

President's Message  
August 8, 2018

Continuing the precedent from last month, I am providing a synopsis of our board meeting last night. Once again thanks to Tricia for providing the conference room at her office so that some of us were able to meet face to face. Others were able to join through ZOOM. I hope, if you have not participated, that you will give consideration to joining us at future board meetings. Your input and ideas are so important in making our E-Club successful.

1. Howard Brunson a long standing Rotarian and a member of the West Austin club joined us for part of the meeting. There has been some discussion concerning a group forming a Rotary Lite that would meet twice a month. They are interested in entering into discussion with our club to sponsor them either as a satellite club or provisional club. Larry, Carol, Suresh and Martha will look at these alternatives and present recommendations at the September Board meeting. Carol will attend the next "lite" meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Tricia presented the Treasurer's Report that included the updated 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 budgets. She indicated that the dues from most members have been received.
3. Keegan has notified the club that he will not longer be a member. This is due to increased responsibilities at school. We are appreciative of his dedication and work as a Rotarian and look forward to seeing him in the future.
4. It was agreed that the club would resume classification talks on Vimeo. These presentations will serve as one of the weekly updates. Suresh will provide a list of those members who have completed the talks and Carol will notify other members who have not done them.
5. Bill indicated there are eight Rotarians from several clubs have signed up for the HEB Center Rodeo on August 27. His committee will be looking at other sources and projects for fundraising.
6. Linda discussed the name change in our Manor New Tech HS Interact Club. The group will have a booth at the Open House at the HS to recruit new members. She will be providing a calendar of their meeting dates for the club. Carol and Martha agreed to serve as "back up" advisors when Linda is unable to attend their meetings.
7. Once the fall semester begins, the club will enter into conversation with Austin Community College concerning sponsoring a Rotaract Club at one of

their major campuses. It was suggested that the Highland Mall campus might be a good location for the club.

8. Suresh led a discussion concerning other ways the club can support activities at Pecan Springs. This could include the book distribution, Science Fair and PTA activities.
9. Carol would like to host a club social at her house either September 15<sup>th</sup> or September 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will be sending a note to the members asking their date preference.
10. Carol will pursue with our female club members their interest in participating in the Storybook project. It would involve training to serve as a volunteer for the women in designated prisons who read to their children.

The next board meeting will be held on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.