

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY ROOTER

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN APRIL 18, 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
Bob Allen
David Davis/Paul Ott

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Programs
Publicity
Website
VP New Generations
RYLA
Interact

Rotaract
Rotary Youth Exchange
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

Sheila Allee
Kristi Holmes
Mike Jagers
Mike Jagers/Mike Moser
Casey Castle

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



One of our newer members, Greg Rabaey, is shown getting his Fruit Sale Rookie of the Year award at last week's meeting. Fundraising Chair Tom Perkins is doing the honors. 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?

Past Presidents Council
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Directors-At-Large

Steve Welch
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Ken Dickensheets
Tom Perkins/Dave Roon
Kent Duran/Dave Roon/
Sarah Carriker/Sheila Allee



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, April 18, 2014 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President
April is Magazine Month

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Barbara Beto – “RRISD 2014 Bond Proposal”

Barbara Beto the Co-Chair of the Citizen's Bond Committee will be introduced to us by our own Dr. Jesus Chavez, the Former RRISD Superintendent. Barbara will outline the 2014 Round Rock Independent School District bond proposal, providing us with both the benefits and the costs. She and Jesus will also answer your questions about this most important issue. For more information, go to:
[http://www.roundrockisd.org/news/what_s_new/r_r_i_s_d_to_hold_bo nd_2014_public_forums_in_april/](http://www.roundrockisd.org/news/what_s_new/r_r_i_s_d_to_hold_bo_nd_2014_public_forums_in_april/)

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

Greeter: Greg Rabaey
Prayer & Pledge: Ryan Zintgraff
Sunshine Basket: Sheila Allee
50/50 Ticket Sales: Bill Estes

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

Next Week: Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards
May 2 NWAR Scholarship Presentations
May 9 TBD

APRIL Birthdays

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

APRIL Club Anniversaries

05: Don Gonzenbach (12)
08: Dee Haddock (3)
15: Bob Allen (9), Steve Welch (9)
28: Jesus Chavez (8)

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>
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, it is best to go to the Rotary District 5870 website and click on the When and Where Clubs Meet link under the Clubs tab for a list of area club meetings.

Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

“Looking Ahead to 2014-15 at NWAR”

Bob Allen kicked off last week's meeting with an excellent presentation of the club's new Strategic Plan. Next year's President Elect Sarah Carriker then led an open discussion on our Club's strategic direction and talked about the Action Plan as we put this document to work. You can locate the document on the NWAR website under My Club Runner, about 2/3 of the way down that tab find the "View Club Documents."

Greeter: Salvador Apud
Prayer & Pledge: Greg Rabaey
Sunshine Basket: none
50/50 Ticket Sales: Ibrahim Fahkreddine
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 48
50:50 Pot Winner: Paul Ott (\$25)

Rotary Minutes

- Foundation Chair Tom Perkins presented Greg Rabaey with his ROTY Award and George Lewis with the Top Salesman Award for last year's fruit sale.
- Salvador Apud gave his classification talk.

Visiting Rotarians

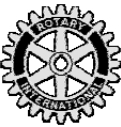
Jerry Chapman – Cedar Park
Andy Barclay – Austin Cosmopolitan

Other Visitors & Guests

Jim Bieber (of John Voss)
Walter Stephens (of Kristen Stephens)

Club Member Make-ups

Pat O’Farrell – La Torretta Planning Meeting (4/5)
Nancy Lehmann-Carsow – NWAR Board Meeting (3/21)
Tom Perkins – District Training (4/12)



Date for Installation Picnic Set

Mark your calendars for the Installation Picnic on June 27th from 6pm-9:30pm. This year will be special - we will have the picnic under a tent at Damon Holditch's facility and Kristen Stephens catering company will present the meal. Getting to know our members' businesses and having a great time, a WIN-WIN event. Come celebrate a super year under Pat's leadership and commit to support of our new president, Oliver Smith. More details to follow.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“What we observe is not nature itself, but nature exposed to our method of questioning.”

