

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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# ROTARY ROOTER

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

### APRIL 21, 2017




### 2016-17 CLUB-LEADERS

#### OFFICERS

President:	Kevin Lancaster
President-Elect:	Danny Davila
Secretary:	Greg Rabaey
Treasurer:	Josh Little & Stephen Bentley
Sergeant At Arms:	
Immediate Past President	Sarah Carriker
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
VP Community Service	Danny Davila
VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
VP International Service	Audrey & John Cochran
VP Youth Service	Rick Hoffman
Member-At-Large	Mark Dietz
Member-At-Large	Paul Ott

#### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Communications	Sheila Allee Kershaw
Early Act First Knight	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair	John Voss
Foundation	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising	Sarah Carriker
Membership	Beatriz Zilveti & Don Shindler
Past Presidents Council	
Photographers	Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith
PolioPlus	Kent Miller
Program Committee	David Davis
Website	Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Weekly Meeting Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet



At last week's meeting, we applied Rotary stickers to several hundred Waka Waka solar lamps that will be distributed in Belize villages by Jack & Audrey Cochran as part of a global Rotary grant supported by NWAR and other D5870 clubs.  
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 21, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

***April is Magazine Month***

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

#### Joe Zygarelski, "Healthcare in America Today"

Joe was born on an Air Force Base in South Dakota. He enjoys anything to do with being outside, e.g. boating, skiing, snow skiing. He has two sons, a 19 year old freshman at University of Arizona, and a 16 year old sophomore at Anderson high school. My wife and I will celebrate 25 years of marriage in June of this year. Joe has been at Whorton Insurance Services since May of 1999, helping individuals and employer groups ensure they have the right coverages at the least cost. His degree is from Concordia Lutheran College, now Concordia University. He was always in sales or retail prior to arriving at Whorton Insurance and believes in the customer for life theory. Today, Joe will be discussing healthcare in America and then any insurance topic you would like to ask questions about: For more information, go to: <http://www.whortonins.com/health-insurance/>

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

Greeter: Wayne Thompson  
Prayer & Pledge: Sandy Wahl  
Sunshine Basket: David Davis  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Denny Bubrig  
Setup: Jim Clements

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

**Next Week:** NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards

May 5 Rotary Scholarships Presentation Day  
May 12 Brett Hurt "What makes a Good or Bad CEO today?"

### **APRIL Birthdays**

13: Paul Ott  
18: Allan Adams  
30: Bob Allen

### **APRIL Club Anniversaries**

03: Marietta Silva (2)  
05: Don Gonzenbach (15)  
15: Bob Allen (12), Steve Welch (12)  
28: Jesus Chavez (11)



### **WEBSITES TO KNOW:**

**Club Website:** <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>

Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>

Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)

District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

### **MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS:**

due to frequent changes in club 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

#### **The Cochrans, "Grid Earth Update and Sticker Party"**

At last week's meeting, we participated in our Club's outreach to families without safe lighting. Few of us have traveled to where the solar lights are distributed by the Cochrans with Grid Earth, the nonprofit they created, and supported through our International Committee Solar Light Service Project. We were able to participate through a "sticker party" over breakfast. Besides placing Rotary's stickers on 625 solar lights, we also received a presentation on where the lamps are going and who will receive them. Learn more about Grid Earth and its projects at: <http://www.gridearth.org/about.php>

Greeter: Sarah Carriker  
Prayer & Pledge: Mike Moser  
Sunshine Basket: Rick Hoffman  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Lee Easter  
Setup: David Benjamin  
Humorist Emeritus: Kent Miller

**NOTE: Today's Sunshine Basket proceeds were donated to the Christopher House in honor of Becky Holditch.**

Member Attendance: 49 (of 95 active)  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Jim Bieber (\$38, donated to Sunshine Basket)

### **Rotary Minutes**

- Ken Dickensheets presented Paul Harros Fellow awards to Arval Headrick and Debbie Tam.
- Sandy Wahl and Denny Bubrig gave their classification talks.

### **Visiting Rotarians**

John Tessler – Estes Park, CO

### **Other Visitors & Guests**

Rocky Carriker (of Sarah Carriker)  
Gordon Loomer (of Tom Perkins)  
Jeffrey Mayes (of Henry Mayes)

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

Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial (4/11) & District Assembly (4/15)  
John Voss – NWAR Board Meeting (4/14)  
Allan Adams – Austin Centennial (4/11)

### **Now on Shop Rotary: Young Leaders Promotional Cards**

Want to introduce your community, schools, and prospective members to Rotary's programs for young leaders? These colorful, double-sided promotional cards are an easy yet powerful way to promote your club and district activities. Available in eight languages, order now on Shop Rotary:

<https://shop.rotary.org/avenues-service/youth-service>

or customize your own in the Brand Center.

