

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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# ROTARY ROOTER



## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN MAY 20, 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 Jagers
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



Last week, Steven Wilson presented a Rotary club banner from his recent visit to Liverpool, England. Accepting the banner is current club president Sarah Carriker.

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, May 20, 2016 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Sarah Carriker, President

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Cielo Ruiz Vinuesa, RYE Student EOY Report

Cielo is from Granada, Spain, and she has spent the 2015-2016 academic year in Austin as our sponsored RYE student. She attended Anderson H.S. and stayed with her host mom, NWAR member Virginia Hart. Today, she will recap her adventures during her year in the United States.

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

Greeter: Jerry McCulley  
Prayer & Pledge: Gene Holiman  
Sunshine Basket: Paul Ott  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Steven Wilson  
Setup: Jim Clements

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

**Next Week:** Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, Consul General of Mexico  
Jun 3 Judge Janice Law – American Evita: Lurleen Wallace  
Jun 10 Eric Taleef – Damascus Steel

### MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum  
09: Andy MacFarlane  
10: Hanspeter Tobler  
27: David King



### MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (31), Jim Henry (26), Durriyah Chinwalla (21)  
02: Allan Adams (8)  
04: Kent Duran (9)  
07: Dave Roon (6)  
08: Josh Reeley (1)  
09: Jim Bieber (2)  
25: Angie Caffey (9)  
29 Andy MacFarlane (7)

### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

**Club Website:** <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>  
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://www.rotaryfruit.org)  
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.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.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### David King, Austin Neighborhoods Council

Last week, David King – no, not our NWAR member David King, but David King, VP of the Austin Neighborhoods Council – pinch hit for our scheduled speaker and told us about some of the issues facing the city and how the council works to resolve them. Founded in 1973, the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) is among Austin's oldest and most prominent community organizations. The ANC was created to be the city-wide umbrella organization to support neighborhood interests. The ANC's motto is "Strength Through Unity" and reflects the successful collaboration that has been fostered between a wide range of separate associations. For more information, go to: <http://ancweb.org/about-anc/>

Greeter: Beatriz Zilveti  
Prayer & Pledge: David Benjamin  
Sunshine Basket: Terrel Smith  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Jim White  
Setup: Steven Wilson  
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 50 (of 92 active)  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Damon Holditch (\$20)

### Rotary Minutes

- Steven Wilson presented a banner from Liverpool, England.
- Tom Perkins reminded us about the Annual NWAR Installation Picnic at Marquee Events on June 17.
- Travis Sparkman gave his classification talk.
- Ken Dickensheets gave a TRF minute and reminded us there are still matching points available, especially for new members.
- Hanspeter plugged the Bi-District Reunion.
- Beatriz invited us to go bowling on May 17.

### Visiting Rotarians

none

### Other Visitors & Guests

none

### Club Member Make-ups

Steven Wilson – Liverpool, England (5/6)  
Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial (5/10)

### Congratulations to the Ryans!

Fellow Rotarians, please join me in congratulating Corey and Veronica Ryan on the joyful arrival of their son, Oliver Mark. Oliver was born May 18th, weighing 7 lbs, 10 oz. Congratulations, Ryan family!



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."*

Arthur Schopenhauer

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Jun 10 NWAR Board Meeting  
Jun 17 Club Installation Picnic

### Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 28-6/1 RI Convention – Seoul, South Korea  
Jun 24-26 District Conference, Horseshoe Bay Resort  
Jun 26 GD Installation Luncheon (details below)  
Jul 3-8 RYLA Camp, McKinney Roughs in Bastrop

### Celebration of Life Service

Conference of Rotary Clubs - June 24-26  
Sunday Morning, June 26

We need your notification and information about the Rotarians in your clubs who died so we can remember and honor them. Send photo if possible. Email to both persons with info and photo:

- Melinda Osburn [melindaosburndg2015@gmail.com](mailto:melindaosburndg2015@gmail.com)
- Kent Miller [kent.kcm@gmail.com](mailto:kent.kcm@gmail.com)

### Volunteer Opportunity

We're looking for 3 volunteers to go to Forest North Elementary next Friday, 5/27, from 1pm to 2:30pm to read aloud to students. Should be fun! The school year wraps up on June 2nd--let's help them have a great finish to the year. Forest North Elementary is located at 13414 Broadmeade Ave, Austin, TX 78729.

### Annual NWAR Installation Picnic

You and your family are invited to our Annual Installation Picnic.

When: June 17, 6:00 – 8:30 PM  
Where: Marquee Event Group  
4616 W. Howard Ln, Bldg 4, Ste 400  
Cost: Adults \$30 pp; Children (6-12) \$17.50 pp

Wine tasting before and during dinner, also non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by June 10 to Tom Perkins at [vantage@austin.rr.com](mailto:vantage@austin.rr.com) or phone 512-431-1036.

### Registration for 2016 Bi-District Reunion is Open

This is the 32nd year we celebrate our friendship with our Mexican friends. (Remember... the Mexicans know how to party much better than we do!)

Date: Sep 16-18, 2016  
Town: McAllen, TX  
Hotel: Doubletree McAllen  
\$109/nite, includes breakfast  
Cost: \$150/person for early birds (\$200 reg.)

It's going to be a multi-District reunion this year - D4130 (northern Mexico), D5870 (central Texas – that's us) and D5930 (Rio Grande Valley). In addition we are going to invite the district of San Antonio and the 2 Houston districts. You can register online at the D5870 website. Thanks, Hanspeter



**This week's featured committee report is from the Youth Service Committee and VP Mike Jagers...**

Without any updates to report, I thought it appropriate to reprint this information about RYE...

Rotary places 8.000 students around the world each year to study and broaden their cultural knowledge and experience. The RYE program is well recognized as one of the best administered programs and is also the most economical because it's all run by volunteers. Students in non-Rotary programs tell me that RYE is about half of the cost of private programs.

A few facts about Rotary Youth Exchange:

- Students participating in RYE must interview at two levels for the program. The vetting process is very thorough and competitive. Students are generally in the top 10% of their class.
- The student's biological parents are also interviewed to ascertain their support for the program and must be financially capable of supporting their child.
- Students must maintain a 'C' average and must attend class every day. This is not a travel or entertainment program.
- Students are fully insured for medical emergencies through a recognized program for international students.
- The student's application includes a medical and dental check-up and history.
- The student's transcript and recommendations from her teachers and principal are required.
- Rotary provides a monthly stipend, \$125 per month, for day-to-day expenses.
- Host parents are expected to provide room & board and do not receive any stipend – a full explanation is included in the "Guide for Host Families" (will be forwarded upon request).
- The local Rotary club sponsoring this student provides a legal guardian and a same gender counselor and other levels of support for the student and host families.
- When the students apply they must agree to the 5 "D's" – no drugs (smoking), drinking, driving, dating (one on one) and no excessive data. Communication with family and friends back home is permitted but not to excess.

Rotary International has many youth programs but this is clearly recognized as one of the best. RI's motto is simple, "world peace, one exchange student at a time". **NWAR is hosting a student, Maria Morata Lopez, a 16-year-old girl during the 2016/2017 academic year. She is enrolled at Westwood H.S. and will remain there for both semesters. We need your help in finding other potential host families that live in the Westwood school district. We already have 1 host family for the 1st semester and are looking for 1 to 2 host families for the 2nd semester. If you think you might know someone that would be interested, contact me or Brigitte Benquet for more information.** Pat O'Farrell, Past President, NWAR