfarlane (\$28)

#### **Rotary Minutes**

- Hanspeter introduced Miguel Yga, DG of D4130 in Mexico.
- Sarah reminded the club about district training on April 18.
- Ken Dickensheets presented Linden Welsch with his PHF+4 award from an anonymous donor. He also announced that matching points are still available as well as district matching points for new members.

#### **Visiting Rotarians**

Miguel Yga – Monterrey Obispado, MX

#### **Other Visitors & Guests**

#### **Club Member Make-ups**

#### **Note from PE Sarah Carriker:**

Just a friendly reminder - please register to attend the D5870 Assembly in Killeen on Saturday, April 18th. Incoming officers are especially encouraged to attend. This is a great opportunity to network with other Rotarians and learn from each other. The club pays the entry fee; just click "pay by check" upon checkout.



### **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

"It's better to be a lion for a day than a sheep all your life."

*Elizabeth Kenny*

## NEWS & EVENTS

#### **UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS**

Today NWAR Board Meeting  
Apr 24 Annual NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards  
May 1 NWAR Scholarship Presentations

#### **Upcoming District Events & Important Dates**

Apr 18 Club Leadership Training, Killeen  
Apr 25 Austin Centennial Fun Run  
May 1-3 A Conference of Rotary Clubs – Omni Colonnade, SA  
Mar 5-8 Lone Star P.E.T.S. (President Elects Training)  
Jun 6-9 RI Convention – Sao Paulo, Brazil  
Jun 28-7/3 RYLA

#### **Drive A Senior NW Fundraiser**

Drive a Senior NW is again offering a fundraiser in the form of Way Off Broadway tickets. The play this year will be *Ravenscroft* by Don Nigro. This is a Dark comedy, both funny and frightening. The date is Sunday, May 3 at 8:00 PM. The location is 11880 W FM 2243, 2243, Business Park, Bldg 4 in Leander. Attractive raffle items will be offered plus some light refreshments. Tickets are \$30 each, of which \$20 is tax-deductible. A sellout is likely. I have tickets available. I will appreciate your support. Please let me know as soon as possible how many tickets you would like. My home phone is 512-337-7256.

**Synopsis:** *On a snowy night, Inspector Ruffing is called to a remote house to investigate the fall of Patrick Roarke down the staircase. He becomes involved in the lives of five alluring and dangerous women. They lead him through a bewildering labyrinth of contradictory versions of Patrick's demise. There are ghosts on the staircase, skeletons in the closet and much more. You will not guess the ending, but you will be teased, seduced, bewildered, amused, frightened and let to a dark encounter with truth or something even stranger.*

A great opportunity for you and your significant other to enjoy a night on the town! Drive a Senior Northwest is supported by our club. You can be a direct part of that support!

Thanks much, Homer Goering, Drive a Senior NW Board Member

#### **EVERY DAY IS WORLD WATER DAY WITH ROTARY**

At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water, a grim reminder for Rotary members who make providing clean water and sanitation an organizational priority. While very few people die of thirst, millions die from preventable waterborne diseases, providing the impetus for our members to provide toilets and latrines and other clean water initiatives in underdeveloped countries. Members also teach these communities to maintain new infrastructure, and organize educational projects to promote hand-washing and other good hygiene habits.

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Though March 22 is recognized as World Water Day, our commitment to these causes is ongoing. In Ghana, Rotary member Samuel Obour spearheads projects to install latrines, washing stations, and toilets across Ghana. In Latin America, youth from Connecticut, USA, lay water pipelines for communities for high altitude villages. Dozens of other water projects await financial support, from water harvesting in Mexico to a well for clean potable water in Egypt. Join us and get involved.

Or meet us in São Paulo on 4 June for our World Water Summit, the seventh time Rotary members have hosted NGOs, nonprofits, businesses, and concerned citizens of the world for learning, networking, and discussion around clean water. In addition to our summit, members regularly host water experts for roundtable discussions at their clubs. Find a club near you.

In Evanston, Illinois, join local and national experts for Tap Into Lake Michigan, a panel discussion on local perspectives to the global water crisis on 31 March. The event brings together Rotary members and the general public to mingle with influencers and representatives of local water organizations. Register today.

Our commitment to clean water is stronger than ever. We have over 1.2 million members in more than 34,000 clubs in nearly every corner of the world.

#### **2015 Conference of Rotary Clubs**

The 2015 Conference of Rotary Clubs is 3 weeks away and now is a very good time to plan to attend by registering online at <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60098>. On the District 5870 website homepage there is also a link to the Omni for booking a hotel room.

The conference is May 1-3 at the Omni Colonnade in San Antonio. The Omni has extended the availability of its discounted room rate of \$125 per night through April 14th.

Rotary Districts 5870 and 4130 have planned a great program, one that you may review in the attached Word file.

Do register now at the current \$149 per person registration fee. The walk-in rate on May 1 will rise to \$175 per person.

If you wish to purchase extra meal tickets for partners or children, please contact me directly at [dkp@pcguns.net](mailto:dkp@pcguns.net), as purchase of extra tickets is not available through online registration.

Best regards, Kirk Pate, Registrar, District 5870

#### **Coupons for Soldiers Campaign**

Please continue to save your Coupons for Audrey Cochran. They will be sent to the Marine and Navy wives Clubs in Okinawa.