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2016-17 CLUB-LEADERS

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President:	Kevin Lancaster
President-Elect:	Danny Davila
Secretary:	Greg Rabaey
Treasurer:	Josh Little & Stephen Bentley
Sergeant At Arms:	
Immediate Past President	Sarah Carriker
VP Club Service	Kristin Stephens
VP Community Service	Danny Davila
VP Vocational Service	Jesus Chavez
VP International Service	Audrey & John Cochran
VP Youth Service	Rick Hoffman
Member-At-Large	Mark Dietz
Member-At-Large	Paul Ott

SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin	Harold Coleman
Communications	Sheila Allee Kershaw
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Fundraising	Sarah Carriker
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Past Presidents Council	
Photographers	Hanspeter Tobler & Oliver Smith
PolioPlus	Kent Miller
Program Committee	David Davis
Website	Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Weekly Meeting Volunteers	Brigitte Benquet



NWAR Member Steven Wilson did a fabulous job as Master of Ceremonies at last week's Teacher and Paraprofessional Awards breakfast. 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 5, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

TODAY’S PROGRAM

Annual NWAR Scholarship Presentations

Today we learn about the community service our Fruit Sale allows us to provide. As we did last year, we will award 16 scholarships of \$1,500 each. Our Vocational Committee headed by Jesus Chavez will introduce the Scholars and their parents to us. Each student will tell us about his or her post high school plans.

In addition, four winners have been chosen to receive an additional \$1,000 scholarship from four endowment funds established for this effort. They are based upon the judging of an essay on the 4-Way Test they were each required to write as a condition of receiving the NWAR scholarship. The geneses of these scholarships are found later in the bulletin.

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

Greeter: Denny Bubrig
Prayer & Pledge: Kent Miller
Sunshine Basket: Jim Bieber
50/50 Ticket Sales: Sandy Wahl
Setup: Mike Moser

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

Next Week: Brett Hurt "What makes a Good or Bad CEO today?"

May 19 open
May 26 Anna Johndrow, "Life in Cuba"

MAY Birthdays

01: Larry Eichenbaum
09: Andy Macfarlane
10: Hanspeter Tobler

MAY Club Anniversaries

01: Bob Fulmer (32), Jim Henry (27), Durriyah Chinwalla (22)
02: Allan Adams (9)
04: Kent Duran (10)
08: Josh Reeley (2)
09: Jim Bieber (3)
25: Angie Caffey (10)
29 Andy MacFarlane (8)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to frequent changes in club 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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Annual NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards

At last week's meeting, we recognized teachers and paraprofessionals from our area schools. These individuals were chosen within their school because they are special. Public recognition and a small gift to each make for a very special occasion. Our education outreach programs will make you feel good about the state of public education in our Club's community and how we are making an impact.

Greeter: Cristina Nguyen, Byron Walston, Jesus Chavez
Prayer & Pledge: Tim Duffee
Sunshine Basket: none
50/50 Ticket Sales: none
Setup: Steven Wilson
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 43 (of 95 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: none

Rotary Minutes

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Visiting Rotarians

John Tessler – Estes Park, CO
Rick Naylor – Austin Centennial

Other Visitors & Guests

Christopher Simmons (of Sandy Wahl)

Club Member Make-ups

Gene Holiman District Assembly (4/15), NWAR New Member Orientation (4/20)
Ditas Hall – Austin Downtown (4/18)
Tim Buckley – NWAR Board Meeting (4/14), District Assembly (4/15), Orientation (4/20)
Sandy Wahl – Orientation (4/20)
Beatriz Zilveti – Orientation (4/20)

Service Opportunity – House of Friends Luncheon

NW Austin Rotarians are scheduled to assist with lunches at House of Friends on Thursday, May 11 from Noon to 1:30 PM. We will set up tables; prepare drinks and serve them along with food, salad, and dessert; and finally, clear dishes from the tables after the meal. Rotarians will get to socialize with HOF volunteers and participants during our visit. Parking is in the Bethany Methodist Church parking lot at the corner of Swallow Drive and Anderson Mill Rd. Go to room D306 in the Disciple Building. We need 3-6 volunteers. See Tim Duffee (512-619-9202) to sign up and to get more information.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored."