<https://brandcenter.rotary.org/en-GB/App/Approval/>

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

*"Roses are red, violets are blue, I'm schizophrenic, and so am I."*

Oscar Levant

## NEWS & EVENTS

### **UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS**

May 6 Progressive Dinner (details below)  
May 12 NWAR Board Meeting

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

April 15 Club Leadership Training, Killeen, TX  
May 6 Cedar Park RC Talent Show, 4:00 PM, Vista Ridge HS  
May 19-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni  
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA  
Jun 17 DG & Club Leaders Installation Luncheon, Reunion Ranch - SAVE THE DATE!

### **Save the Date!**

Save the Date and Sign up to Participate in our NWAR Spring Progressive "Kentucky Derby Style" Dinner Party, Saturday, May 6th @ 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Dinner will be hosted by Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, but we still need hosts for the "Hors d'oeuvres and Opening Festivities" and the "Dessert and Home Stretch" portion of the party. You only need to open up your home – all food and beverages will be provided. Please send an email if you are interested to [kristin@austin-catering.com](mailto:kristin@austin-catering.com). Kristin Stephens

### **Save the Date#2!**

Save the date: June 17, 2017! Our club is hosting the Installation Lunch for 2017-18 District Governor Gene Holiman at Reunion Ranch in Georgetown. We will need volunteers to assist with the event. Gene's first act of business will be to install Club Presidents from around the district. We hope you will take part in this special celebration. More details soon.

### **Conference of Rotary Clubs**

This year the Rotary District 5870 - Conference of Rotary Clubs will be held on May 19-21 at the Omni Hotel & Resort in Corpus Christi. **Registration is now open!** Please check the district website for more details: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

### **Register for the 2017 RI Convention**

Don't miss out on your chance to experience the hospitality of the American South and be part of The Rotary Foundation's 100th birthday party. Register now at: <http://www.riconvention.org/en>



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ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

### **Rotary Gun Policy Proposed**

District Governor Bruce Golden has contacted all club Presidents about a change in the rotary gun policy proposed by Rotary International. The proposed policy change is to go into effect on July 1, 2017. Concern has been expressed by the District 5870 team and by club members in the district and nationwide. DG Bruce has stated, "By now I am sure you have heard about RI's new gun policy. We had quite an uproar the day the NRA published the article. I just want each of you to know that, as your District Governor, I hear your frustration and share your concerns. My team and I have already begun conversations with other District and Zone leadership and with Rotary International in an effort to persuade them to reconsider and/or rescind their policy directive and language before it goes into effect on July 1, 2017. Some members are threatening to quit, some are refusing to support TRF in anyway, many are asking for clarification. I have been forwarding all inquiries to Greg Podd (our zone director)."

The new gun policy is summarized in the FAQs:

**What Does This Decision Cover?** The policy only address these elements:

- 1) Rotary clubs/districts are not to conduct guns shows or transfer ownership of weapons;
- 2) Rotary clubs/districts and their events cannot be sponsored by weapons companies;
- 3) The Rotary name and logo are not to be used in combination with the name or logo of an entity that primarily manufactures, or is the primary business of selling weapons;
- 4) The Rotary name and logo are not to be used on weapons.

**What Areas Does This Decision Not Cover?**

- 1) This decision does not limit anyone's right to own or use weapons of any kind. Nor does it make any commentary on the use of weapons.
- 2) This policy still does not restrict any club from using guns in sporting events (e.g., turkey shoots, fox hunts, skeet shoots, etc.)

There are concerns that this change is putting RI into the political realm of taking a stand on gun control while Rotary has always attempted to not be a political organization. Additional concerns are this may be a first step in Rotary taking a stand on other controversial political issues, the policy targets any entity whose primary business is the sale or manufacture of guns, weapons or other armaments, and may have an adverse effect on local club programs, events and fund raisers.

This issue was discussed at our Board meeting last Friday and it was concluded the best course of action was to request input from all concerned members. The board will follow the wishes of the majority of responses. So I can communicate our wishes to the District Governor, please carefully consider this and provide your answer by email to [kevin@silverstarcapitalgroup.com](mailto:kevin@silverstarcapitalgroup.com).

Kevin Lancaster, NWAR President 2016-17