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No doubt this year's fundraising chair, Sarah Carriker, and last year's chair, Dave Roon, were plotting something special at last week's meeting for this year's Fruit Sale, which is just around the corner!

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 29, 2016 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Kevin Lancaster, President

July begins a new Rotary Year!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Nancy Lehmann-Carssow, "Happiness is a Place Named Bhutan"

This Friday, Paul Ott will "Introduce" us once again to Nancy Lehmann-Carssow, our club's personification of the meaning of "wanderlust." The title of Nancy's presentation is: "Happiness is a Place Named Bhutan," which she is betting many of our members have never heard of. Nancy will explain to us the significance of happiness, fat dogs, holy mountains and philosophical road signs. A Texas Example, I suppose, would be "Don't Mess with Texas"; but, we can leave it to Nancy to help us understand. For more information, go to: <http://kingdomofbhutan.com/>

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

Greeter: John Voss
Prayer & Pledge: Lee Easter
Sunshine Basket: Larry Eichenbaum
50/50 Ticket Sales: Beatriz Zilveti
Setup: Kent Duran

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

Next Week: Judge Janice Law, "American Evita: Lurleen Wallace"

Aug 12 Assistant DG Jim Henry

Aug 19 Bruce Golden, District Governor Visit

JULY Birthdays

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



JULY Club Anniversaries

01: Homer Goering (29), Ditas Hall (25), Chuck Durant (18), Wayne Lott (13), Danny Davila (5)
D3: Jim Clements (1)
06: Hanspeter Tobler (15)
07: Gonzalo Garza (17)
29: Larry Eichenbaum (14)
31: Travis Sparkman (1)

WEBSITES TO KNOW:

Club Website: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.club>

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

Club Fruit Sale Website: rotaryfruit.org

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

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

MAKE-UP MEETING LOCATIONS: due to clubs frequently changing their 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 make-up: www.rotaryclubone.org

AT OUR LAST MEETING

Rick Naylor, "Child Trafficking in Texas"

Last week's speaker, Rick Naylor, is a member of the Austin Centennial Rotary Club. PACT is one of the entities he and his club actively support. Rick studied Marketing and Finance at UC Berkeley. He is a director at Austin Bridge Builders Alliance and founder of PACT. PACT is a vocal advocate for the children and young women who have been subjected to sex trafficking. They help support the prevention, rescue, recovery, restoration and reintegration through dedicated nonprofit organizations in our community. For more information, go to: <http://pact.city/>

Greeter: Steven Wilson
Prayer & Pledge: Tim Duffee
Sunshine Basket: Steve Welch
50/50 Ticket Sales: Larry Eichenbaum
Setup: David Benjamin
Humorist Emeritus: none

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

Member Attendance: 38 (of 89 active)

50:50 Pot Winner: Mark Dietz (\$18)

Rotary Minutes

- Mark Dietz reminded us that we will deliver fans for Family Eldercare in August.
- Rick Hoffman thanked club members for their RYLA participation; three more campers will speak on Aug. 5.
- Tim Buckley spoke on behalf of First Tee Austin. They need coaches for a joint effort with Balcones CC.

Visiting Rotarians

Rick Naylor & Chris Leschher (speakers)

Other Visitors & Guests

Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – Marble Falls Fish Fry (7/15)
Gene Holiman – 10 different makeups!
Josh Reeley – Lake in the Hills and Urbana, IL (6/22 & 6/28)
John Voss – NWAR Board Mtg (7/8)

Are you willing to be third class, and serve?

Third class ticket holders have a heart for service. Unlike first and second class, they don't mind getting out and getting their hands dirty. Rotary needs more third class ticket holders.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact."

