

President's Message
October 17, 2018

President's Update

Some of you may know I am an avid baseball fan. It does come from my dad and growing up in the 1960's with the amazing Yankee team. Greg and I will in fact be going today to Houston for the fourth game of the American League Championship between the Houston Astros and Boston Red Sox. When I think about baseball there are parallels to Rotary. In both situations it takes a team effort to be successful. While everyone may play a position in baseball or perhaps has a specific responsibility or role in a Rotary club, it is the combination that makes success possible. In our Rotary club we are fortunate to have Rotarians who are dedicated to the goals and objectives of Rotary. Each of us may contribute in a different ways but together we are a team.

Over the last few days you may have been watching on the news the pictures of the Hill Country floods. I did send a note to Nancy, Bill and Linda to check on how they are doing. If I hear back, I will share the information with you. I hope that our fellows Rotarians in the area from Marble Falls to Burnet to Llano are safe and dry. Please keep them in your thoughts.

The first Early Act First Knight at Pecan Springs occurred last Friday, October 12. Joan and Kent joined me in supporting the ceremonies with fellow Rotarians from the Cosmo and Downtown clubs. As I have said on more than one occasion, it is an honor for our club to support this amazing experience. It was heartwarming to see students from pre K to 5th grade be recognized for the trait of honesty. The look of surprise and honor on each of their faces and the congratulations from fellow students, teachers and families makes these ceremonies unique and special. I hope you can join me for the next ceremony on November 16th.

Club Activities and News

Suresh will be joining another Rotaplast group in India at the end of November. Rotaplast International is committed to helping children and families worldwide by eliminating the burden of cleft lip and palate.

You should be receiving information from Kent and Joan concerning our fundraising Equal Exchange project. As a reminder the club received 40% of the profits from all goods sold. I hope you will join me in participating in the project and reaching out to others to buy the products as well.

October 24th is World Polio Day. While we are not hosting a particular event, there are a number of ways you can be involved.

Here is a list of events from clubs in our district.

October 18: Austin Pints for Polio: 5:30 pm-7: 30 pm: Fairmont Hotel Roof, Downtown Austin.

October 18th: Taylor Pints for Polio: 4pm-8pm: Texas Beer Company Taylor.

October 20th: Multi Club Monster Dash: 9 am: Harker Heights Community Park.
October 23rd: Northwest Austin Rotary Pints for Polio: 5:30pm-8 pm: Whitestone Brewery, Cedar Park
October 25th: La Grange Polio Raffle Fundraiser: Back Porch BBQ: La Grange.
October 26th: Georgetown Pints for Polio: 5p-7pm: Mesquite Creed Outfitters, Georgetown.

If you cannot attend any of these events, remember that any contribution made to the Rotary Foundation Polio category will be matched 2 for 1 by the Gates Foundation. In addition if you go to endpolio.org you can learn about a live stream Rotary event being sponsored by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia at 3:30 pm.

Program

In keep with the World Polio theme, here is a short video from the World Health Organization about the eradication of polio and one about how to participate on October 24.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=68RLuAuWnFE>

<https://youtu.be/8dWEMB-RgA0>

Stay dry and have a great week.
Go Astros!!
Carol