Werner Heisenberg



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Apr 25 Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards
May 1 A Night at the Theater, FIA Fundraiser
May 2 NWAR Scholarship Presentations
May 9 NWAR Board Meeting
June 27 NWAR Installation Picnic (details to follow)
Sep 26 Fruit Sale Kickoff

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Mar 6-9 Lone Star PETS - DFW Hyatt Regency
May 16-18 District Conference – La Torretta Resort, Montgomery
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

Conference of Rotary Clubs (District Conference)

It's just about time for the Annual Conference of Rotary Clubs! This year's CoRC will be held on May 16-18 at the fabulous La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa located on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas. Registration is open on the district website:
<http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org>

A Note from the DG

It's just about time for the Annual Conference of Rotary Clubs! Register on District Website. The CoRC is our annual get together to celebrate, showcase and recognize successful club activities over the past year. It's your time to howl! This year's CoRC will be held on May 16-18 at the fabulous La Torretta Lake Resort and Spa located on Lake Conroe in Montgomery, Texas.

I've attended too many of these conferences where I was told ahead of time – “there'll be plenty of time to relax and enjoy” – only to be locked up in the hotel until noon on Sunday. Well, not this year. We want this to be a fun-filled, family weekend – with a little Rotary mixed in.

La Torretta was designed to be the perfect retreat for a team building experience or a family getaway. We intend for it to be both. Yes, we'll conduct some business and conduct a plenary session or three. But you will have some fun, too.

The festivities will start on Friday night with an opening reception. After that, the hospitality suite will be open for you to enjoy fellowship.

On Saturday, we'll meet in the morning to hold a series of workshops and breakout sessions dealing with the membership challenges presented by changing Texas demographics. Lunch on Saturday will include a short address by our President's Representative, and a mystery theater where members of the audience will include you in a great “who dun it?”

After lunch, unless you REALLY want (or need) to attend the business meeting, the afternoon will be open for you to enjoy the resort and all it has to offer – there will be time for you to participate in a workout at their state-of-the-art fitness center, to play a round of golf or a game of tennis, or to get some pampering at the Spa. We've worked very hard to make sure there wasn't anything that need to be voted on, so even if you do choose to attend the business meeting, it won't last all afternoon. By mid-May it should be warm enough if you want to enjoy the sandy beaches that outline the hotel's quiet lake inlet for digging in the sand to create a castle, sunbathing, or splashing around beautiful Lake Conroe.

Bring the kids! Yes, bring 'em.

Besides having a number of swimming pools, La Torretta also offers a miniature golf course where you and the kids can test your putting skills on a beautifully landscaped, challenging, and yet fun miniature golf course. The course is lighted so you can enjoy a round at night. Clubs and balls are provided at the course, so just come prepared to have fun!

We'll reconvene Saturday evening for a great meal, to hear again from our President's rep, and to recognize our clubs and their members for a great year's work. We will be awarding the RI Service Above Self Award, the Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, the Rotary International Vocational Service Leadership Award, several Club Builder and District Foundation Service Awards, and the Presidential Citations for our clubs, Interact Clubs and Rotaract Clubs.

After that, it's back to the hospitality suite. Did I remember to mention that it's located in the Presidential Suite on the top floor of the hotel?

On Sunday, we'll hold a non-denominational worship service, gather to remember the passing of some great Rotarians and Rotary family members at our traditional Celebration of Life, and hold the 57th Roll of Fame induction ceremony.

And, this year, the conference will end on Sunday with a luncheon at which RI Director-elect Greg Podd install Hanspeter Tobler as our Centennial Governor (yep, he'll be the 100th – I missed it by that much).

As we did earlier this year for the Foundation Dinner, we'll be awarding a Paul Harris Fellowship to the club with the highest number of members in attendance, and to the club with the highest percentage of members in attendance.

Diana and I are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Rich Kaye, Governor, Rotary District 5870