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At last week's meeting, we inducted our newest member. Josh Reelev, shown on the right with his sponsor, Past President and Past District Governor Tim Buckley at left. Welcome, Josh! photo by Harold Coleman

Rotary's "4-Way Test":

1. Is it theTRUTH?

2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, May 15, 2015 – 7:00 A.M. Meeting at Balcones Country Club Call to Order – Oliver Smith, President

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jeff Barger, Manager, Constituent Outreach

Jeff Barger, Outreach Manager, Gulf of Mexico Program, is a biologist by training, having studied biology as an undergrad and aquatic ecosystems of the inter mountain west as a graduate student at Idaho State University. Before his current position with Ocean Conservancy, Jeff worked with some of the nation's largest conservation organizations. He served as a restoration biologist for the Nature Conservancy and an aquatic habitat specialist for the National Wildlife Federation. For that last 10 years he has focused his work on fisheries policy, education and outreach in the Gulf of Mexico. You can learn much more about the program at: http://www.oceanconservancy.org/. You can contact Jeff via email at jbarger@oceanconservancy.org.

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

Greeter: Larry Eichenbaum Prayer & Pledge: Bob Allen

Sunshine Basket: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow

50/50 Ticket Sales: Greg Rabaey

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):
Next Week: Laura Huffman, The Texas Nature Conservancy Part 2
May 29 Kirk Bohls, "Everything Sports... Inside Perspective"

Jun 5 Mike Robertson, "The Art of Readiness"

MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum09: Andy Macfarlane10: Hanspeter Tobler

27: David King



MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (30), Jim Henry (25), Durriyah Chinwalla (20)

02: Allan Adams (7)

04: Kent Duran (8) 07: Dave Roon (5)

09: Jim Bieber (1)

29 Andy Macfarlane (6)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: http://www.nwaustinrotary.org

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

Club Fruit Sale Website: rotaryfruit.org

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, 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.rotarveclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Mike O'Krent, "Listening -

Uncovering the Forgotten Communication Tool"

At last week's meeting, Mike O'Krent, the founder of LifeStories Alive, LLC, talked to us about "Listening — Uncovering the Forgotten Communication Tool." In Mike's thought-provoking presentation, he taught us the basics of being a good listener, including how to listen with your whole body, and he demonstrated to us all how to truly connect more closely with family members, customers, clients and other Rotarians!

Mike's company, LifeStories Alive, LLC, makes personal history videos for families that value their heritage. You can learn more about Mike's efforts at his website: www.lifestoriesalive.com and you can contact Mike at 512-431-8166 or via email at mokrent@lifestoriesalive.com

Greeter: Mike Jaggers Prayer & Pledge: Kent Miller Sunshine Basket: Steve Welch 50/50 Ticket Sales: Mark Dietz Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 47

50:50 Pot Winner: Jim Henry (\$35)

Rotary Minutes

- Jim Henry inducted Josh Reeley, sponsored by Tim Buckley with the classification of Information Technology, as our newest member
- Lanier High Scool Principal Ryan Hopkins thanked us for the scholarships and the Refugee Garden.
- Mariette Silva, an agent with New York Life, gave her classification talk
- Kent Miller announced that the club donated \$2,500to PolioPlus from our sunshine basket contributions.

Visiting Rotarians

Roger McLain - Austin Westlake

Other Visitors & Guests

Ryan Hopkins (of Nancy Lehmann-Carssow)
Josh Reeley (of Tim Buckley)
Emma Sue Smallwood (of Tom Perkins)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – District Conference (5/1-3)
Jack & Audrey Cochrane – District Conference (5/1-3)
Oliver Smith – District Conference (5/1-3)

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Grief can take care of itself, but to get full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with."

Mark Twain (by way of Tim Buckley)



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today Board Meeting

May 15 International Committee Meeting
May 25 Round Rock Veterans Memorial Ceremony

June 26 Installation Picnic (details to follow)

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Jun 6-9 RI Convention – Sao Paolo, Brazil

Jun 20 DG Installation Banquet, 11:00 AM @ The Oasis

Jun 28-7/3 RYLA

July 10 Marble Falls Annual Fish Fry, 4:30 PM, Lakeside

Pavillion

Aug 15 District Foundation Seminar, 8:00 AM, Georgetown

Health Foundation

Sep 11-12 Bi-District Reunion, Marriott Courtyard, Harlingen

Dedication Ceremony

The Round Rock Veterans Monument will be dedicated on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25 with a ceremony beginning at 10:30 AM at the Veterans Park, 600 Pecan Avenue in Round Rock. A plaque honoring NWAR charter member PDG Ken Braselton and his service as a B-17 flight instructor during World War II was purchased by NWAR members and will be a part of this memorial. Please join us at the dedication ceremony on Memorial Day.

Name Tag Announcement

It is my pleasure to handle a little admin task for the club -- name tag orders. If you need a spelling correction, a replacement or just an extra nametag to keep on hand, please send me your name and your classification and I will take care of it for you. I am planning to put the order in after the May 22 meeting. All the best!

Marietta Silva, cell: 512.415.7218

<u>Discover the Potential of New Generations Service</u> <u>Exchange</u>

Looking for a powerful new way to engage young people through service? Discover the potential of New Generations Service Exchange, which allows young leaders up to age 30 to realize their strengths while using their skills to help others. With the flexibility of New Generations Service Exchange — and its strong vocational service focus — your district can design exchange experiences for young professionals in law, technology, music, or public health. Build on your existing networks through Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Friendship Exchange, and twin-club relationships to share ideas and build exchange partnerships with districts worldwide. See how District 5490 (parts of Arizona and California, USA) welcomed New Generations Service Exchange participants at this website: http://www.rotaryleader-en.org/rotaryleader-en/en201407?pg=3#pg3

Fellow NWARC Members, below is a reprint of the handout from Mike O'Krent's presentation last week in case you did not get one

10 Helpful Hints to Become a Better Listener

- 1. Listen with your whole body eyes, ears, (use all your senses)
- Avoid audible sounds while someone else is taking "uh huh", "right", "umm",
- Don't interrupt!
 - a. Pause after their last comment
 - Exercise #1 the next thing you say after they finish must include a word from the last sentence they utter
 - Exercise #2 wait at least a full second (count to yourself, "one thousand one")
 - Watch their body language intently to be sure they are really finished expressing their thought
- 4. Keep your comments to a minimum
- Ask more questions than you answer using:
 - a. Sincere interest
 - b. Genuine curiosity

(Make sure the questions have to do with what they are talking about)

- 6. Your non-verbal communication is very important
 - Maintain eye contact (harder to do in a crowded-room social situation)
 - b Lean forward
 - . Nod your head, but don't be a bobble-head!
- Stay "present" don't let your mind wander off somewhere else; stay interested and engaged
- 8. Smile when appropriate; show concern with your facial expression when appropriate
- Show and have respect for the speaker (person you are listening to)
- Repeat what they say. "So if I understand you correctly, ______. Is that correct?"
- 11. (Bonus hint) Be yourself Nobody likes a fake.

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D5870 Installation Brunch

You are invited to attend the DG Installation Brunch. It will be held on June 20 at 11am at the Oasis, 6550 Comanche Trail, Austin. The cost of the tickets are \$49.50 for adults, kids 12-6 are half-price and kids under 6 are free. Information and registration details can be found at the district website under the Events menu: http://portal.clubrunner.ca/60098