

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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ROTARY ROOTER



ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN MAY 23, 2014



2013-14 CLUB-LEADERS

President:	Patrick O'Farrell
President-Elect:	Oliver Smith
Secretary:	Don Shindler
Treasurer:	Josh Little
Sergeant At Arms:	Ryan Zintgraff
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Membership	Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
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Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Club Historian	George Lewis
Photographers	Oliver Smith/HP Tobler
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VP Community Service	Bob Allen
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Publicity	
Website	Sheila Allee
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RYLA	Mike Jagers
Interact	Mike Jagers/Mike Moser
	Casey Castle

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 Rotary Youth Exchange
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 Special Project (EAFK)
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 Hanspeter Tobler
 Nancy Lehmann-Carsow
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 John & Audrey Cochrane
 Jim White
 Tony Thompson
 Mary McCaffity
 John Knifton



Hanspeter Tobler is inducted as District Governor 2014-15 at last weekend's District Conference at La Toretta Resort, Montgomery, TX. At left is Hanspeter's wife, Marla, while current DG Rich Kaye is at right. photo courtesy of Hanspeter

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?

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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, May 23, 2014 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Patrick O’Farrell, President

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Joel Hurt – “Joint Replacement Surgery”

Chuck Durant will introduce us to Joel Hurt, M.D., a board-certified orthopedic surgeon trained in all aspects of arthroscopic orthopedic procedures (you may have heard it called "scoping") and sports medicine. Dr. Hurt is an Austin native, growing up in Rollingwood and attending Westlake High School where he was a member of the swim team. He attended medical school at UT Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, one of the top 20 medical schools in the nation. Dr. Hurt will visit with us about "Shoulder Pain in Middle Age and Common Diagnosis and Treatment Options." For more information, go to: <http://www.joelhurtmd.com/>

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

Greeters: George Kissinger
Prayer & Pledge: David Lott
Sunshine Basket: Chuck Space
50/50 Ticket Sales: Kent Duran

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

Next Week: Terral Smith – “Mining – A Primer”
June 6 John D. Doty – “Nicaraguan Clinic Global Grant”
June 13 Sue & Mart Hoffman – Capital City Village

MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum
09: Andrew Macfarlane
10: Hanspeter Tobler
22: Shelly Hohmann
27: David King



Are there any more May birthdays to celebrate?

MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (29), Jim Henry (24), Durriyah Chinwalla (19)
02: Allan Adams (6)
04: Kent Duran (7)
07: Dave Roon (4)
25: Angela Caffey (7)
29 Andrew Macfarlane (5)

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to clubs frequently changing their meeting times and places, it is best to go to the Rotary District 5870 website and click on the When and Where Clubs Meet link under the Clubs tab for a list of area club meetings.

Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Nikki Edwards – RYE Student

Our Speaker last week was Niikki Edwards, a former Northwest Austin Sponsored Exchange Student to Belgium in 2008, who related her Rotary experiences to us. Since then, she has contributed to various other New Generations programs such as Rotaract and RYLA. Last year she was awarded an Ambassadorial Scholarship by the College Station Rotary Club and spent nearly a full year in China, studying and volunteering with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Beijing. Nikki recently graduated from Texas A&M where she received a double major in International Communications & Media and Anthropology.

Greeters: Don Gonzenbach
Prayer & Pledge: Virginia Hart
Sunshine Basket: David Davis
50/50 Ticket Sales: Linden Welsch
Humorist Emeritus: Dave Roon

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

Member Attendance: 49
50:50 Pot Winner: Ken Dickensheets (\$19)

Rotary Minutes

- Foundation Chair Ken Dickensheets announced that the club will soon make contributions on behalf of par producers.
- D5870 vocational scholarships were announced on the website.
- Kim Krahn's donated photographs were auctioned for \$95 and \$75, donated to the club operating funds.
- Speaker Nicole Edwards presented the club with a banner from the Beijing Rotary Club, made up entirely of ex-patriots.
- Kent Miller plugged PolioPlus and urged members to honor their pledges by June 30.