Aldous Huxley

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today International Committee Meeting
May 11 Serve Lunch at House of Friends
May 12 NWAR Board Meeting

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 6 Cedar Park RC Talent Show, 4:00 PM, Vista Ridge HS
May 19-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA
Jun 17 DG & Club Leaders Installation Luncheon, Reunion Ranch - SAVE THE DATE!

2016-17 NWAR Scholarship Winners

Vandegrift High School

Quinlan Apel
Emma Marie Claypool
Spoothi Kamepalli ***

Westwood High School

Belinda Chang ***
Sophie Gray
Claire Jahnke
Byungyeon (Daniel) Kang
Ruokun Li

Lanier High School

Ercie Camarillo
Isaac Antonio Mendoza Ibarra ***
Lauren Limuel

McNeil High School

Kaley Brown
Sarah Chau
Mohammed Abdur Rahman
Bridgett Sullivan
Hannah Sunstrom ***

*** Memorial Scholarship Winners

Here is some background on our Memorial Scholarships:

Jerre and Tom Perkins Memorial Scholarship

In 1996, Tom volunteered to take over the Northwest Austin Rotary Club's fundraiser of selling citrus products from the Texas Valley. In that first year of his leadership, the fundraiser exceeded expectations and took in the sum of \$6,846. Tom had found a new niche in our Club's history. Having served as President of our Club in Rotary year 1992-1993, Tom was already aware of "herding cats".

From this accomplished beginning Tom grew our fundraiser into an annual event, grew it in to the only fundraiser our Club needed and in his last year of leading our citrus effort he established an all time high in sales and donations. During the years that Tom headed our fundraising effort, our Club took in over \$1,000,000 in revenue!

Tom's constant push - called AFTO or Ask For The Order - of our Club's members could often ruffle feathers and that is where Jerre was an invaluable partner to Tom. She convinced all that his bark was worse than his bite, his heart if not his mouth was in the right place and made all us members feel welcomed and appreciated in all our organizational meetings. Without Jerre, our Club would have never achieved our outstanding reputation for fundraising throughout our District and without Tom and Jerre, NWARC would never have had the dramatic positive impact it has had in its Service Projects.

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YEAR

John and Ditas Hall Memorial Scholarship

John and Ditas Hall together spell Rotary. John Hall, before his death, was a member of the RC of Austin. John was appointed by DG Ken Braselton to organize and chair the first annual Bi-District Conference with District 4130 from Mexico. Ditas was the first woman president of the RC of Northwest Austin. Together, John and Ditas were the driving forces behind the Conference for many years and, through their efforts and Ditas' continued involvement, it has become one of the major events of every Rotary year. During Ditas' 1996-97 Presidency of the NWARC, she established the Club's first fruit sale fundraising effort naming Bob Lang as the first chairperson. Ditas remains very active in both short and long term projects for the Club and exemplifies the true Rotarian qualities of Service above Self.

Calvin "Cal" Evans Memorial Scholarship

Cal was a member of Northwest Austin Rotary until his untimely death on February 1, 1987. As director of the Leander Rehabilitation Center and a member of Northwest Austin Rotary Club, Cal requested the club take the center on as a project to supply manpower and funds for projects that typically got shelved due to lack of state funding. As the energy and driving force behind the Leander Rehabilitation Center, his passing brought our participation to an end and the center closed. The funds remaining in the Leander Rehabilitation Center Volunteer Association became the seed money and the inspiration for the Northwest Austin Rotary Club Endowment Fund. Cal embodied the spirit pf the Rotary motto "Service Above Self." His spirit lives on in the scholarships we award today in memory of a great Rotarian who worked tirelessly with those less fortunate, to make the world a better place.

Robert Floyd Lang Memorial Scholarship

In July of 1997 the Northwest Austin Rotary Club made the decision to begin a long-term program of annual fund raising to focus on our support of Education in our Community. Bob was chosen to develop the fund raising initiative. He laid the groundwork to provide a long-term program to achieve an annual development of funds from which to finance our desire to honor those students, teachers and paraprofessionals who so richly deserve our thanks and recognition.

Through Bob's leadership, the Northwest Austin Rotary Club achieved the most significant fund raising success in our Club's history. In every year since 1997 our Club has exceeded our goal. We have continued the Fund Raising program inspired by the memory of the man who got us started off in the right direction. Bob was a dedicated member of our Rotary Club from 1986 until his death in July of 2001. He was an honored Rotarian who worked ceaselessly to set a good example for others.