



# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, June 15, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President

*June is Rotary Fellowship Month*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Gregory Shields, PhD/Ms. Alyx Stevens, UT Austin**

Today, we are having a bit of Advance Placement Science at Rotary. Quasars are powerful sources of energy in distant galaxies. A long held belief by astronomers as to where the energy comes from is being challenged at UT Austin. Professor Gregory Shields, the Jane and Roland Blumberg Centennial Professor of Astronomy and Past Chairman of the Department of Astronomy who studies quasars, black holes and nebulae, will be joined by Alyx Catherine Stevens, a recent UT graduate with a B.S. in Astronomy who was recently named one of 16 Dean's Honored Graduates out of a class of 2,000 seniors.

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

Greeter: Bob Rein

Prayer & Pledge: Dick Hamilton

Sunshine Basket: Dee Haddock

50/50 Ticket Sales: Kent Duran

**Special Presentation:** "The Day You Thought Would Never Come" – Blue Badge Presentation to Bob Roe

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

**Next Week:** - Joseph Navarro, Circuit of the Americas

Jun 29 John Payne, "Solar Power - Local or International Solution?"  
Jul 6 to be announced

## JUNE Birthdays

None - **does anyone** have a June birthday?

## JUNE Club Anniversaries

01 Tim Buckley (24)

01 Tom Perkins (24)

03: David Lott (7)



**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

## WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: [http:// www.nwaustinrotary.org](http://www.nwaustinrotary.org)

Club Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>

District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>

Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

**New Generations - Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)**

Natalie Kastberg of Sweden and more recently Westwood High, and Peter Vitoux of France and for the past year Liberal Arts & Science Academy, joined us last week with their host families as they concluded their year in America. Both gave excellent powerpoint presentations that summarized their year abroad.

Greeter: Rick Hoffman

Prayer & Pledge: Tim Buckley

Sunshine Basket: Fred Morgan

50/50 Ticket Sales: Hanspeter Tobler

Classification Talks: Rich Barbee

Humorist Emeritus: Bill Zipoy

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

Member Attendance: 52

**50:50 Pot Winner:** George Lewis (\$27)

## Rotary Minutes

- none

## Visiting Rotarians

Darrick Eugene – Austin

## Other Visitors & Guests

Mary McCaffity (of Hanspeter Tobler)

Cornell (of Steve Welch)

## Club Member Make-ups

George Lewis – Austin (6/5)

Hanspeter Tobler –District Conference Coordination (6/5), District

Scholarships (6/5), Cedar Park (6/5)

Ken Dickensheets – MN (6/5)

Ryan Zintgraff – Aurora, OH (6/6)

Oliver Smth – NWAR Board Meeting (6/8)



## Club Website/Bulletin Sponsorship

We may have an opening or two for a sponsor of our website and weekly bulletin. For \$100, you can get some cheap advertising for your business and support the club's communication efforts. Your payment goes into the club operating fund and is used to defray the cost of printing our weekly bulletins and to pay the annual fee for our website. Please see Harold Coleman for details.

## Installation Picnic Details

June 22nd - NWAustin Rotary Installation Picnic at Arbor Pointe Events Center in Round Rock. Picnic begins at 6:30 pm. The address is 655 East Palm Valley in Round Rock, 0.8 miles east of IH-35, just passed Mays on the south side, backing up to Brushy Creek. For detail, go to: [www.arborpointevents.com](http://www.arborpointevents.com)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It brings people together that wouldn't normally be together, and it sponsors a feeling of fellowship."

Craig Adkins

# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

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

Jul 13 **NWAR Board Meeting** (after the regular meeting)

## Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

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 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Marble Falls Fish Fry

## International Service —Year in Review

by Rebecca Whitehouse

This rotary year our club participated in numerous international projects including:

- Matching grant partnership with Monterrey Obispado rotary club to provide computer equipment for a virtual library in Monterrey, Mexico, and materials for energy-efficient improvements and a compost garden at Lanier High School in Austin (the "Lanier Green Initiative")
- Mosquito nets for distribution in Togo and Cameroon
- Libraries of Love—books for libraries in Uganda
- Shelterbox—distribution of Shelterboxes to disaster-hit areas
- Participation with South Austin rotary club to provide supplies for a children's center in South Africa
- Polio-Plus campaign to pursue the eradication of polio worldwide
- PET—Personal Energy Transportation vehicles for disabled individuals in developing countries
- Materials, books, and other supplies to make habitable the Rehema orphanage in a Nairobi slum area
- Grid Earth—solar-powered lights for distribution in rural San Mateo village in Belize

Thank you all for your support of these deserving causes!

## One Woman's Mission: To Immunize Children Worldwide With the Polio Vaccine

Every day, there is pain. Ann Lee Hussey's right leg is an inch and a half shorter than her left, causing her to limp. Her feet are misshapen, and her joints and muscles ache so badly by the end of the day that it's tough to go to sleep.

And yet within the last decade this 58-year-old has made 20 trips to some of the most rugged and dangerous places in the world—Mali, Nigeria, Chad. Each time, she leads a team of one to two dozen volunteers with the same ambitious goal: to immunize as many children as possible, thereby ensuring that they will not contract polio, an infectious viral disease that can attack nerves and cause paralysis. It's the same ailment that has wreaked havoc on Ann Lee's life. "I get exhausted sometimes, but then I remember: I never want another child to endure what I've gone through," she says.



Her story and our stories: These stories come together when we make a contribution to PolioPlus. We join hands and make a different world than she experienced as a child, or the world we remember. Our legs and joints and feet aren't so misshapen that they prevent us from reaching into our pockets to contribute the money she and others need to win the battle against polio.

You can contribute online at the RI website. There are only two weeks left to put in this year's contribution to the PolioPlus fund. If you have not made your contribution for this year, can you do part or all of it before July 1? If this has been a good year for you, you may even want to make an additional contribution toward the Rotary battle against polio. Thank you for being a Rotarian--Humanity in Motion!  
Kent Miller, International Service - PolioPlus

## What makes polio an emergency?

On the 25th of May, the World Health Assembly declared polio a programmatic emergency for global public health. The Global Poverty Project interviewed Bruce Aylward, assistant director-general at the World Health Organization (WHO). Why now?

Three things were driving the ministers of health of the world in declaring polio an emergency: first – on a positive note – polio eradication has reached a tipping point. India, the country that was responsible for almost half the world's cases just two years ago, has now passed an entire year without reporting a case, providing incontrovertible evidence that polio can be eradicated anywhere.

However, and this is the ministers' second point, polio cases unexpectedly – and alarmingly – surged late last year in the three remaining endemic countries, from where it would undoubtedly make a global comeback unless it is completely eradicated.

And third, the ministers saw further evidence that when polio spreads to polio-free places, it is increasingly deadly. In Tajikistan and Congo in 2010, and in China in 2011, polio paralyzed adults as well as children in these outbreaks with high fatality rates among the adults, reaching nearly 50 percent in some of these places. This is on top of other research that has recently shown that if we let this opportunity slip through our fingers, we will soon be seeing more than 200,000 children again being paralyzed by polio each year.

That's not just a number, that's children's lives changed forever. Many of them would die. If there was a tsunami coming, with 200,000 children in its path, we would do everything we could to get the children out of harm's way.

You can make a difference. It is everyone's responsibility to see polio eradicated. Once we do, we will have achieved something extraordinary for all the world's children, forever.