

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN APRIL 8, 2016



2015-16 CLUB-LEADERS

OFFICERS

President:	Sarah Carriker
President-Elect:	Kevin Lancaster
President Nominee:	Ryan Zintgraff
Secretary:	Greg Rabaey
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Ryan Zintgraff
Immediate Past President:	Oliver Smith
VP Club Service:	Tom Perkins
VP Community Service:	Bob Allen
VP Vocational Service:	Jesus Chavez & Chuck Durant
VP International Service:	Audrey & John Cochran
VP Youth Service:	Mike Jaggars
Member-At-Large:	Salvador Apud
Member-At-Large:	Roy Pequeno

SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Communications	Sheila Allee Kershaw
Early Act First Knight	Tim Buckley
Endowment Chair	John Voss
Foundation	Ken Dickensheets
Fundraising	Dave Roan
Membership	Marietta Silva & Oliver Smith
Past Presidents Council	Oliver Smith
Photographers	Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith
PolioPlus	Kent Miller
Program Committee	David Davis
RYLA	Rick Hoffman
Website	Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Weekly Meeting Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet



DG Melinda Osburn presented NWAR President Sarah Carriker with a PolioPlus certificate at last week's meeting honoring our outstanding donations to the cause.

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 8, 2016 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Sarah Carriker, President
April is Magazine Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Laurie Sorrenson, "Ocular Health"

Today we meet Dr. Laurie Sorrenson and her associate Dr. Andrew Kemp. Laurie is President and Owner of Lakeline Vision Source. As an Associate Professor in the University of Houston College of Optometry and Doctor of Optometry she and Andrew will bring us a program on Ocular Health. In 1995 the Texas Optometric Association awarded her the honor of Young Optometrist of the Year and she received the Optometrist of the Year award in 2000. In 2002, Dr. Sorrenson was selected as the University of Houston College of Optometry's Distinguished Alumna of the Year. That same year she gave the commencement address to the University's graduating class. In 2006, she received the Bill Pittman leadership award from the University of Houston College of Optometry. In 2008, she received the Mollie Armstrong public service award from the Texas Optometric Association. She is currently the PAC chair for the Texas Optometric Association. For more information, go to: <http://www.lakelinevision.com/>

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

Greeter: Harry Polly
Prayer & Pledge: Chuck Durant
Sunshine Basket: Gene Holiman
50/50 Ticket Sales: Don Gonzenbach/Brigitte Benquet
Setup: Steven Wilson

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

Next Week: Tiffany Thomas, Shriners Hospital for Children
Apr 22 Joel Lang, CSID Austin, Cybersecurity
Apr 29 Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards – Chavez & Durant

APRIL Birthdays

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

Are there any more April birthdays to celebrate?



APRIL Club Anniversaries

03: Marietta Silva (1)
05: Don Gonzenbach (14)
15: Bob Allen (11), Steve Welch (11)
28: Jesus Chavez (10)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
Club Fruit Sale Website: rotaryfruit.org
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Jennifer Davis, Dell's Philanthropic Efforts

At last week's meeting, Jennifer Jones "JJ" Davis made a return to our club as our guest speaker and updated us on exciting happenings at the global computer giant. JJ joined Dell in Dec. 2000 and currently leads internal and external communications for Dell's Client Solutions (PC) business and Global Brand. JJ also leads the company's women's strategy and marquee program the Dell Women's Entrepreneur Network, founded in 2010 to support women entrepreneurs' success worldwide. She started her public relations and public affairs career at the Arkansas Office of the Governor and has held various communications leadership roles for both corporations and agencies nationwide. JJ is also David Davis' daughter-in-law.

Greeter: Mark Dietz
Prayer & Pledge: Allan Adams
Sunshine Basket: Audrey Cochran
50/50 Ticket Sales: Rick Hoffman
Setup: Kent Duran
Humorist Emeritus: Dave Roon

NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are split between PolioPlus and TRF Annual Fund.

Member Attendance: 49 (of 92 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: Tom Perkins (\$28)

Rotary Minutes

- DG Melinda Osburn presented the club with a PolioPlus certificate of achievement.
- Sarah reminded everyone about the District Assembly on April 16.
- Pat O'Farrell announced that we will have a RYE student next school year and is looking for hosts close to Westwood H.S.

