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# ROTARY ROOTER

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### AUGUST 20, 2010



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We were treated to an excellent presentation last week by 2010 D5870 GSE Team members (L-R) Chris Mealy, Michelle Cervantes and Bryan McMath.

### 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, August 20, 2010 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Ken Dickensheets, President

**August is Membership and Extension Month**

### TODAY'S PROGRAM

**Dylan Baddour/Luci Paret – RYE, plus RYLA Campers**  
Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) – NWAR sponsored Dylan Baddour in the RYE program for the 2009-10 academic year. He graduated from Westwood H.S. in 3 years and wanted to spend his 4th year studying abroad, specifically Argentina. He was assigned to the Rotary Club of Colonia Caroya, Cordoba, Argentina. Dylan will be attending UT this fall and studying journalism. Dylan's parents, Linda and Rafi Baddour are also the first host family for Lucie Paret, this year's inbound student from France. Lucie's bio has been published previously so it is not replicated here. Lucie arrived on August 14th, registered for Westwood H.S. and is with us today to say "Bon jour". We shall see much more of Lucie over the next year.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) - The District sponsors a 6-day youth leadership camp at McKinney Roughs, Bastrop, TX the first week of July. Ninety high school juniors and seniors from Central Texas attend the camp and spend the week on "leadership, life skills, teamwork and tolerance." NWAR sponsored 5 campers this year – Ty McCall, Daniel Li, Vivian Shaw from Westwood and Cassie Wang and Brendan Flores from McNeil, and they are present this morning to tell you about their experiences.

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

#### TODAY'S Volunteers

Greeter: Sheila Allee  
Prayer and Pledge: Gene Holiman  
Sunshine Basket: Kent Miller

**NWAR celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary today!**

#### Looking Forward

**Next Week:** Cy Albertson, Magician

Sept 3 Christmas Card Signing for Soldiers & Joke Skits  
Sept 10 Jim Comer - A "Different" Alzheimer Presentation

#### AUGUST Birthdays

01: David Lott, David Corna  
16: Terral Smith  
18: Josh Little  
19: Cheryl Jobes  
23: Larry Stone  
24: Jeff Rhodes  
25: Tony Thompson



#### AUGUST Club Anniversaries

01: Chuck Space (20), Bill Farrell (14), Gene Holiman (14), Thea Lent (14), John Knifton (2)  
11: Tom Applegate (10)  
16: Lee Easter (30), Bill Estes (30), Henry Mayes (30), John Voss (30), Bob Watson (30), Linden Welsch (30) – **CHARTER MEMBERS!**  
28: Don Shindler (1)

### AT OUR LAST MEETING...

#### **Japan GSE Team**

The D5870 2009-10 Outbound GSE Team told us today about their venture to Japan this Spring, spreading Peace, Goodwill and Understanding between our respective Rotary Districts. The team is made up of young professionals that you recommended and were selected by a panel made up largely of District Governors and Past District Governors. Team members Chris Mealy, Michelle Cervantes and Bryan McMath gave us their personal insights.

#### Rotary Minutes

- Diane Lyerly – TRF /Haiti Update
- Last year's perfect attendance pins were passed out.
- International Service (Oliver Smith) – updated us on the Virtual Library project with the Monterrey Obispado club.

Greeter: Lee Easter  
Prayer and Pledge: Tony Thompson  
Sunshine Basket: Diane Lyerly  
Humorist Emeritus: Ray Roark

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

**50:50 Pot Winner:** Bill von Rosenberg (\$19)  
Member Attendance: 51

#### Visitors

Wendy Wicker (of Homer Goering)  
Mike Moser (of Oliver Smith)  
Bob Roe (of Tom Perkins)  
Ruth Berger (of Ralph Trussell)

#### Visiting Rotarians

Michelle Cervantes – RR Sunrise/GSE  
Bryan McMath – GSE Team Member  
Chris Mealy – Georgetown Sun City/GSE

#### Club Member Make-ups

Tim Buckley – Taylor (8/12)  
Steve Jennings – Online (8/11)  
Andy Macfarlane – E. Austin (8/11), S. Austin (8/4)

**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 Meeting Locations link for an accurate list of area club meetings:  
<http://www.rotary5870.com/MeetingLocations.cfm>

**Online Rotary Club makeup:** [www.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

#### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

NW Austin Rotary Club: <http://www.nwaustinrotary.org>  
District 5870: <http://www.rotary5870.com/>  
Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org/>  
**D5870 Newsletter:** <http://www.rotary5870.com/Newsletter.cfm>

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"A coach is someone who tells you what you don't want to hear, who has you see what you don't want to see, so you can be who you have always known you could be."

