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ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

JUNE 8, 2012

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

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Senator and former Mayor Kirk Watson addressed the club at last Friday's meeting. He spoke mainly about the advantages of a medical school for Austin.
photo by Oliver Smith

Rotary's "4-Way Test":

1. **Is it theTRUTH?**
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 8, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.
Meeting at Balcones Country Club
Call to Order – Tony Thompson, President
June is Rotary Fellowship Month

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

TODAY'S PROGRAM

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, join us today as they conclude their year in America. Their host families have also been invited. You are sure to enjoy and be invigorated by these youth ambassadors. Plus, it is an opportunity to thank the host parents and let them see how our members celebrate youth in this signature Rotary International program.

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

Greeter: Rick Hoffman
Prayer & Pledge: Tim Buckley
Sunshine Basket: Fred Morgan
50/50 Ticket Sales: Hanspeter Tobler

Looking Forward (speakers are also listed on our website):
Next Week: - Gregory Shields, PhD/Ms. Alyx Stevens, UT Austin
Jun 22 Joseph Navarro, Circuit of the Americas
Jun 29 John Payne, "Solar Power - Local or International Solution?"

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.rotaryeclubone.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/

Installation Picnic Details

June 22nd - NWAustin Rotary Installation Picnic at Arbor Pointe Events Center in Round Rock. This is the installation of new officers and a chance to chow down on some delicious Salt Lick Barbeque. 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

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Kirk Watson – "Austin Med School"

At last week's meeting, Senator Kirk Watson, former mayor of Austin, visited with us about the status of efforts to bring a medical school to Austin. Senator Watson has been described by Texas Monthly magazine as "a man with a vision of what the community wants and the moxie to carry it out." In 2009, Texas Monthly recognized Kirk as one of Texas' "10 Best Legislators." He describes his priorities as education, higher education, health care and economic development among others. His experience as the former Chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and his own personal experience as a cancer survivor provide additional bases for these priorities.

Greeter: Sarah Carriker
Prayer & Pledge: Bob Allen
Sunshine Basket: David Davis
50/50 Ticket Sales: Sheila Allee
Classification Talks: Bob Rein
Humorist Emeritus: Homer Goering

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

Member Attendance: 66
50:50 Pot Winner: Steve Jennings ($28)

Rotary Minutes

- Bill Estes presented a banner from Chesterfield, MO.

Visiting Rotarians

Audrey Wernecke – Cedar Park

Other Visitors & Guests

Tim Nieto (of Jim Henry)

Club Member Make-ups

Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial (5/26)
Hanspeter Tobler –District Conference Coordination (5/26 & 5/29), Round Rock (5/31)
Jesus Chavez – Round Rock Noon Meeting (5/31)
Andy Macfarlane – S. Austin (5/30)
Sarah Carriker – Silicon Hills (5/23), International Service Committee Meeting (6/1)
Lee Easter – NE Austin (5/30)
Oliver Smth – International Service Committee Meeting (6/1)

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"May joy and good fellowship reign, and in this manner, may the Olympic Torch pursue its way through ages, increasing friendly understanding among nations, for the good of a humanity always more enthusiastic, more courageous and more pure." **Pierre de Coubertin, French Educator**

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Today **NWAR Board Meeting** (after the regular meeting)
Jun 22 Installation Picnic, RR Arbor Pointe Events Ctr, 6:30 PM

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 63rd Annual Marble Falls Fish Fry

RYLA Camp Volunteers Needed

Northwest Austin has always been a generous supporter of the RYLA Camp. This year is no exception as NWAR is sponsoring 8 high school students for the 2012 RYLA.

Volunteers are needed to drive the kids to/from camp plus NWAR is sponsoring lunch on the opening day of camp - Sunday, July 1st. We have normally met the campers at the BCC parking lot at 8:30 on Sunday, divide them up into different cars, drop them off and then stay over and serve lunch. Your time commitment would be 8:30 - 2:00 on that day. We need about 5-6 volunteers on Sunday, then we need 2-3 drivers on Friday, July 6th, about 1:00 at McKinney Roughs to pick up the 8 campers and return them to BCC.

Each Rotarian that volunteers at camp must complete a background check as all these campers are minors. I already have one "volunteer" my wife Dee… she has no choice so just need a few more!!! Let me know if you can help. Pat O'Farrell

District Conference Update

In response to some concern about the cost of registration for the district conference at Lost Pines, we have decided to add another option for Saturday daytime registration for only $65. This will not include any Friday event, Saturday banquet or any of the Sunday events.

As an integral part of the District 5870 Conference, DG Suresh Pahwa has organized a golf tournament on Friday, June 15 at 10:00 AM, as a way to promote interclub fellowship. The Wolfdancer Golf Course is a great venue and will challenge golfers of all skill levels. Don't miss this opportunity to interact with other club members and play on a fantastic golf course!

RYE Students and Sponsors

Natalie Kastberg, Sweden, Westwood High School – Host Parents: Vijay & Pratima Kumar; Rob & Betsy Fiedler

Peter Vitoux, France, Liberal Arts & Science Academy – Host Parents: Roy & Barbara Springer, Tim & Azam Waugh, Darrick & Chiquita Eugene

Simply Suresh - June 2012 DG Message

As we near the end of this Rotary year, it is time to look back and review the year as we see it. All of us should be pleased with the accomplishments.

Our clubs added Early Act First Knight programs in a number of schools in our District, and chartered new Interact clubs. During this year, our District received first ever (in our district) Public Relations grant and we had a successful media campaign. We had a district-wide blood and organ donation drive and hopefully these will continue during the coming years. We implemented a Rotary leadership development program, and completed a strategic plan.

The clubs and the Rotarians around the District showed our commitment to the mission of the Rotary Foundation - doing good in the world. Every club in the District set a goal for Annual Programs Fund (APF) and every club has contributed to APF, first time in our District. Our clubs set a new record for District Assistance Program (DAP) grants at approximately $41,000 towards community service projects valued in excess of $80,000. We reached a new high for contributing the District Designated Fund (DDF) greater than $124,000 towards international humanitarian grants resulting in total grants of $657,000.

The Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee, visited our Foundation banquet in February and gave a very inspiring speech. It was a memorable event and was well attended.

The best part of the year for Brigitte and me was visiting the clubs around the District. We are proud of our clubs and their commitment to Rotary core values and helping less fortunate in the world. We want to thank each and every one of our clubs for their hospitality and their affection. We have made many new friends and we will cherish the friendships forever.

Trustees Approve Project Enhancement Process Pilot

In April, The Rotary Foundation Trustees approved a one-year pilot of the project enhancement process, to begin on 1 July. Through this process, the Foundation and the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group will work together to offer resources and consulting services on major water and sanitation projects including:

- Technical guides on water and sanitation project activities and technologies
- Assistance in setting up in-district teams to focus on water and sanitation efforts
- Foundation funding to help project sponsors conduct needs assessments and create project plans for global grant requests of US$100,000 or more

These optional services will enable grant sponsors to tap into the technical expertise of their fellow Rotarians who are professionals in the field.