

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN SPONSORS

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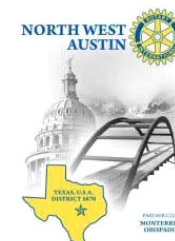
# ROTARY ROOTER

## ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN



ROTARY:  
MAKING A  
DIFFERENCE

SEP 29, 2017



### 2017-18 CLUB-LEADERS

#### OFFICERS

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

Danny Davila  
Beatriz Zilveti  
Greg Rabaey  
Debbie Tam  
Steven Wilson  
Kevin Lancaster  
Kristin Stephens/  
Scott Isaacson  
Andy MacFarlane  
Audrey & John Cochran  
Jesus Chavez  
Rick Hoffman  
Mark Dietz  
Paul Ott

VP Community Service  
VP International Service  
VP Vocational Service  
VP Youth Service  
Member-At-Large  
Member-At-Large

#### SPECIAL PROJECT CHAIRS

Bulletin/Website  
Communications  
Early Act First Knight  
Endowment Chair  
Foundation  
Fundraising  
Membership  
Past Presidents Council  
Photographer  
PolioPlus  
Program Committee  
Weekly Meeting Volunteers  
Club Historian

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



A great time was had by all who attended Wednesday night's social at the Petrol Lounge. Not only did we get to see dozens of classic cars (some worth over \$1M), eat wonderful food and enjoy a drink or two, we got to race slot cars around a large track.

Photo by Hanspeter Tobler



District 5870  
Central Texas

### 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, September 29, 2017 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Danny Davila, President

***September is Membership Month***

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### **Rick Hoffman, Christmas Cards for the Troops**

Today Rick Hoffman will lead us in our Annual Christmas and Holiday Card signing service project. Bring your red or green pen! We will write messages to our troops and get started on the holidays! Fruit sales to officially begin soon!

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

Greeter: Lee Easter  
Prayer & Pledge: Byron Walston  
Sunshine Basket: Gordon Loomer  
50/50 Ticket Sales: George Kissinger  
Setup: Kent Duran  
Humor: Homer Goering

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

**Next Week:** Club Assembly - Committee Reports

Oct 13 Celia Israel, Texas State Representative Dist. 50

Oct 20 Stan Bacon, West Point Society

### **SEPTEMBER Birthdays**

06: Lee Easter  
09: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow  
11: David Davis  
13: Fred Morgan  
22: Kent Miller  
27: John Knifton, Jim Clements  
30: Charles Harrison



### **SEPTEMBER Club Anniversaries**

01: Ray Roark (37), Damon Holditch (36)  
02: George Kissinger (5), Tim O'Brien (1)  
03: Gail Buckley (7)  
04: Mark Dietz (19)  
05: Carla Young (9)  
09: Wayne Thompson (12)  
17: Mike Moser (7)  
24: Patrick McGuinness (7)

### **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

### **Gashaw Semeneh, Ethiopia's Water Situation**

At last week's meeting, Kent Miller introduced us to Gashaw Semeneh, the Project Manager based in Ethiopia for Water to Thrive (W2T), who will be supervising our Rotary Foundation Global Grant. A native Ethiopian, born in Addis Ababa, Geshaw is a student of geology who began working for a private water well drilling firm in 2002. He joined W2T in Spring 2014. Among other duties, he oversees site selections, the design and construction qualities of spring development, hand-dug wells, shallow boreholes, and pipeline expansion. To ensure the sustainability of the projects, he provides training to the local staff, community members and local leaders. He updated us on our grant and answered questions on W2T and issues related to safe drinking water in rural Ethiopia.

Greeter: Hanspeter Tobler  
Prayer & Pledge: Bill Estes  
Sunshine Basket: Brigitte Benquet  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Wayne Hegwood  
Setup: David Benjamin  
Humorist Emeritus: Tim Buckley

**NOTE: Unless otherwise announced, Sunshine Basket proceeds are being donated to PolioPlus via Perky the Pig. Please bring your loose change and put it in the jar!**

Member Attendance: 51 (of 94 active)

**50:50 Pot Winner:**

### **Rotary Minutes**

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### **Visiting Rotarians**

Don Tompkins – Austin Downtown

### **Other Visitors & Guests**

Marie Baker & Mary Goering (Of Homer Goering)  
Susanne Wilson, Dick Moeller, Ed & Rennie Scharlau, and Norb Finhaber (of Kent Miller)  
Richard Wahl (of Sandy Wahl)  
Ed Turner (of Jim White)

### **Club Member Make-ups**

Tim Buckley – NXNE Rotary (9/20)  
Joe Ramirez –International Committee (9/22)  
Allan Adams – France (various)  
Virginia Hart – NXNE Rotary (9/20)  
Bill Estes – International Committee (9/22)

### **Dates to Remember**

The new date for first knighting ceremony for Hart elementary-Thursday is Oct. 19 starting at 8:30am.

