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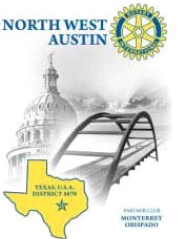
# ROTARY ROOTER

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

JULY 28, 2017



### 2017-18 CLUB-LEADERS

#### OFFICERS

President:  
President-Elect:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Sergeant At Arms:  
Immediate Past President  
VP Club Service

Danny Davila  
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Greg Rabaey  
Debbie Tam  
Steven Wilson  
Kevin Lancaster  
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Scott Isaacson  
Andy MacFarlane  
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Member-At-Large

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Tim Buckley  
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Ken Dickensheets  
Sarah Carriker  
Beatriz Zilveti/Arval Headrick  
Kevin Lancaster  
Hanspeter Tobler  
Kent Miller  
David Davis  
Brigitte Benquet



Pictured here are several of this year's RYLA campers and counselors who attended last week's meeting. NWAR Youth Services Chair Rick Hoffman (l, green shirt) and Committee member Tony Thompson (r, yellow shirt) are also shown. We are thankful for their service in this endeavor.  
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, July 28, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.  
Meeting at Balcones Country Club  
Call to Order – Danny Davila, President  
*July Begins a New Rotary Year!*

## TODAY’S PROGRAM

### Alexander Wild, Ph.D., Curator of Entomology, UT

Professor Wild holds a Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of California/Davis and is Curator of Entomology (insects!) at the University of Texas/Austin, where he catalogues the insect diversity of Texas. He is a Texas-based biologist who started photographing insects in 2002 as an aesthetic complement to his scientific work on ant taxonomy and evolution. His images appear in numerous natural history museums, magazines, books, television programs and other media. Today, he will explore the role of bees in our landscapes and discuss why the future of bees is both more and less perilous than media reports suggest. For more information, go to: <http://www.alexanderwild.com/>

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

Greeter: Harry Polly  
Prayer & Pledge: Charles Harrison  
Sunshine Basket: Jim White  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Andy MacFarlane  
Setup: David Benjamin

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

**Next Week:** Harry Polly, “Youth Sailing Program in Hawaii”

Aug 11 Deeda Payton Lovett, Community Impact Newspaper  
Aug 18 Dr. Steve Flores, RRIISD Superintendent

### JULY Birthdays

18: Danny Davila  
19: Dick Hamilton  
21: Wayne Lott  
25: Gene Holiman



### JULY Club Anniversaries

01: Homer Goering (30), Ditas Hall (26), Wayne Lott (14), Danny Davila (6)  
03: Jim Clements (2)  
07: Gonzalo Garza (18)  
29: Larry Eichenbaum (12)

### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>  
Club Facebook Page: <http://www.facebook.com/nwaustinrotary>  
Club Fruit Sale Website: [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org)  
District 5870: <http://www.rotarydistrict5870.org/>  
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>

**MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS:** due to frequent changes in club 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Rabbi Marie Betcher, “Swan Songs”

Rabbi-Cantor Marie Betcher is on the Board of Directors for Swan Songs, an Austin organization that provides musical performances to those with terminal medical conditions. Originally from Brooklyn, NY, Rabbi Betcher received Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees in Vocal Performance from Indiana University School of Music and Florida State respectively. She is honored to serve the Cedar Park Police and Fire Departments as a Chaplain. For more information, go to: <http://www.mariebetcher.com/> or <http://www.swansongs.org/>

We also had short presentations from some of this year’s RYLA campers.

Greeter: Larry Eichenbaum  
Prayer & Pledge: Dave Benjamin  
Sunshine Basket: Sandy Wahl  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Byron Walston  
Setup: Jim Clements  
Humorist Emeritus: Tim Buckley

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

Member Attendance: 44 (of 93 active)  
**50:50 Pot Winner:** Tim Duffee (\$27)

### Rotary Minutes

- Gordon Loomer presented the club with a banner from Green Bay, Wisconsin.
- Rick Hoffman introduced some of this year’s RYLA campers and counselors.

### Visiting Rotarians

Tom Wichita – NXNE

### Other Visitors & Guests

Jeffrey Mayes (of Henry Mayes)  
Wayne Hegwood (of Kevin Lancaster)  
Midge Norris, Albert & Cheryl Lewis (of Emma Sue Smallwood)  
Sharon Easter (of Lee Easter)  
Sandra Thompson (of Tony Thompson)

### Club Member Make-ups

Don Shindler – District Secretary (7/17)

### Perky the Pig Update

When all was counted, our club donated more than \$1000 to Kathleen Holiman’s Penelope the Polio Pig project on her visit her July 14. We are looking for other creative ways to support her project and feed our own pig, Perky. Danny will get the ball rolling today by placing a glass water bottle out each week to take donations. Bring your loose change to every meeting!!!



## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

*"Laws are like sausages; it is better not to see them being made."*

Otto von Bismarck

# NEWS & EVENTS

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Aug 11 NWAR Board Meeting

### Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Aug 1 D5870 at the Ball Park (Round Rock Express)  
Aug 5 Public Image Training Day – McKinney Roughs, 9am-2pm  
Aug 11-12 Multi-District Training Institute - Austin  
Aug 26 Foundation Seminar – Georgetown  
Nov 3-5 Multi-District Reunion, San Marcos  
Sep 9 Membership Seminar & RYLA Roundup  
Dec 9 District AG Training  
Feb 3 District Foundation Gala, La Fontera, Round Rock  
Mar 1-4 Lone Star PETS  
Apr 14 District Assembly – Central TX College, Killeen  
May 4-6 District Conference – Tapatio Springs Resort, Boerne

### Early Act First Knight

NWAR is sponsoring Early Act First Knight along with the Rotary Club of North by Northeast at Hart Elementary School beginning this school year. All Rotarians are invited and encouraged to attend the Tournament of Champions student orientation at Hart Elementary on Thursday morning, August 24, at 9:00 AM on the back lawn of the school. The event features armored knights riding atop live warhorses in a reenactment of an authentic medieval competition. Complete with narration and music soundtrack, the Tournament combines realistic action with a message that introduces EAFK and The Four Way Test.

The school is located at 8301 Furness Drive, just north of Rutherford and east of I-35. Let's have a great turnout to support the start of this wonderful program.

Thanks, Tim Buckley, EAFK Chair

### Bill Gates Extends Partnership with Rotary

When WWE superstar John Cena introduced Bill Gates as the 2017 Rotary International convention’s keynote speaker, more than 20,000 Rotarians leaped to their feet to applaud the philanthropist. They stood to cheer again when Gates began his speech by announcing that his foundation will extend its 2-to-1 funding match for the next three years. With Rotary committed to raising \$50 million per year over three years, that will translate to \$450 million for polio eradication efforts.

During his address, Gates touched on many topics. He talked about Rotary’s leadership in the fight to end polio. He addressed the importance of continued surveillance and detection of not only polio, but also other infectious diseases. He gave statistics about the global and long-term impact of eradication efforts and, as he described each achievement, a section of the convention arena was lighted by LED bracelets worn by attendees.



### Polio Eradication Update

For The Week Ending 7/29/17

The Gates Foundation is matching all Rotarian Raised Polio Donations \$2 for each \$1 Contributed (Up to \$50 Mil/Yr.)  
Our Rotary-wide 2017-18 Rotary Year Polio Fundraising Goal is \$50 Million + the \$2 for \$1 Gates Foundation Match

Our Goal is Global Polio Eradication!  
PolioPlus: Zero Is The Magic Number!

Advocate, Donate & Educate to END POLIO NOW & FOREVER!  
16,000,000 Children Saved from the Paralysis of Polio Since 1988

Total					
Paralysis	YTD	LYTD	Total	Total	Total
Cases	2017	2016	2016	2015	2014
Globally	8	19	37	74	359
Endemic Countries	8	19	37	74	340
Post-Endemic	0	0	0	0	19

Wild Polio cases reported this week:  
Pakistan 0, Afghanistan 0, Nigeria 0

### 2017 Polio Case Breakdown by Country:

Endemic Countries Pakistan 3 (2016-20)  
Afghanistan 5 (2016-13)  
Nigeria 0 (2016-4)

### RYLA 2017

Once again our RYLA campers had great fun, success and learned a lot at this years camp. We sponsored six campers from our area high schools. Today we will have the following campers give a short presentation on what RYLA has meant to them and some of the things that they learned and experienced.

Vandegrift High School - Navya Janga  
Westwood High School - Branson Tuberville

Thank you for your sponsorship and continued support of this great leadership program.

### Interactor designs game to promote self-esteem

Gabriel Kenji, an Interactor from Brazil, devised a social media game that he named White Whale to help boost self-esteem, self-worth, and peaceful interactions among young people. Kenji says he’s already seen tangible results from the game among his own friends. “I’ve had friends tell me that the game is giving them the courage to reconcile broken friendships. It’s great to see. I hope this is just a start.”