

President's Message  
October 9, 2018

President's Update:

The rain did not stop us this weekend from joining together for a social at my house. It was wonderful to see those who could come and we spent several hours visiting with each other. We had several special guests who were brought by Patrick and Suresh. Visiting Patrick from Switzerland was a wonderful couple who he had met in Ireland. This is their first visit to the United States and Texas. He has a very full itinerary for them including Big Bend, the McDonald Observatory and the Marfa Lights. Two high school friends were visiting Suresh from Ohio and Mumbai. I tried to learn more about Suresh as a teenager and there were a few laughs and stories that were shared. As we all know fellowship is one of the cornerstones for Rotary.

I am pleased to share that we have several members that have become a Paul Harris Fellow. It is named after the founder of Rotary, Paul Harris. The Paul Harris Fellow is an award given to those who have donated \$1000 over several years to the Rotary Foundation. This can be achieved in several ways: through a direct donation, through a donation of points and donation and through donation and utilizing the Jerry Jones Foundation. A multiple Paul Harris is a Paul Harris Fellow who has contributed an additional \$1000 to the Foundation.

Please join me in congratulating Bill and Erik on receiving their Paul Harris Fellow and Patrick and Nancy on receiving a multiple Paul Harris. We will have our formal recognition at our holiday social.

Sushil Kumar Gupta has been named the Rotary International President for 2020-2021. He serves as the chair and managing director of Asian Hotels and has been a 41-year member of the Rotary Club Delhi Midwest. Did you know there are 3,700 Rotary clubs with 146, 000 members in India. We look forward to his tenure as president.

Club Activities and News

Kent and Joan have returned from New Mexico and are once again leading our fundraising Equal Exchange project. This project allows us the opportunity to support local farmers and growers throughout the world through the purchase of tea, chocolate, coffee and other products. The club will receive 40% of the profits from all goods sold. Last year I did quite a bit of my holiday shopping and the reviews were fantastic from those who received my gifts. This is one of our major sources to raise funds for the club. Kent will be sending information shortly about the ordering process. I hope that you will share with friends and family to have them consider buying the products as well.

Patrick has returned from Ireland and we look forward to his leadership on our HEB Center fundraisers. If you have not completed the training and, are interested in serving, please contact Patrick and Bill for further information.

This Friday, October 12, is the first Early Act First Knight ceremony at Pecan Springs Elementary School. There will be two ceremonies at 8am and 9:30am. Seeing the children receive recognition by their teachers, being given their medal and often surprised to have their parents and families there has been one of the most rewarding experiences for me. I hope you can join me and Rotarians from COSMO, University Club and East Austin on Friday. The address is 3100 Rogge Lane.

October 24<sup>th</sup> is World Polio Day for all Rotarians. A number of other clubs in the District have fundraisers that you might want to attend:

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Austin Pints for Polio: 5:30 pm-7: 30pm: Fairmont Hotel Roof, Downtown Austin

October 18<sup>th</sup>: Lakeway Pints for Polio: 8pm: Hope and Tyme, Lakeway

October 2th: LaGrange Polio Raffle Fundraiser: Back Porch BBQ, La Grange

Every October the Lakeway Rotary Club has a raffle for a Mercedes car and the trip to Germany to get it at the factory. There are other prizes too. Lakeway gives 50% of the outside clubs ticket sales to that club. The tickets are \$100 a piece and 3 tickets for \$300. If you are interested please contact me. I am working with Betty Richardson from the University Club.

A reminder if you received an email from me concerning the classification talks, please review the dates and consider when you would like to present your talk.

### Program

This month's Rotary theme is Economic and Community Development. I would like to share the story of LaunchDetroit, which is led by District 6400. Some of you may know I lived in Southeastern Michigan for nine years and I can appreciate from know the area what they accomplished. The project supports and develops entrepreneurs and small businesses in underdeveloped communities in Detroit. It provides access to business loans, business development services and networking opportunities. There is a series of five short videos that show how the project made a difference for a community and enhanced its economic success.

<https://vimeopro.com/rotary/launchdetroit>

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