



# ROTARY CLUB OF NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Friday, September 7, 2012 – 7:00 A.M.

Meeting at Balcones Country Club

Call to Order – Steve Welch, President

*September is New Generations Month*

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

### Francis Buzad, M.D. - "Robotics in Surgery in Austin"

Today, we learn about Robotic Surgery. No longer science fiction, robotic surgery is found in surgical suites throughout the country, including here in Central Texas. Francis Buzad, M.D., surgeon at the Austin Diagnostic Clinic, will discuss the changes robotic surgery have brought to the operating room, surgeons and the patient. Dr. Buzad is one of only twenty surgeons nation-wide selected to perform gall bladder surgery using the da Vinci robot.

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

Greeter: Cornel Jones  
Prayer & Pledge: Clifton Clyborne  
Sunshine Basket: Mary McCaffity  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow

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

**Next Week:** - Jon C. Yates, "Capitol Area Council, BSA"

Sep 21 RYLA Kids – "Their RYLA Experience"

Sep 28 Tom Perkins – "NWAR FRUIT SALE KICKOFF"

### SEPTEMBER Birthdays

06: Lee Easter  
07: Ron Bolen, Rebecca Whitehouse  
09: Nancy Lehmann-Carssow  
11: David Davis  
13: Fred Morgan  
22: Kent Miller  
27: John Knifton  
28: Pat O'Farrell  
30: Charles Harrison



### SEPTEMBER Club Anniversaries

01: Ray Roark (32), Damon Holditch 31), Ron Bolen (18)  
02: George Kissinger (1)  
04: Mark Dietz (14)  
05: Diane Lyerly (4), Carla Young (4)  
09: Wayne Thompson (7)  
17: Mike Moser (2), Bob Roe (2)  
24: Patrick McGuinness (1)

**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.rotaryclubone.org](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

### WEBSITES TO KNOW:

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

## AT OUR LAST MEETING

### Kent Miller & Tim Buckley - "Wheelchairs to Peru"

Last week, we learned more about the worldwide scope of the Rotary Foundation. Kent Miller and PDG Tim Buckley updated us on their trip to Peru and Rotary International's efforts to distribute wheelchairs around the world. The presentation was fascinating both from the project's perspective and from the amount and variety of food they consumed on the trip!

Greeter: Kristin Baker  
Prayer & Pledge: Jim Henry  
Sunshine Basket: Bill Estes  
50/50 Ticket Sales: Mary McCaffity  
Humorist Emeritus: Ray Roark

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

Member Attendance: 53

**50:50 Pot Winner:** Shelly Hohmann (\$21)

### Rotary Minutes

- Secretary Don Shindler handed out perfect attendance awards to Tim Buckley and Tom Perkins (20 years each). It was noted that George Lewis's award from last week was for 30 years!

### Visiting Rotarians

Ken Adams - Killeen

### Other Visitors & Guests

Nathan Kramer (of Kristen Baker)



### Club Member Make-ups

Pat O'Farrell – Bi-District Meeting (8/17), Foundation Gala (8/24)

Gene Holiman – Austin Centennial (8/28), Concordia Rotaract (8/29)

Tony Thompson – NWAR Board Meeting (7/12)

### UPCOMING NWAR EVENTS

Sep 14 NWAR Board Meeting (after the regular meeting)  
Sep 28 Fruit Sale Kickoff

### Upcoming District Events & Important Dates

Sep 14-15 Bi-District Reunion with D4130 (Embassy Suites)  
Sep 28 24th Annual Georgetown Rotary Club Golf Tournament  
Oct 18 Pflugerville Golf Tournament  
Oct 20 Pflugerville Pfall Chili Pfest  
Oct 27 TRF Denim & Diamond Gala  
Monster Dash to Scare Away Polio Harker Heights)

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

"Every youth owes it to himself and to the world to make the most possible out of the stuff that is in him..."