Visiting Rotarians

Jerry Chapman – Cedar Park
Robb Vanderharr

Other Visitors & Guests

David Davis and his 3 sons (of David Davis)

Club Member Make-ups

Corey Ryan – Forest North Library (3/10)



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 make-up: www.rotaryclubone.org

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"People who know little are usually great talkers, while those who know much say little."

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today! NWAR Board Meeting
Apr 24 Lake Party, Mayes Estate
Apr 29 Annual Teachers & Paraprofessional Awards
May 6 Annual NWAR Scholarship Breakfast
Jun 17 Club Installation Picnic

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Apr 16 District Assembly
May 28-6/1 RI Convention – Seoul, South Korea
Jun 23-26 District Conference, Horseshoe Bay Resort
Jun 26 GD Installation Luncheon
Jul 3-8 RYLA Camp, McKinney Roughs in Bastrop

District Assembly – Killeen, April 16

District assembly Club Leader Training in coming:
April 16, 2016, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Central Texas College in Killeen

Please let us know if you would be interested in attending. Any club member can attend and the club pays your fees. There will likely be a coordinated carpooling effort that day. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE!

President Elect Kevin Lancaster

Lake Party at Henry Mayes' Home

We have a Party coming up the 24th of this Month at the Kathy and Henry Mayes Home on lake Travis, 17500 Northlake Hills Drive, Jonestown TX 78645 (Google Maps). This function will be a covered dish affair on a Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM. Kathy and Henry will provide Beverages (Wine, Beer, sodas, water, coffee and tea) along with Pulled Pork, Green Chili Mac and Cheese, and Coleslaw. Rotarians whose names begin with A-L are asked to bring an appetizer and those beginning with M-Z a dessert. The Lake is up and the dock is ready for those who decide to enter via Lake Travis. We WILL have a good time, so come prepared!! We need a head count so be ready to RSVP to this epistle as soon as possible. Tom Perkins, 512 431 1036, vantage@austin.rr.com
*** Tom needs your RSVP no later than April 15! ***

GRANT BRINGS CLEAN WATER TO THOUSANDS IN GHANA

Worldwide, more than 748 million people live without access to clean water and at least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Rotary is working to change that. For example, members used a Rotary grant to drill more than 20 clean-water wells and to repair another 30 in villages across Ghana. The project also included education about and treatment of Buruli ulcer, a debilitating infection that if untreated can lead to disability and death. Nearly 70,000 people will benefit from this initiative.



This week's featured committee report is from the Community Service Committee and VP Bob Allen...

The Community Service Committee has continued to work on the approval of the Grant Applications for 2016. Our regular meeting was cancelled due to the Good Friday Holiday. We will be trying to reschedule for one of the next two Fridays.

Our inaugural Amplify Austin breakfast to spotlight the non-profit organizations we support was a great success. I suggest that we reserve the Friday before the Amplify Austin day as an annual breakfast to recognize our non-profit partner organizations.

Finally, we are working with the Lanier HS FFA to place a Rotary decal on the water tank for their rainwater collection system. As soon as they complete the project, they will be filing their final report, which will close out our paperwork for the 2015 Grant Awards.

COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION TO MEET IN CHICAGO 10-15 APRIL

Representatives from Rotary clubs worldwide will gather in Chicago 10-15 April to consider changes to the policies that guide Rotary International and its member clubs.

The Council on Legislation meets every three years and is an essential part of Rotary's governance. The representatives -- one from each Rotary district -- review and vote on proposals that seek to change Rotary's constitutional documents and on resolutions that express an opinion or make a recommendation to the Rotary International Board of Directors.

Many of this year's proposed changes are designed to increase membership by giving clubs greater flexibility in the timing and the nature of their meetings. Other proposals would amend membership requirements.

Over the decades, Council representatives have debated virtually every nuance of Rotary policy and membership and attendance rules. The five-day meeting is one of Rotary's primary agents for change, allowing the organization to evaluate and enhance its relevance in a rapidly changing world.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Your club or district can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships. The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary campaigns such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.