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# ROTARY ROOTER



**ROTARY CLUB OF  
NORTHWEST AUSTIN**

**JUNE 29, 2012**



## 2011-12 CLUB-LEADERS

President: Tony Thompson  
President-Elect: Steve Welch  
Secretary: Don Shindler  
Treasurer: Josh Little  
Sergeant At Arms: Kristi Holmes  
Weekly Volunteers: Kristi Holmes  
Membership: Sarah Carriker/  
Nancy Lehmann-Carsow

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Bulletin  
Club Historian  
Photographers  
Set-up/Take-down

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Programs  
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Website

VP International Service  
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Group Study Exchange  
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VP New Generations  
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Rotaract  
Rotary Youth Exchange  
RYLA

VP Vocational Service  
Fireside Meetings  
Junior Achievement  
Special Project  
Past Presidents Council  
Endowment  
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Director-At-Large

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Sheila Allee  
Rebecca Whitehouse  
John Knifton  
Fred Morgan  
Kent Miller  
Jim White  
Pat O'Farrell  
Pat O'Farrell  
Gene Holiman  
Brigitte Benquet  
Bob Roe  
Rick Hoffman  
Dee Haddock  
Tracy Snider  
Dave Roon  
Ken Dickensheets  
John Voss  
Tracy Snider  
Tom Perkins  
Kent Duran  
Oliver Smith



At last week's meeting, our Fruit Sale came to "fruition" as we donated \$1,000 to the Austin Boys & Girls Club. Here Community Service VP Jim Henry presents the check to Mark Kiester of the B&G Club as NWAR Member and B&G Club advocate Bill Estes looks on. NWAR Club President Tony Thompson is in the background. 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, June 29, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President  
*June is Rotary Fellowship Month*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### John Payne, "Solar Power"

John David Payne is a 32 year old Central Texas Native. Born in Wimberley and an Alumnus of Texas State University, John David (or J.D. as he is most commonly known) proudly serves the Greater Austin and Hill Country Areas by providing renewable energy solutions right here at home. J.D. is a proud leader in the march to improve solar electricity generation in Texas. As the Austin account manager for CAM Solar, Inc. he helps local businesses and residences reduce their cost of electricity by making the switch to clean renewable solar power. Today, we will learn more about the fastest growing industry in the U.S. - shall we say "at the speed of light". From Haiti to Texas, solar energy is changing the way we power our homes and businesses.

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

Greeter: Kevin Lancaster  
Prayer & Pledge: Ryan Zintgraff  
Sunshine Basket: David Davis  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Homer Goering  
Blue Badge Presentation: Bob Rein

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

**Next Week:** - Beverly Seffel, "Ronald McDonald House [DMD]"  
Jul 13 to be announced  
Jul 20 District Governor - "District Update and Club Visit"

## 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](http://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

### Joseph Navarro, Circuit of the Americas

Last week the "Pit [Sales] Crew" for the Circuit of the Americas, Joe Navarro and Chase Buford, updated us on Austin's Circuit of the Americas, a 3.427-mile (5.515 km) motor racing circuit currently under construction and due for completion in 2012. The presentation included information on the high performance race track unfolding in southeast Austin, the upcoming international race November 16-18 and the bottle rockets on wheels known as Formula One race cars. The circuit will be the first in the United States to be purpose-built for Formula One. More information can be found at: <http://circuitoftheamericas.com/>

Our 2012-13 RYE student, Lauren Evins, gave a brief talk about her plans for the year as a Rotary youth ambassador in Austria.

Greeter: Dave Roon  
Prayer & Pledge: David Lott  
Sunshine Basket: Kevin Lancaster  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Larry Eichenbaum  
Blue Badge Presentation: Rich Barbee  
Classification Talk: Mike Jaggers  
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 60  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Wayne Schade (\$25)

## Rotary Minutes

- The club presented a check for \$1,000 to Mark Kiester of the Austin Boys & Girls Club.
- The club presented member Nancy Lehmann-Carsow with a \$2,000 check for a Kenyan orphanage library.

## Visiting Rotarians

none

## Other Visitors & Guests

Rick Welch (of Steve Welch)  
Wayne Schade (of Bob Fullmer)  
Mark Kiester (of Bill Estes)

## Club Member Make-ups

Tom Perkins – NWAR Installation Picnic (6/22)  
Rick Hoffman – NWAR Installation Picnic (6/22)  
Hanspeter Tobler – NWAR Installation Picnic (6/22)  
Pat O'Farrell – Bi-District Planning (6/9)  
Ken Dickensheets – NWAR Installation Picnic (6/22), District Membership (6/12)  
Bill Estes – NWAR Board Meeting (6/8)  
Andy MacFarlane – S Austin (6/2), E Austin (6/19)  
Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial (6/19)  
Oliver Smith – D5870 Conference (6/17)



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"It ain't the heat; it's the **humility**."

