

THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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The Australian GSE Team gave a wonderful presentation on the Land Down Under at last week's meeting! Left to right above are Michael "Mick" Quirk, Kylie Morrow, Jenny Gleeson, Joanne "Jo" Vinci and Team Leader Steve Coady at the podium.

photo by Oliver Smith

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 25, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Nancy Lehmann-Carsow, Past President

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Susan Sloan, "Wind – a Texas Energy Option"

Susan Williams Sloan has spent ten years working in the renewable energy field. In her role at American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), Susan promotes state and federal policies, educates allied organizations about the wind industry and addresses issues related to social acceptance and support of wind energy. As Director of State Relations, Susan leads a team working on state policy issues including market development, taxes, siting, transmission, distributed and community wind. Susan was instrumental in developing and then serving as staff liaison to AWEA's Community Wind Working Group and was also on the advisory committee for the National Renewable Energy Lab's Wind Powering America program. Susan's public affairs background includes working for elected officials in Texas, cable and broadcast media interests at the local, state and federal levels, and companies in Texas and Hong Kong.

PLEASE RESPECTFULLY TURN CELL PHONES OFF OR TO VIBRATE DURING THE MEETING! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Rebecca Whitehouse
Prayer & Pledge: Dave Corna
Sunshine Basket: none today
50/50 Ticket Sales: Kristin Stephens
Classification Talks: Rich Barbee & Bob Rein

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

Next Week: - Kirk Watson – "Austin Med School & Legislative Update"

Jun 8 International Rotary Youth – RYE

Jun 15 Gregory Shields, PhD/Ms. Alyx Stevens, UT Austin

MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum
06: Ed Dusek
07: Richard Kerr
09: Andrew Macfarlane
10: Hanspeter Tobler
22: Shelly Hohmann
27: David King



MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (27), Jim Henry (22), Durriyah Chinwalla (17)
02: Allan Adams (4) 04: Kent Duran (5)
06: Ken Lewis (5) 07: Dave Roon (2)
25: Angela Caffey (5)
29: Richard Kerr (3), Andrew Macfarlane (3)

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.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Australian Group Study Exchange Team

Last week we learned about the Land Down Under from our Australian GSE Team members Michael "Mick" Quirk, Kylie Morrow, Jenny Gleeson, Joanne "Jo" Vinci and Team Leader Steve Coady. They spoke of everything from Australia's government, to wildlife, sports and economy. For more information, visit their Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/D9465.Texas.GSE>

Greeter: Krisit Holmes
Prayer & Pledge: Kent Miller
Sunshine Basket: Mike Jaggars
50/50 Ticket Sales: Mike Jaggars
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 58

50:50 Pot Winner: Henry Mayes (\$27, donated back to club)

Rotary Minutes

- Several members were recognized for their involvement in Jr Achievement and our club won Spicewood Elementary School's "Volunteer of the year."
- We will be donating fans and/or A/Cs to Family Eldercare again this year.

Visiting Rotarians

Woody Engebretson – Cedar Park
Rich Kaye – Killeen Heights
Jerry Chapman – Lago Vista

Other Visitors & Guests

Al Lopez (of Woody Engebretson)
Jeanna Akridge (of Larry Eichenbaum)
Marla Tobler (of Hanspeter Tobler)
Cathy Morgan (of Fred Morgan)
Barbara Miller (of Kent Miller)

Club Member Make-ups

Ken Dickensheets – District Membership Meeting (5/4)
Hanspeter Tobler – Austin Centennial (5/15)
Pat O'Farrell – Meeting with R. Price (5/15)
Bill Estes – Mayes Party (3/25), eClub Online (5/10), Chesterfield, MO (5/10)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

THOUGHT FOR THIS MEMORIAL DAY:

"If our country is worth dying for in time of war, let us resolve that it is truly worth living for in time of peace."

Hamilton Fish



NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Jun 8 **NWAR Board Meeting**

Jun 22 Installation Picnic, RR Arbor Pointe Events Ctr, 6:30 PM

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 16-6/16 GSE Team from Australia
Jun 15-17 District Conference Part II (Lost Pines)
Jun 30 District Officers Installation Dinner, 3:00 PM
Jul 1-6 RYLA Camp
Jul 13 63rd Annual Marble Falls Fish Fry

Installation Picnic Details

June 22nd - NWAustin Rotary Installation Picnic at Arbor Pointe Events Center in Round Rock. This is the installation of new officers and a chance to chow down on some delicious Salt Lick Barbeque. Picnic begins at 6:30 pm. The address is 655 East Palm Valley in Round Rock. Arbor Pointe Events Center is owned by Pat Ott, wife of our own Paul Ott. It is .8 miles east of IH-35, just passed Mays on the south side, backing up to Brushy Creek. For detail, go to: www.arborpointevents.com

RYLA Camp Volunteers Needed

Northwest Austin has always been a generous supporter of the RYLA Camp. This year is no exception as NWAR is sponsoring 8 high school students for the 2012 RYLA.

Volunteers are needed to drive the kids to/from camp plus NWAR is sponsoring lunch on the opening day of camp - Sunday, July 1st. We have normally met the campers at the BCC parking lot at 8:30 on Sunday, divide them up into different cars, drop them off and then stay over and serve lunch. Your time commitment would be 8:30 - 2:00 on that day. We need about 5-6 volunteers on Sunday, then we need 2-3 drivers on Friday, July 6th, about 1:00 at McKinney Roughs to pick up the 8 campers and return them to BCC.

Each Rotarian that volunteers at camp must complete a background check as all these campers are minors. I already have one "volunteer" my wife Dee... she has no choice so just need a few more!!! Let me know if you can help. Pat O'Farrell

History of Memorial Day

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are

Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war). It is now celebrated in almost every State on the last Monday in May (passed by Congress with the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 - 363) to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays), though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19 in Texas, April 26 in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10 in South Carolina; and June 3 (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years. Many Americans nowadays have forgotten the meaning and traditions of Memorial Day. At many cemeteries, the graves of the fallen are increasingly ignored, neglected. Most people no longer remember the proper flag etiquette for the day. While there are towns and cities that still hold Memorial Day parades, many have not held a parade in decades. Some people think the day is for honoring any and all dead, and not just those fallen in service to our country.

To help re-educate and remind Americans of the true meaning of Memorial Day, the "National Moment of Remembrance" resolution was passed on Dec 2000 which asks that at 3 p.m. local time, for all Americans "to voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a Moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to "Taps." For more information, go to:

<http://www.usmemorialday.org>