Visiting Rotarians

none

Other Visitors & Guests

none

Club Member Make-ups

Ditas Hall – District Conference (5/17-18)
Ken Dickensheets – District Conference Committee (5/14)
Oliver Smith – New Member Orientation (5/13)
Tony Thompson – Capital Rotary Club (5/13), Rotary Club (5/15)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: [http:// www.nwaustinrotary.org](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
D5870 Special Site: <http://rotary4you.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it's time to pause and reflect. ”

Mark Twain



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

June 13 NWAR Board Meeting
June 27 NWAR Installation Picnic (details to follow)
Sep 26 Fruit Sale Kickoff

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 31 Cedar Park RC 25th Anniversary Party
Jun 1-4 RI Conference – Sydney, Australia

Date for Installation Picnic Set

Mark your calendars for the Installation Picnic on June 27th from 6:00-9:30 PM. This year will be special - we will have the picnic under a tent at Damon Holditch's facility and Kristen Stephens' catering company will present the meal. Getting to know our members' businesses and having a great time is a WIN-WIN event. Come celebrate a super year under Pat's leadership and commit to support of our new president, Oliver Smith. More details to follow.

Cedar Park RC's 25th Anniversary Party

On Saturday, May 31st, Cedar Park Rotary will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a party. Since the NW Austin club helped to found the club, Cedar Park president Audrey Wernecke would like to invite us to attend their anniversary party. Here are some details:

Time: 6:00 PM
Cost: \$30 per person
Where: Clark Residence
124 Forest Trl
Leander, TX 78641

Please RSVP to Audrey: audreyw@pgarchitects.com

D4130 Governor Miguel Yga Canavati Installation

The installation of our good friend, Miguel Yga Canavati, as the district governor of D4130 will take place at 8:00 PM on June 27 at the Hotel President Intercontinental insane Pedro Garza Garcia, N.I. If club members are interested in attending, email anabelrdz73@gmail.com for reservations or more detailed information.

Rotary Youth Exchange Shaped My Life

by Denise DiNoto, Rotary Club of Colonie-Guiderland, New York, USA
In August 1990, I left my hometown in rural upstate New York, for a year as an exchange student to Tasmania, Australia. The experience helped shape my adult life, as it has for many other exchange students. However, my situation was unique because I was one of the first students with a mobility impairment to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange.

At the time of my exchange, I was able to walk short distances but used a manual wheelchair for the majority of my community mobility. I was unable to independently climb stairs, stand from a low chair, climb into

a bathtub, or pick myself off the floor if I fell, which I did quite gracefully about once every month.

There were people who doubted how well I would do in an exchange because of my disability. They questioned how I would thrive in a foreign country and if I could ask strangers for help. Some wondered how I would participate in exchange activities, such as the nearly month-long tour around Australia – a highlight of the exchange. A few even suggested I excuse myself from the tour because I might be a burden on other students with my need for regular assistance.

But Rotarians believed in me, selecting me to be a representative of my country and Rotary. When others questioned my decision to leave home at age 16 and live for a year on the other side of the world, Rotarians gave me a chance to live my dream. Rotarians supported and encouraged me throughout my year abroad. Because Rotarians believed in me, I became more confident in my abilities.

Lessons I learned during my exchange still resonate. Independence is not doing everything on your own. It is recognizing that asking for help can increase your opportunity to fully engage in the activities of your choice. Strength is not the ability to climb Kings Canyon with 80 other exchange students. It is advocating for your rights when facing discrimination from those in power. Home is not just the place you were born. Home can be wherever you find love and friendship.

As part of the arrangement with Tasmania, my home club also welcomed an exchange student with a disability. Samantha “Sam” Brundle was born with a rare congenital heart defect and came to New York on exchange in 1995. My parents hosted Sam, and her year started her on a course she could never have imagined. Returning to Australia, she went to work for Club Med, met the love of her life, married, and settled in Sydney. Her family was told at birth she would live just a few years. Samantha died in 2006 at the age of 30.

I will always be grateful to those special Rotarian supporters, in the United States and in Australia. I hope they fully understand how much their confidence transformed me into a confident, well-rounded adult. Now that I am a Rotarian, I am honored to be back in the Rotary family, performing service for others.

Denise DiNoto works as an outreach advocate for people with disabilities at Consumer Directed Choices and has held title and leadership roles with the Ms. Wheelchair America advocacy program. Active in the community, she is president of The College of St. Rose Alumni Association and a member of the Colonie-Guiderland, New York, Rotary Club.