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ROTARY CLUB OF LAKEWAY/LAKE TRAVIS launches “ALL IN for our Community” Campaign



The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club announces their “ALL IN for our Community” Charitable Campaign. The campaign replaces Rotary’s yearly car raffle that has been postponed this year due to COVID-19. Instead, the “ALL IN for our Community” campaign offers local restaurant discount coupons in exchange for monetary donations. The proceeds of this campaign go to support Lake Travis graduating seniors with scholarships to the school of their choice and other Rotary Projects.

“We recognize the challenges that face our community and small businesses during these trying times, however the need for scholarships and community support from Rotary is greater than ever,” said Morgan McMillian, Club President. “We decided to modify our program to meet these needs and support our sponsors.” Donations and receipt of discount coupons can be fulfilled by calling (512) 799-3857 or at www.laketravisrotary.org.

Rotary’s motto of “Service Above Self” is evident in the list of incredible projects this local club has contributed to the community. This year’s Charitable Giving Program will support projects like these past projects:

- 50% of funds are used to award scholarships to Lake Travis High School graduating seniors. To date Car Raffle funds have benefited over 300 LTHS students, with total scholarships awarded of approximately \$450,000.

- 25% of funds are used for community charitable projects. Among recent projects are hosting Adoption Awareness events resulting in over 30 adoptions, supporting the local free Healthcare Volunteer Associates Clinic, and providing clothing and donations for Settlement Home residents. Over a three-year period, the Rotary Club donated \$50,000 for the construction of the new Lake Travis Community Library.

- 10% of funds are used for Youth Programs including sponsoring the LTISD Special Olympics Awards for over 100 students and parents, supporting the Purple Pinky Polio eradication fundraising program at local elementary schools, and advising Rotary Interact service clubs for middle and high school students.

- 15% of funds are used in support of international projects including: building two fresh water wells in Tanzania, arranging international youth exchanges for over 100 students, supporting ShelterBox USA which provides emergency provisions to thousands of disaster victims all over the world, and participating in a hearing aid event in Matamoros, Mexico which fitted and provided no-charge hearing aids to 450 people of all ages.

The support of the community and sponsors of this year’s Charitable Giving Program allows the dedicated Rotarians to continue giving back generously to the community and working to make a difference internationally. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Background on Rotary

The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club consists of local business leaders working to address various community and international humanitarian projects. The club encourages high ethical standards in all vocations and helps build goodwill and peace in the world through the Ideal of Service. The club objective is to encourage and foster the Ideal of Service as a basis of worthy enterprise. Rotarians worldwide live by the same 24-word code of ethics that is reflected in the Rotary 4-Way Test. Adopted by Rotary International in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages. This simple philosophy and code consist of the following:

Of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The motto of Rotary is “Service Above Self.” The Lakeway/Lake Travis Rotary Club currently meets every Thursday (except first Thursdays) from noon to 1:00 p.m. For further information visit www.laketravisrotary.org to learn more.

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Ambulance	911
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Travis County ESD No.6/Lake Travis Fire Rescue	
Administration Office.....	512-266-2533
Travis County Animal Control.....	512-972-6060

SCHOOLS

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Lake Travis High School.....	512-533-6100
Lake Travis Middle School.....	512-533-6200
Lake Travis Elementary.....	512-533-6300
Hudson Bend Middle School	512-533-6400
Lake Pointe Elementary.....	512-533-6500
Lakeway Elementary	512-533-6350
Serene Hills Elementary	512-533-7400
Bee Cave Elementary.....	512-533-6250
West Cypress Elementary	512-533-7500

UTILITIES

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Texas Gas Service	
Custom Service.....	1-800-700-2443
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Austin/Travis County Hazardous Waste	512-974-4343

OTHER NUMBERS

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Bee Cave Library	512-767-6620
Municipal Court	512-767-6630
Lake Travis Postal Office.....	512-263-2458
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.....	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave	www.beecavetexas.com

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THE MOURNING DOVE

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

The mourning dove is native to Texas and gets its name from the soft, sad-sounding coo that usually only the male makes. What you may not know is that the mourning dove also has a non-verbal whistling sound it makes when it takes off and lands. This sound is an alarm signal and is also associated with courtship. They are one of the most abundant birds of all North American birds.