Yogi Berra

# NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Jul 13 **NWAR Board Meeting** (after the regular meeting)  
Sep 28 Fruit Sale Kickoff

## Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

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  
Aug 4 Multi-District Training Institute (MDTI)  
Aug 11 Membership and Foundation Seminar  
Sep 14-15 Bi-District Reunion with D4130

## From RI President Kalyan Banerjee

June is a time to reflect on the Rotary year that has nearly passed, and to look forward to the one that is soon to begin. We look back at what we have accomplished and measure our progress toward the goals we have set for ourselves. In Rotary, we may pause to reflect, but never to rest on our laurels – for as much as we have achieved, we are always aware of how much there is still to do.

The 2011-12 year has been a time of significant progress. Binota and I have been fortunate to have visited different parts of the Rotary world and seen the many ways that Rotarians everywhere Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. In South Sudan, we met with Rotarians who are determined to make a difference despite tremendous challenges. The humanitarian problems in that nation are enormous, and begin with the most basic: At the moment, South Sudan lacks a single functional hospital. I am confident that in the coming year, Rotarians around the world will reach out to our newest Rotary country with the support and help it will need.

In Uganda, I was delighted and heartened to discover how many government ministers and officials are Rotarians, and to see them bringing the ideals of Rotary to life in their service. In Kathmandu, I was overwhelmed as countries of South Asia – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka – came together to vow to make the region 100 percent literate by 2017.

In Fiji and Vanuatu in the South Pacific, I was moved by Rotarians who are helping to lower child mortality and provide safe housing. In Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, I was delighted by the statement of Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al-Nahayan, minister of higher education and scientific research: "We are looking forward eagerly to Rotary starting its first club here." And in Valdivia, Chile, as close to the South Pole as Binota and I have been, we were moved by Rotarians' work with children who have mental disabilities.

But most of all, we found our hearts warmed by the welcome we received all over the world – and by the sight of so many Rotarians living the Rotary ideal, and choosing to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, and look forward to working together to build Peace Through Service.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

## Europe Ten Years Polio-Free

By Urs Herzog, past governor of District 1980 (Switzerland) and a polio survivor.

This week marks ten years since the World Health Organization certified the European region polio-free. As a Rotarian and a polio survivor, I celebrate how far we've come, and recognize the work that still lies ahead to make sure no child suffers from polio again.

I was infected with polio at the age of 8 – the year when the polio vaccination was first introduced in Switzerland. Once I contracted the disease, I felt very tired and no longer had the energy to keep up with the rest of my family, even during a walk.

Soon, my entire right leg was weak and partially paralyzed. I spent weeks in the hospital, receiving numerous treatments and multiple surgeries on my right foot. Because of polio, I abandoned my childhood dream of playing sports and becoming a pilot.

Although it was too late for me, the advent of the polio vaccine in the 1950s meant that the terrible disease that brought suffering to so many families could finally be beaten. It meant that the years of children in Europe becoming seriously ill and even dying from polio could now be placed firmly in the past. It meant that children affected by polio would no longer have to live isolated in small rooms, away from their families, who previously could only greet them from behind glass. What a joy to be vaccinated and to save a child's life! For years people recognized the privilege of living polio-free, but today that privilege is at risk of being forgotten.

We should remain grateful for this privilege and always remember that for too many children in this world, vaccination is not still certain. In some countries children still suffer from polio or even die. Until polio is eradicated everywhere, unvaccinated children remain at risk.

This became clear in 2010, when an outbreak in Tajikistan caused nearly 500 polio cases, and put the region at risk. Many years after polio led me to spend long weeks in the hospital, I became a surgeon myself, and fulfilled my wish to work in Africa, where polio still threatens the lives of children every day.

In the late 1970s, when Rotary launched polio immunization campaigns, nobody imagined polio eradication would become one of the largest-ever health initiatives originating from the private sector. With our partners, WHO, UNICEF, CDC and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and with support of many governments, I hope we will soon mark the anniversary of a polio-free world.

## Thanks to Outgoing NWAR President Tony Thompson

I think everyone in the club joins me in thanking Tony for an another outstanding year in the history of Northwest Austin Rotary. Our accomplishments this year were truly remarkable.