November 16 NWAR volunteer Day at the Bullock Museum

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:**

*"If you obey all the rules you miss all the fun."*

Katherine Hepburn

## *NEWS & EVENTS*

### **UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS**

Oct 6 Club Assembly  
Oct 13 NWAR Board Meeting  
Oct 19 EAFK Ceremony at Hart Elementary  
Oct 24 Club Social Event, Whitestone Brewery (see below)  
Oct 27 Off-site Breakfast Meeting, Casa Chapala  
Nov 16 NWAR Volunteer Day at the Bullock Museum  
Dec 8 Bluebonnet Trails MHMR Holiday Breakfast @ BCC

### **Upcoming District Events & Important Dates**

Oct 24 World Polio Day  
Nov 3-5 Multi-District Reunion, San Marcos  
Sep 9 Membership Seminar & RYLA Roundup - Georgetown  
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

### **Multi-District Reunion Registration**

Early Bird pricing for the Multi-District Reunion has been extended til October 12th!! This is going to an amazing event with project fairs, a fundraiser for disaster relief, live music and speakers. The event provides an excellent opportunity to connect, share ideas, and get involved. Register Early!

First Time Attendee Rate is \$130.

Special \$134 hotel room rates thru' 10/12 at the Embassy Suites!

Registration includes: meals, entertainment, and hospitality suite.

Register NOW: <http://bit.ly/2wKKvnB>

The Multi-District Reunion with District's 4130 (Mexico) & 5930 (South Texas) is coming up soon on November 3rd-5th and will be held the Embassy Suites in San Marcos, right down I-35. e feel that this is an excellent chance for new members to really see the power of Rotary Connections and are encouraging first time attendance by offering a special rate!

Enter to win a FREE hotel night at the Multi-District Reunion with our Like, Share and Comment Contest. Look for the "I'm Going To The Reunion" post on the District Facebook page - you must Like, Share and Comment (all 3) on the post to enter the contest.

If you have already registered, fantastic! We look forward to seeing you there! Pam Blankenzee, D5870 Public Relations Team

### **Polio Eradication Update**

For The Week Ending 9/28/2017

**One new Wild Polio case (Pakistan) reported this week!**

2017 Polio Cases: Pakistan-5, Afghanistan-6, Nigeria-0

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.

EVERY  
ROTARIAN  
EVERY  
YEAR

### **Quick Fruit Update**

While we may be shortening our fruit sale season this year, we are still able to begin selling. The fruit sale is so much easier when you start early! The fruit sale is how NW Austin Rotary funds ALL of our club projects.

Prices are the same as last year: \$30 for a small 20-pound box, \$40 for a large 40-pound box. Product: navel oranges, ruby red grapefruit, or a mix of the two, fresh from the Rio Grande Valley - one of the few harvests in the US that has so far NOT been impacted by storms. Arrival date: December 7th

Par is \$900 in gross sales per Rotarian, or an \$800 direct contribution (same as last year). This is what we expect of all Rotarians!

I have sales slips with me today for anyone who wants them. Our fruit website is getting frequent updates, and you are encouraged to check it at [www.rotaryfruit.org](http://www.rotaryfruit.org).

I could use 1 or 2 more captains! If you can help me out please let me know.

If this is your first or second fruit sale, keep your eyes open for a Fruity 101 class. :)

Please ask any groups who might want to raise funds if they want to sell fruit. Those sales help YOU, help your future fruit team, and NW Austin Rotary. The video to share is on [rotaryfruit.org](http://rotaryfruit.org) and on our Facebook page.

We will kick off the first Friday in November, and expect to be well underway before that!

**AFTO! (ASK FOR THE ORDER)**

Thanks,  
Sarah Carriker, Fruit Czarina

### **NWAR Social Event @ Petrol Lounge a Success!!**

Thank you to all who joined us for the September social at the Petrol Club! It was a fun night – great company, an amazing collection of cars, and delicious bites! Special thanks to Andy for contributing his amazing stuffed mushrooms! Our next event will be:

**October 24th – Pints for Polio event**

**5:30pm – 7:30pm @ Whitestone Brewery**

**601 E Whitestone Blvd #500**

**Cedar Park, TX 78613**

**\$1.00 of each beer purchase will be contributed to Pints for Polio**

**Food Trucks available at Brewery**

Looking forward to seeing you there!  
Kristin Stephens, Club Service VP