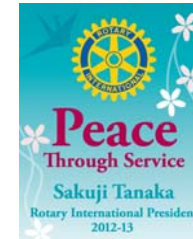


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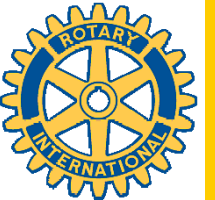
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# ROTARY ROOTER



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

### APRIL 12, 2013



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President:	Steve Welch
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Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Bill Zipoy
Weekly Volunteers	Clifton Clyborne
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VP Club Service	Jerry McCulley
Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	George Lewis
Photographers	Oliver Smith/HP Tobler
Set-up/Take-down	Ron Bolen/Tim Dufee/ Mike Moser/Dave Corna
VP Community Service	Jim Henry
Programs	David Davis/Paul Ott
Publicity	
Website	Sheila Allee
VP International Service	Rebecca Whitehouse
Ambassadorial Scholar	John Knifton
Group Study Exchange	Fred Morgan
Peace Inst/PolioPlus	Kent Miller
PET Austin	Jim White
VP New Generations	Kristi Holmes
Interact	Cornel Jones/Mike Moser
Rotaract	Gene Holiman
Rotary Youth Exchange	Brigitte Benquet
RYLA	Mike Jaggars/Kent Duran
Boy Scouts	
VP Vocational Service	Rick Hoffman
Fireside Meetings	Dee Haddock
Junior Achievement	Mike Jaggars
Special Project	Dave Roon
Past Presidents Council	Tony Thompson
Endowment	John Voss
Foundation	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising	Tom Perkins
Director-At-Large	Kent Duran/Oliver Smith
Director-At-Large	Bob Allen



NWAR's Master of Ceremonies Jim Henry (left) inducts the club's newest member, Sharon Sarles, at last week's meeting. Sharon's sponsor Tim Buckley (center) introduced her to the club.  
photo by Hanspeter Tobler

### 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?



# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, April 12, 2013 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Steve Welch, President  
*April is Magazine Month*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Michael Barnes

### "How a Reporter Tracks Down Austin's History"

Michael Barnes, a reporter with the Austin American Statesman, is today's speaker. He writes about Austin's people, places, culture and history. Michael is a native Texan, growing up in East Texas. He earned his B.A. from the University of Houston in theater and his Ph.D. from the University of Texas in theater history and criticism. He has been a reporter with the Austin American Statesman since 1989 where he has written more than 9,000 stories. He has served on the jury for the Pulitzer Prize in theater criticism and earned numerous journalist awards. A busy man, Michael is well known for his "Out & About" social column and blog, attending dozens of social events weekly to obtain his stories. He teaches entertainment journalism at Austin area colleges, including a regular Fall course at St. Edward's University, while also teaching workshops in media relations to various Austin groups, including nonprofits.

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

Greeter: Mark Dietz  
Prayer & Pledge: Jim White  
Sunshine Basket: Clifton Clyborne  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Tony Thompson

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

**Next Week:** Annual NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards  
Apr 26 Dr. Jesus Chavez - "A Retrospective on His Career in Education"  
May 3 Student Scholarships Recognition Meeting

## APRIL Birthdays

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

## APRIL Club Anniversaries

05: Don Gonzenbach (11)  
08: Dee Haddock (2)  
15: Bob Allen (8), Steve Welch (8)  
28: Jesus Chavez (7)



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

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

Chuck Durant

### "Affordable Care Act from the Private Hospital Perspective"

At last week's meeting, our own Past President (2005-2006) Charles "Chuck" Durant visited with us about the need for healthcare reform in the United States. Chuck is Vice President - Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services at Seton Family of Hospitals. Although Chuck touched on "Obamacare," his presentation focused more on why healthcare reform needs to take place and what is going on nationally as well as at Seton. Chuck hopefully provided us the context to form a more educated opinion on the Affordable Care Act.

Greeter: Sarah Carriker  
Prayer & Pledge: Sheila Allee  
Sunshine Basket: Dee Haddock  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Larry Eichenbaum  
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 59  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Dee Haddock (\$27)

### Rotary Minutes

- Jerry McCulley presented a \$500 scholarship to John Evans of the Exchange Club of Austin.
- Kent Miller announced there have been only 13 new cases of polio in 2013 compared to 40 this time last year.
- Jim Henry inducted Sharon Sarles, sponsored by Tim Buckley, as the club's newest member.
- Ken Dickensheets, TRF Chair, announced that the club will donate \$6700 to The Foundation, \$100 per par producer in each of their accounts.

