

July 24, 2018

President's Message

I hope that everyone had a good week in spite of our record breaking heat.

This week I would like to talk about our new RI President, Barry Rassin. Perhaps you had an opportunity to read the article about him in the July Rotarian. As I read the article it was evident to me that he exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian. From setting up a new hospital to organizing supplies for Haiti, Barry has focused on serving the needs of communities. As he noted, " You've got to take risks in life... not follow the same old path..create new ways." It is not surprising that this year's theme is "Be The Inspiration." He asks all of us to create new ways and models that exemplify service and advance good will at all levels.

I was fortunate to hear Barry Rassin speak at PETS last March and he is an inspiring speaker.

I have attached the link to his closing remarks at the RI Convention in Toronto.

<https://vimeopro.com/rotary/toronto-convention/video/27648572>

Barry will be the keynote speaker at the District Foundation dinner on February 2.

Early Act First Knight is a program we sponsor with fellow Austin Rotary Clubs at Pecan Springs Elementary School. It focuses on developing character through the integration of key traits into the curriculum. The traits for the coming school year have been announced:

Honesty

Discipline

Friendliness

Perseverance

Responsibility

Compassion

Students are chosen from pre K-grade 5 classes each 6 weeks who best exemplify the designated trait. They are recognized through a Knighting Ceremony. I hope you are able to join me for some of the ceremonies. It is a remarkable experience to see the recognition that children receive for representing each of these traits and the concept of service above self. I will notify you as soon as the dates are available

Club Member News

I am delighted to share with you that Jim Osbon is home. It has been a long and remarkable journey for Jim, Brenda and their family. I am sure being in the comforts of home will mean so much to both of them. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Club Announcements

We will have our next HEB Center Fund Raiser on August 17.

Training/Orientation Dates are as follows

8/7: Dell, 8/9:HEB, 8/14:HEB, 8/16: Dell, 8/20HEB, 8/29 HEB

Please contact Bill for further information.

Upcoming Engagements and Dates

August 7: Board Meeting

August 18: District Branding and Public Image Seminar: McKinney Roughts

August 25: District Membership Seminar: Georgetown Health Foundation Community Center

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Have a wonderful week.

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