Doves are highly-developed and range in size from a sparrow to a chicken. Mourning doves are one of seven species of doves in our area. The others are the white-winged dove, the white-tipped dove, the erasian collared, the rock dove (pigeon), the band-tailed pigeon, the inca dove and the common ground dove. Some of them, like the mourning dove, are monogamous. That means they'll stay with their mate for life unless something happens to the mate. If that happens, the mourning dove will find a replacement.

Mourning doves are recognizable by black spots on brown wings, a black beak, black eyes and a long, pointed tail. They look somewhat plump with a small head that looks a little too small for the size of the body.

You might catch a glimpse of a mourning dove on the ground or on a limb, leaning over and stretching one wing. The bird is either sunbathing or rainbathing. It can hold this position for up to twenty minutes. They also like to dustbathe.

Their diet consists mostly of seeds. They have a preference for rapeseed, corn, millet, safflower, and sunflower seeds. They eat until their crops are full and then fly away to digest the food. They'll often swallow sand or fine gravel to aid in digestion.

Doves are the number one game bird in the country and Texas leads the nation in hunter and harvest humbers. Every year from June to August, Texas Parks and Wildlife place leg bands on thousands of mourning and white-winged doves. The primary reason for banding is to track the harvest. This is done in order to monitor the factors that influence the populations. Hunters report banded birds and the information gathered provides estimates of harvest and survival rates. The data is used in several programs to help manage populations and set hunting regulations. Hunters are urged to report any bands they find.

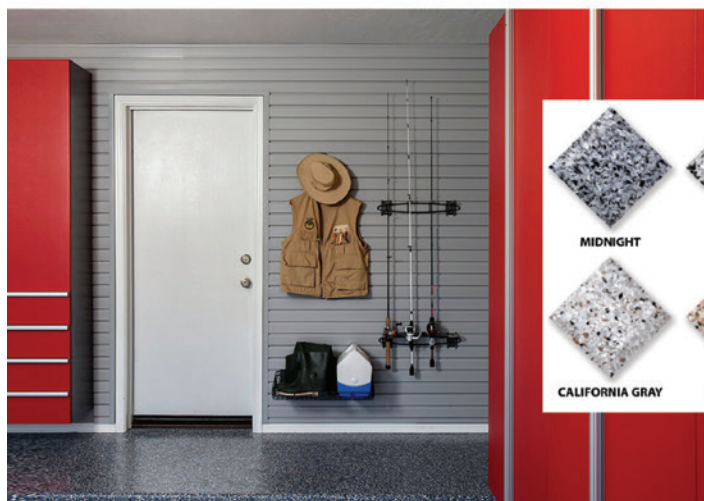
Here are a few very interesting facts about this very common bird.

- They have a very short life span. They usually only live about 1.5 years. The oldest recorded age of a mourning dove is 31.
- They are one of only a few birds that can actually sip water like humans. Most birds gulp water and then rotate their heads until the water goes down their throats.
- Many of them lay eggs several times a year.
- Mourning doves can fly up to 55mph. Compare that to a Northern Flicker that weighs about the same but can only fly 23 mph.
- Another name used for mourning doves is turtle doves.

TWRC admits hundreds of injured, orphaned and displaced doves every year. Some have dog and cat wounds, some have had collisions with windows, or have fallen out of a nest. Whatever the reason for their admission, we care for them until they are able to be returned to the wild. If you'd like more information about what we do, check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.



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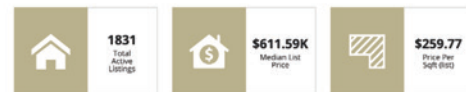
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