Orison Swett Marden



# NEWS & EVENTS

### Message from Nancy Lehmann-Carssow:

Join us on Sept. 22 at UT for a conference on "Promoting Tolerance: Solutions for Change." Some of the topics address bullying, global diplomacy and community peacemaking. Dr. Barbara Mink, President of ACC; Police Monitor Margo Frasier; and Maher Nasser from the United Nations Department of Information are a few of the speakers. For more details and registration, visit: <http://www.teachun.org>

### 2011-12 NWAR Perfect Attendance Awards

Brigitte Benquet	3
Tim Buckley	20
Angela Caffey	6
Harold Coleman	7
Ken Dickensheets	6
Kent Duran	3
Lee Easter	24
Ditas Hall	20
Gene Holiman	16
George Lewis	29
Pat O'Farrell	4
Tom Perkins	20
Don Shindler	3
Oliver Smith	3
Tony Thompson	7
Hanspeter Tobler	11

### New Generations Programs

Every year, thousands of talented and dedicated young people, ages 12-30, have an incredible experience in a New Generations program. As Rotaractors and Interactors, they serve in communities at home and abroad. Through Rotary Youth Exchange, they explore new cultures. And as Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants, they learn skills that will help them succeed as future community leaders.

New Generations is Rotary's fifth Avenue of Service. Highlights:

- Rotary Youth Exchange - Building cultural understanding one student at a time.
- Rotaract - Connecting young adults to a global network of friendship, engagement, and action.
- Interact - Fueling a lifetime of service for young people ages 12-18.
- RYLA - Inspiring the next generation of community leaders.

### FirstKnight Program at Bastrop ISD Builds Character.

#### Reduces Behavior Problems

Bastrop County is taking a different approach to teach young students how to build character. It's called the EarlyAct FirstKnight program and according to educators, taking a step back into a Medieval Era is helping kids make a big academic leap forward.

It's not the kind of show you expect elementary school children to attend. But for these hundreds of little ones, this jousting competition is actually the kick off to a lesson in ethics, one they are not complaining about.

"It's a lot better than just sitting in the classroom all day," said Gabaldon. It's the first time fourth grader Justice Gabaldon will go through the program. It was first brought to Bluebonnet Elementary by Principal Richard Battle three years ago. "Every month we discuss a different character virtue such as responsibility, honesty, compassion," said Battle.

Everyday for 10 minutes teachers will discuss the virtue. Every four to six weeks, students who best exemplify those values are given medallions and the older kids are knighted. Staff say the program helps build a foundation that shows success in the classroom. In fact disciplinary issues at Bluebonnet have gone down by 40 percent. "We don't have to stop, deal with the behavior, do a behavior referral, get them to the office, that's quite a bit of time, get them to the office," said Bluebonnet Elementary teacher Toni Malone.

Time saved dealing with behavioral problems translates into more time learning and better grades. It was an improvement the Rotary Clubs of Bastrop County and Cedar Creek noticed and when the district fell short of public money to fund the program for all campuses two years ago, it was the Rotary Clubs that picked up the bill. "If we drop discipline problems by 10, 15, 20 percent it's worth every penny," said President of the Bastrop Rotary Club John Eaton.

The Rotary Club spends \$6,500 per campus, a small price to pay for the life lessons, staff say, the kids are learning at this young age. The EarlyAct FirstKnight program is K through 8th grade.

### Monster Dash to Scare Away Polio

The Monster Dash to Scare Away Polio is scheduled for Saturday, Oct 27, 8:30am at the Harker Heights Community Park. This event is hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Killeen, Killeen Heights, Killeen Evening, Harker Heights and Copperas Cove Noon Rotary. This is a 5K walk/run, 5K team (four person) competition, 10K run, and 10K hand cycle race event. There will also be the free, ¼ mile, Little Monster Dash for children 10 years old and under. All proceeds from this event will be used by The Rotary Foundation for the eradication of polio. Registration forms can be found on the District website: [www.districtrotary5870.org](http://www.districtrotary5870.org)

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