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ROTARY ROOTER

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JUNE 24, 2011



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At a recent meeting, outgoing President Ken Dickensheets presents NWAR member and past president Gene Holiman with a plaque honoring his selection to the District 5870 Roll of Fame. Congratulations, Gene, and thank you, Ken, for a wonderful year of leadership!

The 4-Way Test "of the things we think, say or do":

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, June 24, 2011 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

June is Rotary Fellowship Month

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sophia Periard, Returning Westwood RYE Student

Sophia Periard is a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student that was sponsored by NWAR almost 12 months ago. Sophia attended Westwood H.S., graduated in 3 years and used her senior year to study abroad. She has a "French Connection" in her family background and this motivated her interest in the French language and to live within France. The Rotary Club Poitiers La Romane in the Lyon District hosted Sophia. As the RYE program is designed, Sophia lived with different host families while in Poitiers and had the opportunity to travel in Europe with her families and with other RYE students. We are pleased to welcome Sophia back to Austin and she will tell her about her experience over the past year.

NWAR is also sponsoring two outbound RYE students next year – Aislyn Leabee of Westwood H.S. will be living & studying in Sweden and Jackie Tey of Lanier H.S. will be living and studying in France.

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

Greeter: Mike Moser

Prayer and Pledge: Gene Holiman

Sunshine Basket: Richard Kerr

50/50 Ticket Sales: Tim Duffee

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website)

Next Week: - Mark Strama – "2011 Legislative Update"

Jul 8 Tony Thompson - Club Assembly: "Meet Your Board"

Jul 15 District Governor Suresh Pahwa

JUNE Birthdays

None - does anyone have a June birthday?

JUNE Club Anniversaries

01 Tim Buckley (23)

01 Tom Perkins (23)

03: David Lott (6)

16: Gail Gorman (5)



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>

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

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

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

Next Regular Board Meeting

July 8 (after the regularly scheduled Club Meeting)

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Dave Evans, "Business Social Networking"

Last Friday, Dave Evans, writer and consultant with Social Dynamx visited with us about the timely topic of "Business Social Networking: Why Social Media Matters." Dave provided us a very interesting presentation on what social media is, how it works and where it works with true life examples in businesses and in non-profits. Preliminary to his presentation, our own Sarah Carriker provided us an update on our club's Rotary Facebook page, why we have the page and what we are hoping to accomplish with it.

Greeter: Jerry McCulley

Prayer and Pledge: Tom Perkins

Sunshine Basket: Tim Duffee

50/50 Ticket Sales: Mark Dietz

Humorist Emeritus:

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

Member Attendance: 56

50:50 Pot Winner:

Rotary Minutes

- None reported.

Other Visitors & Guests

Cari Cesaro (of Tom Perkins)

Ellyn Aravcho (of Pat O'Farrell)

George Kissinger (of Dave Ron)

Mary Smith (of David Davis)



Visiting Rotarians

Al Rolfsen (Cedar Park)

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – District Conference (6/3-5)

Tim Buckley – Georgetown Sun City (6/7)

Dave Trapp – Austin Downtown (6/14)

Jesus Chavez – Round Rock (6/16)

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Two More Club Bulletin/Website Sponsors Needed

For \$100, you can get some cost-effective advertising for your business and support the club's communication efforts by requesting to be a sponsor during the coming 2011-12 Rotary year. Your payment goes into the club operating fund and is used to defray the cost of printing the weekly bulletins and to pay the annual fee for the club website. The first four sponsorship requests will be honored. If you are interested, please call (512-689-4090) or email Harold Coleman at hcoleman@aol.com for details.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"One of the signs of passing youth is the birth of a sense of fellowship with other human beings as we take our place among them."

Virginia Woolf

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EVERY
YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

TONIGHT NWAR Installation Picnic @ Carssow Ranch, Cedar Park (for details, see Kent Duran)

Jun 26 DG Suresh Pahwa & District Officers Installation

Jul 2-8 RYLA Camp, Lost Pines

Sep 29-30 Bi-District Reunion, South Padre Island

Upcoming District Club Events

Jul 3 Taylor's Dance in Murphy Park 8-12; tickets \$10

Jul 8 Marble Falls Fish Fry @ Marble Falls H.S.

