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Rotary International President 2012-13

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

MAY 24, 2013

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Fundraising	Tom Perkins
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At a recent meeting, our inbound RYE delegate Anna Doerfler, shown here with NWAR New Generations VP Kristi Holmes, gave an excellent presentation on her year in the states. We will miss her.

photo by Hanspeter Tobler

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?**

ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, May 24, 2013 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Steve Welch, President

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Susie Petersen, House of Friends

Susie Peterson, Director of the House of Friends and Linda Chambers, R.N., Assistant Director, will visit with us today. They will present a two-part program, telling us how the House of Friends and Alzheimer Respite programs help the person with Alzheimer's as well as, the caregivers and, importantly, telling us what to do when a family member or loved one shows signs of dementia - resources available to help prepare the family for this extended period of time. For more information on this NWAR-supported organization, go to: http://bethanyhof.org/

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

Greeter: John Knifton
Prayer & Pledge: Oliver Smith
Sunshine Basket: Clifton Clyborne
50/50 Ticket Sales: Jeanne Durbin

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):
Next Week: Visiting GSE Team from the Philippines
June 7 Jim Lux – "Hot Stuff" Commemoration
June 14 Ryan Crowder - "Penfold Theater"

MAY Birthdays

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

MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (28), Jim Henry (23), Durriyah Chinwalla (18)
02: Allan Adams (5)
04: Kent Duran (6)
07: Dave Roon (3)
25: Angela Caffey (6)
29 Andrew Macfarlane (4)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:
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Club Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary
District 5870: http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/
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Rotary International: http://www.rotary.org/

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to clubs occasionally changing their meeting times and places, it is best to go to the Rotary District 5870 website and click on the When/Where Clubs Meet link for a list of area club meetings.
Online Rotary Club makeup: www.rotaryeclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Pam LeBlanc - "Fit City"

Pam LeBlanc, who writes the weekly "Get Fit" column in the Austin American-Statesman, was last week's guest speaker. A native of Michigan, she grew up in Austin before attending Texas A&M. Besides her personal fitness, including biking to work, swimming with a swim team and running with her girlfriends, Pam loves to travel, so you may have seen some of her articles tying her fitness passion to her travels. Pam expounded upon the many options for fitness in Austin. From stand-up paddle boating to hula dancing, Pam revealed to us what's out there and how to get involved.

Greeter: Gene Holiman
Prayer & Pledge: Oliver Smith
Sunshine Basket: Homer Goering
50/50 Ticket Sales: Jeanne Durbin
Humorist Emeritus: Ray Roark

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

Member Attendance: 47
50:50 Pot Winner: Shelly Hohmann ($18)

Rotary Minutes

- Foundation Chair Ken Dickensheets announced that D5870 set a record for benefactors pledging to TRF.

Visiting Rotarians

Mike Hanley – Westlake
Ann Graham – Minneapolis
Lauri Thomas – The Woodlands

Other Visitors & Guests

Douglas Zintgraff (of Ryan Zintgraff)

Club Member Make-ups

Hanspeter Tobler - NWAR Board Meeting (5/10) & District Foundation (5/11), Waco (5/14, Round Rock (5/16)
Pat O'Farrell – Strategic Planning (5/10), Conf Planning (5/16)
Ken Dickensheets – NWAR Board (5/10), Strategic Planning (5/10)
Oliver Smith – District Foundation (5/11)
Lee Easter – NE Austin (5/14)
Andy Macfarlance – South Austin (5/17)

West Texas Explosion

Rotary District 5870 Keyway is now accepting contributions to address the aftermath by helping the community rebuild/replace essential services, equipment and infrastructure. Please send your contributions to: District 5870 KeyWay
PO Box 86
Shiner, TX 77984

All contributions are tax deductible, and 100% of funds collected goes directly to providing service to the community of West.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"LEARN from yesterday, LIVE for today, and HOPE for tomorrow."

Anonymous

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

May 30 – Happy Hour at Freda's, 5:00-7:00 PM
June 13 FIA Caregivers Benefit Play (see below)
June 14 NWAR Board Meeting
July 12 Annual Club Installation Picnic (details below)

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

5/31-6/2 D5870 Conference of Rotary Clubs
6/23-26 RI Convention – Lisbon, Portugal
6/30-7/5 RYLA Camp
July 15 Libraries of Love Trip to Uganda

Let's Go to the Theatre!

