

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY ROOTER



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

APRIL 20, 2012



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President-Elect: Steve Welch
Secretary: Don Shindler
Treasurer: Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms: Kristi Holmes
Weekly Volunteers: Kristi Holmes
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It was great seeing Ken Lewis return to the club last week after a long hiatus. Welcome back, friend!
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?



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, April 20, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

April is Magazine Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Teacher/ Paraprofessional Recognition

This Friday we welcome the teachers, paraprofessionals and their principals to Rotary for our annual celebration of the hard work, talent, and dedication of a teacher and paraprofessional from each of our area schools. The "fun" part of our annual fruit sale fundraiser is giving back to our community through events like today when we honor exceptional people who serve in the RRISD schools. Each school's principal will introduce the honoree teacher and paraprofessional from their school.

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE DURING THE MEETING! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Wayne Lott
Prayer & Pledge: Fred Morgan
Sunshine Basket: Mike Jaggars (time permitting)
50/50 Drawing: none

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

Next Week: - Phillip Finder - "Heroes Night Out"

May 4 Tom Novak "Cal Farley Boys Ranch Rodeo"

May 11 Annual Rotary Scholarship Awards

APRIL Birthdays

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

APRIL Club Anniversaries

05: Don Gonzenbach (10)
08: Michael Childers (1), Dee Haddock (1)
15: Bob Allen (7), Steve Welch (7)
28: Jesus Chavez (6)



WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

Next Board Meeting

May 11 (after the regularly scheduled meeting)

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Audrey Cochran – "Grid Earth"

Last week we learned about a project that was adopted by the Rotary Club of Huntsville, Texas, but began in our own backyard. Audrey Cochran is Co-Founder and CEO of the Austin based organization Grid Earth: www.gridearth.org. Audrey and her husband John worked for years in the electronics industry. During a 2003 trip to Belize they noticed in villages the lack of electricity and the use of kerosene lighting for sight at night. They returned home and established Grid Earth to initially provide a solar panel connected to a rechargeable battery that is capable of running a light emitting diode (LED) for households in Belize.

Greeter: John Knifton
Prayer & Pledge: Bob Rein
Sunshine Basket: Clifton Clyborne
50/50 Drawing: Tim Buckley
Humorist Emeritus: Ray Roark

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

Member Attendance: 63

50:50 Pot Winner: Steve Jennings (\$30)

Rotary Minutes

- Andy Macfarlane promoted a club brewery tour in mid-May; more details to follow.
- John Knifton reported about his fascinating trip to Cuba.

Visiting Rotarians

Eileen Coleman – Austin Centennial
Don Tompkins – Austin Downtown
DG Suresh Pahwa – Austin University

Other Visitors & Guests

Cornel Jones (of Steve Welch)
The Kastberg Family – Stephen, Monica, Natalie (our RYE student) and Nils (of Pat O'Farrell)

Club Member Make-ups

Bob Rein – Cedar Park (4/10)
Pat O'Farrell – Mtg w/Rich Kaye & RYE Home Inspection (4/10)
Nancy Lehmann-Carssow – Willowbrook (3/23)
Hanspeter Tobler – Round Rock (4/12)
Andy Macfarlane – East Austin (4/10)
Terral Smith – Austin Downtown (9/9, 1/17, 1/24)
Oliver Smith – Int'l Projects Committee (4/6), NWAR Board (4/13)
Ryan Zintgraff – eClubOnline (3/23), Glendale, CA (4/3)



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"All "little" magazines have the luxury of thinking the reader is the same person as their editors."

William Whitworth



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

May 11 Scholarship Award Breakfast
May 13 NWAR Party at Nancy's to meet GSE Team
Jun 22 Installation Picnic @ RR Arbor Pointe Events Center

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Apr 23 Austin University Charity Golf Classic
Apr 28 District Assembly - Killeen
May 6-9 RI Convention - Bangkok
May 13 GSE Team Arrives from Australia
May 18-20 Pflugerville Deutschen Pfest
May 19 District Conference Part I – Killeen
Jun 16 District Conference Part II (Lost Pines)
Jul 1-6 RYLA Camp

Pflugerville Deutschen Pfest

Mark your calendars for the Pflugerville Deutschen Pfest on 18 - 20 May!!! Our awesomely great club will be there selling great import beers and the best German brats and sausages known to mankind - and womankind, too! We'll also be lifting up the party atmosphere a few notches because, well, we're just a really FUN group to be around!!! Here's a link for more information: <http://www.pflugervilletx.gov>

CALLING ALL DISTRICT 5870 ROTARIANS

How many Rotarians want to show our military how much we appreciate them? That's right, we ALL do!

So, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 you have the opportunity to attend the first part of our 2012 District Convention in the heart of Texas - Killeen - from mid-morning to mid-afternoon, followed by a guided tour of the world's largest army base (Ft. Hood, Killeen).

And then, how about 1 1/2 days of recreation, entertainment and a fabulous banquet during the June 16th weekend at Hyatt Lost Pines resort. (You all remember this place - it doesn't get any better than a weekend at Lost Pines! Oh, the stories we could tell from the last time we were there...)

Remember Grant Teaff? Baylor's greatest football coach (give Art Briles another ten years and we'll see how he stacks up!) Well, you can hear him speak if you come to Lost Pines! Maybe get him to autograph that program you kept of the Bears "Miracle on the Brazos" victory over the Longhorns in 1974!

Don't wait - register now and avoid the large crowds who wait until the last minute before deciding that, yes, they do want to have fun!

TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS OF THE YEAR, 2011-2012

Anderson Mill Elementary

Teacher - Leah Ionnotti
Para - Celine Kolencherry
Principal – Trana Allen

Brushy Creek Elementary

Teacher - Amanda Jeffrey
Para - Lisa Marrone
Principal – Barry Ryan

Canyon Creek Elementary

Teacher - Kim Flott
Para - Susie Olson
Principal - Eleece Moffatt

Canyon Vista Middle

Teacher - Angela Castro
Para - Brenda Henwood
Principal - Barbara Paris

Caraway Elementary

Teacher - Sandra Menard
Para - Amanda Lutz
Principal - Shelly Hohmann d

Cedar Valley Middle

Teacher - Laurie Humphries
Para - Lou Cordova
Principal – Matt Groff

Deerpark Middle

Teacher - Stephen Teal
Para - Lisa LaFond
Principal - Sonya Hayes

Forest North Elementary

Teacher - Kristen Fournier
Para - Amanda Lajaunie
Principal - Amy Jacobs

Grisham Middle

Teacher - Ulrike Puryear
Para - Amanda Johnston
Principal - Mary Brinkman

Jollyville Elementary

Teacher - Christine Carter
Para - Martha Hernandez
Principal - Sonja Howard

Laurel Mountain Elementary

Teacher - Chrissy Hall
Para - Dixie Holloman
Principal - Jan Richards

Live Oak Elementary

Teacher - Kelly Bradford
Para - Missy Gonzalez
Principal – Mary Morris

McNeil High

Teacher - Pam Veazey
Para - Dee Simpson
Principal – John Yonkers

Pond Springs Elementary

Teacher - Gail Adams
Para – Tracy Doss
Principal - Edie Binns

Purple Sage Elementary

Teacher - Noelix Rivera
Para - Cindy Molina
Principal - Cindy Walker

Spicewood Elementary

Teacher - Megan McGowan
Para - Donna Richards
Principal - Beth June

Wells Branch Elementary

Teacher - Yvonne Moreno
Para - Amy Higgason
Principal – Belinda Cini

Westwood High

T - Milybett Llanos-Gremillion
Para - Jill Ginger
Principal - Becky Donald