George Eliot

Today's Birthdays: Wil Wheaton 43, David Warner 73, Martina McBride 49, Clara Bow (1905-1965), Benito Mussolini (1883-1945)

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

NEWS & EVENTS

UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Aug 12 NWAR Board Meeting
Oct 21 Off-Site Meeting (to be announced)
Sep Fruit Sale Kickoff
Dec Bluebonnet Trails Christmas Breakfast Party
Dec NWAR Holiday Party

Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Aug 20 District Foundation Training, Georgetown
Sep 16-18 Multi-District Reunion, McAllen, TX
Oct 22 Pints for Polio
Feb 4 District Foundation Dinner, Austin Capitol Sheraton
May 18-21 Conference of Rotary Clubs, Corpus Christi Omni
Jun 10-14 RI Conference, Atlanta, GA

RYE Program, Maria Morata Lopez

As I've mentioned at a previous meeting, NWAR is hosting a 17-year-old girl during the 2016-17 academic year. She is enrolled at Westwood H.S. and will remain there for both semesters. This letter is an appeal for your help in finding other potential host families that live in the Westwood school district. We already have a host family for the 1st semester and are looking for 1 to 2 host families for the 2nd semester. In talking to a person you think might have some interest, here are some facts about RYE:

Rotary places 8,000 students around the world each year to study and broaden their cultural knowledge and experience. The RYE program is well recognized as one of the best administered program and is also the most economical because it's all run by volunteers. Students in non-Rotary programs tell me that RYE is about half the cost of private programs.

Rotary International has many youth programs but this is clearly recognized as one of the best. RYE's motto is simple, "world peace, one exchange student at a time". If you think you might know someone that would be interested, contact me or Brigitte Benquet for more information. I'm also including a brief bio on Maria for your information.

Maria is 17 years old and resides in Alicante, Spain. Maria's twin brother, Rafa and is currently a RYE student in Oregon. Maria has taken English in her schooling for the past 9 years and lists her "reading, writing and conversation" as good. Alicante is by the Mediterranean Sea and she spends a lot of time at the beach, wind and paddle surfing and also plays soccer. She loves traveling and last year spent a month in France taking care of a friend's 5-year-old daughter. Her mother would say that this month in France really helped her independence. She would like to become a teacher so English proficiency is very important to her.

Patrick O'Farrell, Past President, Northwest Austin RC

This week's featured committee report is from the Youth Services Committee Chair Rick Hoffman...

We have several areas we are working in as follows:

RYLA - we have just completed the 2016 camp where we sent 6 campers with great success. You have been introduced to 3 of them at the July 15th meeting. The other 3 will be attending our Aug 5th meeting. We will be talking to school counselors again in December for the 2017 program. We anticipate sending 6 campers again next year.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) - Pat O'Farrell, sponsor/coordinator: NWAR is sponsoring a student from Westwood, Kathryn Eversmann, who graduated in 3 years from high school and will spend her 'gap' year studying in Padua, Italy for 2 semesters or 10 months. Her parents, Jeff and Dori Eversmann are going to host an exchange student in return. She is Maria Lopez from Alicante, Spain and she will be here also for 2 semesters at Westwood. The Eversmann's have agreed to host for one semester so Brigitte and I will be looking for another host family for the 2nd semester. I put out one 'all club' mailing about Maria and hosting and will put out another before I leave for Ireland in August. You don't have to be a Rotarian to host but I've always gotten leads from the members in our club especially those that have hosted in the past; Buckley's, Jerry McCulley, Henry Mayes, Coleman's, and maybe a few others. Harry Polly hosted when he lived in Dallas and Ginny just last year for Cielo Ruiz. (see article at left for more details)

Interact - we will start to meet with each school's Interact faculty staff member in the coming weeks. Since school will be starting in mid-August we will be working with the students to access any needs that they may have to have strong program. There is a very strong at Westwood and Vandegriff HS. We are attempting to re-build the program at McNell and starting a program at Lanier HS. We will be looking at buying Rotary supplies to help formalize their meetings. Mike Jagers did this with very good success last year at Westwood.

Rotaract - Gene Holiman is coordinating this effort with his contact at the school.

Early Act/First Knight Program - Tim Buckley and Mary Reynolds are helping to drive this effort by trying to locate an elementary school for the program.

First Tee Program - looking for a few members who can volunteer their time this fall to work with youth coming to the program - at Balcones Country Club, please see Tim Buckley if you have an interest in helping.