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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN MAY 6, 2016



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Rick Hoffman
Sheila Allee-Kershaw
Brigitte Benquet



Long-time member Don Gonzenbach (r) was presented his Paul Harris award by TRF Chair Ken Dickensheets at a recent meeting.
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 6, 2016 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Sarah Carriker, 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 Co-Chairs, Jesus Chavez and Chuck Durant, 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 will be 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 genesis of these scholarships is found later in the bulletin.

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

Greeter: Larry Eichenbaum & Jesus Chavez
Prayer & Pledge: Fred Morgan
Sunshine Basket: none today
50/50 Ticket Sales: Travis Sparkman
Setup: Mike Moser

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

Next Week: Tiffany Thomas, Shriners Children's Hospital

May 20 Cielo Ruiz Vinuesa, RYE Student EOY Report
May 27 Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez, Consul General of Mexico

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
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Annual NWAR Teacher & Paraprofessional Awards

Last week, we continued a tradition that we began in 1995 by recognizing 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 made for a very special occasion. Today, our education outreach will continue with recognition of our 2015 Scholarship recipients. These programs should make you feel good about the state of public education in our Club's community and how we are making an impact.

Greeter: Ditas Hall & David Davis
Prayer & Pledge: Tom Perkins
Sunshine Basket: none
50/50 Ticket Sales: Danny Davila
Setup: Kent Duran
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 43 (of 92 active)
50:50 Pot Winner: none

Rotary Minutes

- No announcements were made in order to preserve time for the awards presentation.

Visiting Rotarians

none

Other Visitors & Guests

Maritza Gallago (of Corey Ryan)
Laura Page (of Kevin Lancaster)

Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – various (3 in April)

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

HILL COUNTRY MINISTRIES FOOD COLLECTIONS

TODAY is also our MAY collection date for the Hill Country Community Ministries food pantry. Based upon their current needs, we are specifically seeking dishwashing soap, canned fruit cocktail, and spaghetti/pasta (1 and 2 lb packages ONLY, please). Again, if you forgot your donations, or wish to make a financial contribution this month instead, please give cash or a check to Gene Holiman and needed items will be purchased and delivered. Thank you once again for your support.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"We can make mayors and officers every year, but not scholars."

Robert Burton

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

May 6 Annual NWAR Scholarship Breakfast
May 13 NWAR Board Meeting
Jun 17 Club Installation Picnic

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

May 7 House of Friends Benefit, "Sizzle & Swing"
May 28-6/1 RI Convention – Seoul, South Korea
Jun 24-26 District Conference, Horseshoe Bay Resort
Jun 26 GD Installation Luncheon
Jul 3-8 RYLA Camp, McKinney Roughs in Bastrop

2015 NWAR Scholarship Winners

Vandegrift High School

Spencer D. Apel
Christina Blake
Lauren McCool

Lanier High School

Janet Aviles
Fidel Aguilar
Madeline Brown
Edwin Sarmiento

Westwood High School

Emma Louisa Caldwell
Alicia Lenci
Nicole Pagliali
Hannah Willette
Kyndall Zeller

McNeil High School

Anton Cordes
Minha Ghani
Maria Junca
Eric Moura

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 took in the far exceeded sum of \$6,846 and 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.

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' Presidency of the NWARC in 1996/97 she established the Club's first fruit sale fundraising effort establishing Bob Lang as the first chairperson. Ditas remains very active in both short and long term projects for the Club and truly 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 be an example "Service Above Self."

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