### Visiting Rotarians

Lauri Thomas (The Woodlands)

### Other Visitors & Guests

Sharon Sarles (of Tim Buckley)  
John Evans (of Jerry McCulley)  
Pam Dehne (of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)

### Club Member Make-ups

John & Audrey Cochrane – Cedar Park (4/2)  
Sarah Carriker – International Committee (3/28)



### 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/>

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Sweet April showers do bring May flowers."

Thomas Tusser



# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

April 12 NWAR Board Meeting

### Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Apr 13 2013-14 District Assembly – CTC, Killeen  
Apr 20 Austin Centennial Fun Run  
Apr 22 Oak Hill Annual Golf Tournament (details below)  
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 12 Club Picnic  
July 15 Libraries of Love Trip to Uganda

### Rotary Year End Transition and Party

MARK YOUR CALENDARS... FOR THE ANNUAL CHANGEOVER BOARD PICNIC – July 12. We will be both indoors (air conditioned) and outdoors at Paul and Pat Ott's party place in Round Rock. More details coming soon.

### District Training Assembly Tomorrow in Killeen

The District Assembly is scheduled for tomorrow in Killeen. The assembly is for anyone in NWAR but it's specifically aimed at the Club's officers, VP's of Service and relatively "new" members that want to learn more about how their Rotary Club functions. NWAR pays your registration fee so there is no cost to you. Presently there are eight attendees from NWAR, so if you want to learn more about your Rotary club and join this auspicious group, please go the District website and register yourself. When you come to the payment section, select "pay by check" and NWAR will issue a check to cover your registration. Or, just contact me and I'll get you registered. (512) 905-1759. Think about attending. You'll meet a great group of Rotarians that are fully engaged in Service Above Self!!

Pat O'Farrell, President-Elect

### Program Committee Notes

As I am sure President Steve and President-Elect Pat have determined down to the hour, we are fast approaching the end of another Rotary year. The Program Committee have speakers lined up for most of the remaining Fridays. As a reminder, the list of future speakers is always available on the club's website. The committee includes dedicated Rotarians who exchange frequent emails to coordinate and bring your our guest speakers.

Tony Thompson, Paul Old, Chuck Durant, Bill Estes, Ray Roark and Chuck Space provide a wealth of experience and effort in identifying speakers. However, we welcome recommendations and referrals from all our members, so you may make your suggestions to any of us. We also welcome presentations from our own members - as recent speakers have proven we have a wealth of experience within our own club. So, don't be reluctant to recommend another member or, even yourself! We get referrals through our website and from other Rotary Clubs and community organizations as well.

We are often asked how we go about choosing our speakers. Some of the informal guidelines we use include the following:

- We avoid accepting too many requests from charitable groups and folks who have written their own book. Those we choose are most often brought to us by our own members who are active in the organization or the book appears timely and interesting. You wouldn't believe how many "self help" books have been written in Austin. And, as you can imagine, we are well known for our support to many charities. This results in many unsolicited requests to speak that we ultimately turn down.
- As Jim Henry frequently reminds us, we are not a religious or political organization. As a consequence, we are cautious of speakers who fit these descriptors. When we do present a speaker from these perspectives we ask them to be non-sectarian and non-political. We ask you to help us keep their presentations this way. However, we are open to presenting "both-sides" or "multiple-sides" to an issue with sequential speakers. We attempt to obtain a speaker for the "other view" before committing to hot button issues from a speaker with a point of view. When we invite a political speaker we ask them to choose a topic of general interest. We also ask them to not bring "campaign" materials in to our meeting; but let them know they are free to visit with our members as we leave our meeting in the clubhouse.

Also, a few reminders that we all need to remember:

- Our speakers are all volunteers and 7 AM on a Friday is not the most ideal time to get folks to Balcones Country Club to speak. So be gracious hosts and welcome them to our meetings.
- The speakers have limited time so be courteous of that limitation and wait till the end of their presentation to ask your question unless invited by the speaker to interrupt. While you might not have time during the meeting to ask your question, most of our speakers remain after the meeting to visit and answer questions.
- When we do have time for questions, be courteous to your other members and limit yourself to a single question to give others the opportunity to ask their question.
- Also, please no debates or arguments with our speakers. Rotary is a place to listen and learn even when you don't agree with the speaker. Our limited time during the breakfast mealtime is not the time to challenge a speaker whom we have invited to speak to us.
- And, finally, as our Sergeant at Arms frequently reminds us, please keep the cell phones off and the private conversations for later.

Finally, on behalf of your committee, keep the suggestions and referrals coming! David Davis, Rotary Club of Northwest Austin