Treat your Significant Other (and yourself)! How about a night of live theatre? Way Off Broadway Community Players of Leander is presenting "The Dixie Swim Club" on Thursday nite, June 13. This is a fundraiser for Faith in Action Caregivers NW, an organization supported by NWAR. Tickets are $30, $20 of which is tax-deductible. Curtain time is 8:00 PM. Raffle of valuable gifts and door prizes starts at 7:00 PM, with refreshments.

The play is about five Southern women whose friendships began many years ago on their college swim team. They set aside a long weekend every August to recharge those relationships. They meet at the same beach cottage on North Carolina's Outer banks to catch up, laugh and meddle in each other's lives. The play focuses on four of those weekends and spans a period of 33 years. As their lives unfold and the years pass, these women increasingly rely on one another through advice and raucous repartee, to get through the challenges (men, sex, marriage, parenting, divorce, aging) that life flings at them. Lots of belly laughs and humorous reflection! Contact Homer Goering for tickets. Email: txcrdnl@sbcglobal.net Ph: 512-337-7256

Wild Poliovirus Reported in Somalia

A case of type 1 polio has been reported in the Banadir region of Somalia, the country's first case since March 2007. In response to the outbreak, an immunization campaign is scheduled to take place 14-16 May, aimed at reaching more than 350,000 children in the Banadir region.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued a surveillance alert for Somalia and bordering areas of northern Kenya and eastern Ethiopia, highlighting the need for urgent searches for additional cases of acute flaccid paralysis and suspected polio in all health facilities. WHO has also advised all countries in Africa and the eastern Mediterranean region to heighten their surveillance for polio virus.

While only three countries remain polio-endemic -- Nigeria, Pakistan, and Afghanistan -- the world is at risk of outbreaks until all three stop the virus. Continued support for polio eradication is needed to ensure that the progress gained is not lost.

Annual NWAR Installation Picnic

COME ONE, COME ALL to the annual installation picnic on July 12, 2013. Thank Steve and his crew for their leadership this past year and welcome Pat and his new board.

- When: July 12, 2013 from 6 to 9 PM
- Where: Ott's party venue in Round Rock (same as last year except we can eat indoors).
- What: BBQ and all the fixins' plus beer/wine. $20 per person.

RSVP to Jerry McCulley ...jerry@themcculleyteam.com or 512-496-5515. **DON'T MISS IT!!!!**

May Message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka

From the moment I was nominated as Rotary International president, I knew I would choose a theme that would focus on peace. This is why I planned three peace forums – to give Rotarians an opportunity to think about peace, to talk about peace, and to share their ideas on building peace together. The final Rotary Global Peace Forum takes place this month in Hiroshima, Japan.

We hear the word peace every day. But most of us spend little time thinking about what peace is. On its simplest level, we can define peace by what it is not. It is a state of no war, no violence, and no fear. It means that you are not in danger of hunger, or persecution, or the suffering of poverty.

But we can also define peace by what it is, and by what it can be. Peace can mean freedom of thought and of speech, freedom of opinion and of choice, and the ability for self-determination. It can mean security, confidence in the future – a life and home in a stable society. On a more abstract level, peace can mean a sense of happiness, of inner serenity, of calm.

However we use the word, however we understand peace, Rotary can help us to achieve it. Rotary helps us to meet the basic needs of others – to provide health care, sanitation, food, and education when and where they are most needed. It helps to meet the inner needs as well, for friendship, connection, and caring. And Rotary helps us to build peace in its most traditional sense, by reducing the causes of conflict. It builds bridges of friendship and tolerance among people and nations. It helps us to understand one another.

However we define peace, whatever peace means to us, we can bring it closer through service. Peace, in all of the ways that we can understand it, is a real goal, and a realistic goal for Rotary. Peace is not something that can only be achieved through treaties, by governments, or through heroic struggles. It is something that we can find, and that we can achieve – every day, and in many simple ways.

And so I thank you for your commitment to Peace Through Service – and to a Rotary goal of a more peaceful world.