

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



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President Elect, Casey Hostetler presented President Mark Moisan with a Houston Astros championship ring that she picked up while in Texas' Rotary International Convention this year.



Last week led with a unique approach to the topic of understanding the Rotary resources you have available to you as an Early Bird.

As an opening exercise Gary had everyone congregate around breakfast tables (that meant the one person sitting alone, at the dreaded first table ... me ... had to sit at another table for a hot minute).

The task was simple. Share something about yourselves (skill or profession) with your table-mates that others may not know about you. Gary's underlying motive was fostering an understanding that the most important Rotary resource could be the Early Bird sitting next to you.

Some example stories from the tables include Jim Vogler, partner and former co-chair of the firm's Motor Vehicle Group at [Barack Ferrazzano](#). The firm was contracted to launch the American debut of British car maker, Ineos' [Grenadier](#), with a base price of \$85,000 USD.



Will Worthey, our new City Manager, is qualified to write operational orders to the NATO standard.

Mike Taylor can do stuff. Well, that was his summary after offering 3D printing consultation and production of interesting projects.

[Bob Travers](#) is writing a book on how to grow moss in Oregon. At least that's how his table-mate described it.

After the exercise Gary posed a rhetorical question, "Is it still true that Rotary is an old-white-guy club?"

Of course we all know that hasn't been true for many years. Yet we still strain against that old stereotype with many people carrying that mental image.

Gary gave Casey the floor for her experience as a club member and now, president-elect. She has attended Rotary International in Toronto even before her leadership role. This experience, as a "regular" club member, had its own special meaning. Not having to be concerned with what she needed to bring to the Club's table she could just bask in the experience of diverse culture, attire, and language all coming together under a single purpose of peace and purpose.

Houston had 11,000 registrants with 8,000 available seats. This time, with a presidency on her horizon, meant actually trying to absorb what was being offered. The idiom of drinking from a fire hose was fitting.

Still, it felt like an 11,000 person family reunion.

With Gary back at the lectern we got into external Rotary resources such as Fellowships including Golf, Whiskey, Environment, Motorcycling, Magicians, Curling, Lawyers (hey, we were founded by one, right?), Photographers, Yachting, Yoga, Hiking ... wait, where's the Moss Fellowship!

Gary passed out some props to touch the point of really buying in to Rotary connection.

While "drinking the Kool Aid" has its origins in tragedy he really tried to skirt that negative connotation. On the back of each packet were URLs for our prime Rotary websites of District and International.

Our District has two really useful sites for the main page and our club databases.

www.IsRotaryForYou.com is the public-facing presence of District 5100 that includes a Club Finder, Programs (mostly youth exchange and leadership), and Foundation links (how to give, how to get & distribute).

This site also has a link to [DACdb](#) (District And Club database). This isn't the prettiest site on the web but dang, it's useful. Click on the ugly little My Club tab at the top and you get a window into the work that Raquel and Lessie contribute while no one's looking.

There's stuff here for you, as an Early Bird Rotarian, to do as well. Click the "Club Members" link, find yourself in the Member directory, and update it with your real information.

Check and update your Member Profile information. Especially your preferred phone(s) and email contact info.

Also on this site are links such as Find Member, Club Websites, and Club Statistics. But don't bother with "Club ezBulletins." Why? Because your sesquipedalian newsletter editor refuses to publish an ephemeral missive. That's what cakes and sand castles are for.

www.My.Rotary.org is the members-login space for [Rotary International](#). Here is where you find Rotary's global presence. Learn how to manage a club, learn about the Rotary Foundation, Take Action (polio eradication, design projects, apply for grants, etc.), and News & Media ... which is where you find one of my most frequent pages, the Brand Center.

The [Brand Center](#) is where you find official logos and learn how to use them properly.

Last, and certainly not least, is our own club's website, NewbergRotaryEarlyBirds.org for our own little corner of the Rotary world.