Proposed New Member

Danny Davila has been proposed as a new member by Henry Mayes. Danny has visited our club several times over the last two months as a member of the Centennial Club. He has resigned from Centennial and would like to join our club. Our membership committee has reviewed his application, assigned him a classification of "CPA", and recommended him to our Board, which reviewed the committee's recommendation and approved Danny's application.

TRAVIS COUNTY IS REDISTRICTING!

Travis County is currently reviewing the boundaries of its commissioner precincts, justice of the peace/constable districts, and election precincts. Some of these boundaries will change. The Travis County Commissioners Court invites you to hear why redistricting is necessary and the potential implications for citizens. According to the 2010 Census, Travis County's population has grown by 26% in the last decade with accompanying geographic and demographic shifts. The redistricting process will take these changes into account to ensure an accurate representation of the voting public. Four public hearings are planned for the week of June 27 to allow input on new commissioner precinct maps. A public hearing scheduled on July 12 at Travis County Commissioners Court will also include proposed justice of the peace/constable district maps and input from special communities of interest. For more information on the redistricting public hearings or to provide input online, visit: www.co.travis.tx.us

Val Fuger Remembered

by Tim Buckley

I had a call from Paul Lawrence who received a scholarship from the rotary club many years ago. I don't know if you remember him. His father was president of the Lucy club when Val went on a mission trip with Dick Pyle. Paul called Val's office and found that he had died. He wanted Val to know that he is being installed as president of his rotary club in Clifton, NJ and what a wonderful influence Val had on his life. He wanted the club to know about his installation on June 25. If anyone from the club would like to contact him here is info: phone 973-704-4334, email newplanetgroupLLC@gmail.com.

RYE 2011-12 Update

We are still looking for potential host families for two incoming students. Many of you have passed me leads or suggested someone and I thank you for that. We are still in need of a few host families, especially for the French boy that is coming to Austin. Please review the bios below and let someone you know who might make a good host about them. Pat O'Farrell

Pierre-Luc Vitoux - My name is Pierre-Luc Vitoux and I will be 16 by the time I arrive in Austin this summer. I am from the northeast part of France, the town of Reims, which is approximately 150 km's east of Paris. I live with my mother and father and I have two sisters; one 18 and the other 16.

When I am not in class, I spend my free time learning aeronautics. My passion is flying and my dream is to become a fighter pilot thus I need a mastery of English. My hobbies include sports such as tennis, bicycling and rugby. In terms of travel I have been to Greece, England and Germany but only for short periods. I would describe my family as united because we spend time together; share news of the day, take meals together and we frequently practice sports together.

Another of my favorite activities is Scouting. I am a Patrol Chief and I guide a group of 5 boys, ages 12 to 17 years of age. Scouting has allowed me to live interesting experiences, far from my family and for more or less long periods of time.

My aim is to become fluent in English while discovering the world. I know that discovering different cultures is essential to an open mind and a better understanding of the world.

Natalie Kastberg - My name is Natalie Kastberg and I will be 16 by the time I arrive in Austin this summer. I live in Varberg, Sweden. Varberg is a small town of 58,000 inhabitants and is about one hour from Sweden's 2nd largest city, Gothenburg.

I have one brother, Nils and he is 8 years old. I like to ride and used to have my own horse but today I work as a swimming teacher 3 days per week so I don't have as much free time available. I also play the flute. I go to a really small school, 90 students, and there are 17 students in my class. Our teacher is from the U.S. so all our education is in English.

I have traveled with my parents to Israel, Egypt, Crete, Cypress, the Dominican Republic and France. Recently my class traveled to Berlin, Germany. I have also visited a school in Chihuahua, Mexico and I lived with a host family there for a week. During my Exchange year I would like to improve my English and learn more about a different culture. I really don't know what I want to do for a career but I think a lot about event planning. For high school I would like to be part of the International Baccalaureate program and I am thinking of studying abroad for college. I look forward to meeting all you soon.