**Tom Landry**

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

## NEWS & EVENTS

#### COMING EVENTS

Sept 24 FRUIT SALE KICKOFF  
Oct 8-10 Bi-District Friendship Conference, Corpus Christi  
Dec 3 NWAR Christmas Party  
May 21-25 Rotary International Convention, New Orleans  
Jun 3 D5870 Foundation Dinner, Nimitz Museum, Fredericksburg  
Jun 3-5 D5870 Annual Conference, Inn on Baron's Creek, Fredericksburg

#### Next Regular Board Meeting

**Friday, Sept 10** – After the regularly scheduled Club Meeting

#### Vocational Service Announcement

The scholarship committee has several interested committee members so far, but they could still use more if you are interested. Scholarship committee members review applications from Westwood and McNeil High Schools and select five recipients from each school. Each student receives \$1,500 from our Northwest Austin Rotary Club to put toward tuition at the school they will attend. So far, our committee members include Bob Allen, Michelle Berger, Harold Coleman, Mark Dietz, Kent Foerster, Shelly Hohmann, Cheryl Jobes, Patty Kelly, Thea Lent, George Lewis, and Kent Miller. If you would like to serve in this way, please e-mail Shelly Hohmann at: [shelly\\_hohmann@roundrockisd.org](mailto:shelly_hohmann@roundrockisd.org).

#### Westlake Rotary Has New Meeting Location

The Westlake Rotary Club wanted to let you know we are excited about Rotary "makeup's" at our meetings on Friday, and we are glad to see you. Know that you are welcome any Friday morning at 7:30 a.m., and please tell others about our "new" time and location.

Who: Westlake Rotary Club  
What: Fellowship and Makeups  
When: Friday Mornings at 7:30 a.m.  
Where: St. John Neumann Catholic Church  
Fellowship Hall  
5455 Bee Caves Road  
Austin, Texas 78746

Any questions, please contact Julie Martin at [jmartin42@austin.rr.com](mailto:jmartin42@austin.rr.com) or 512-327-0223.

#### New Members Proposed

Fellow Northwest Austin Rotarians, we have three new people nominated for membership in our organization:

**Robert Roe**, sponsored by Tom Perkins, Business Consulting  
**Patrick McGinness**, sponsored by Tom Perkins, Semiconductors - Design/Automation

**Michael Moser**, sponsored by Oliver Smith, Engineering - Supply Chain Management

#### Pakistan's Persistence Paying Off Against Polio

Momentum toward polio eradication continues to build in Pakistan, including efforts to take advantage of improved security in parts of the country. On 8 July, the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee led a polio awareness seminar in Mingora, located in the Swat Valley in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. More than 120 representatives from Rotary International, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF, along with national and local health officials, tribal and religious leaders, and others, took part.

"[It] was the first major event after the opening of the Swat Valley," says committee chair Aziz Memon. "Full security was extended by the police department and army to ensure the safety of people." At the seminar, it was reported that after reestablishing security in the Swat Valley earlier this year, Pakistan's army began immunizing children against polio at 15 checkpoints. By July, only six were needed. The Ministry of Health now stockpiles oral polio vaccine at the checkpoints for use during National Immunization Days (NIDs).

In addition, the governor of the province inaugurated supplementary immunization activities in May and has committed to ensuring health workers' access to children in security-compromised areas. After presentations by the representatives at the seminar, participants took part in a question-and-answer session and offered suggestions for improving the region's efforts to end polio.

The event "was a grand success," Memon says. "The news of Rotary having a polio workshop was all over Swat. We feel we have sent a message to eradicate polio, and have requested the local community leaders to lend a hand. We will hold more such workshops so that no new polio cases arise from this region."

The seminar is characteristic of Pakistan's persistence toward eradicating the disease, as well as the family of Rotary's. NIDs held 12-14 July in the country reached almost 34 million children under age five. Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors in Karachi braved temperatures as high as 120 degrees to vaccinate children in their homes, in alleys, in marketplaces, and elsewhere. They also handed out caps, stickers, pencils, and other gifts to the children.

"Every single worker counts in the fight against polio," Shoukat Ali, UNICEF polio officer for Sind Province, told Abdul Mohee Kazi, Rotaract District 3271 PolioPlus Chair, after the NIDs. "The [immunization] team in Korangi Town [Karachi] was really happy to see your workforce with them, and it was very well highlighted in the results, as this area got 100 percent coverage by independent monitoring. It is really a success story."

**AFTO!!!**