

Rotary Club of Arlington



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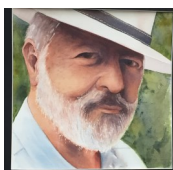
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January 16, 2020

In this edition: Proposed member, district grants, Fish Creek Cleanup, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Ware



EACH YEAR, RI RETURNS HALF OF THE MONEY DONATED BY OUR CLUB TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION THREE YEARS AGO TO BE USED AS DESIGNATED BY OUR CLUB. Half of that money is for Global Grants and half to be used on District Grants. This year we passed along our global grant money to another club that has helped us in the past on our Honduras projects. Our District Grants (matched by our club dollar for dollar) for this year are:

Safe Places for Mommy & Me (\$4820.00) – As part of larger ongoing projects designed to help eliminate barriers to single Arlington parents obtaining childcare necessary for them to gain employment, this grant will be used to make a charitable contribution to the City of Arlington Parks and Recreation Department to support children who will benefit by being able to attend the City's Summer Camp Dream Program at no or reduced cost.

Mentoring Arlington Youth (\$500.00) – This grant would be used to support the Arlington Police Department's "Mentoring Arlington Youth" (MAY) program, by providing a holiday celebration for this year's participants in the program. The May Program offers interactive workshops on leadership, team building, education and career development.

Adults Relating to Kids (\$500.00) – Will be used to purchase ARK programming at our sponsored

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THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Dr. Adrian Parr
"Design and Public Interest"

COMING SOON

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| Jan. 16 | Dr. Adrian Parr | Design and Public Interest |
| Jan. 23 | "Support Our Soldiers" | |

It Happened Last Thursday ... By Bonnie S. Harris

The weekly meeting of The Rotary Club of Arlington was called to order by President Tom Ware on Thursday January 9, 2020. Kurt Bartley shared the prayer, led us in reciting the "Pledge of Allegiance" and in singing "God Bless America."

Visiting Rotarians included Sheryl McBroom, Jim Quick and Matt Hines. A multitude of guests were warmly greeted and welcomed.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ALL MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Arlington, Texas are asked to update and complete their business profile and classification biography. Go to our club's website and scroll down until you see the heading "Rotary is Open for Business." You have the option to search for your name alphabetically or by classification. When you find your name, make certain that

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school, Webb Elementary. The ARK for Kids program "provides instruction that reinforces a child's awareness that they are special, valued and loved, and empowers children to feel capable of mastering their environment and helps them establish social skills for making friends and connecting with other." The core objective of ARK programming – that kids who feel loved do better - coincides with Rotary's emphasis on promoting integrity and goodwill and saving women and children.

Kindness Initiative in Arlington (Round 1, \$1160.00; Round 2, \$2660.00) – To advance the Vision of Arlington's Kindness Initiative by engaging Businesses, City Services, Social Services, Schools and Nonprofits to inject kindness into the culture of our Dream City. Objectives are to Promote Kindness into Arlington Culture, Establish Environments of Kindness – Create Kindness Zones by way of Signage & Practice and Encourage, Stimulate & Recognize Acts of Kindness in our City. The Rotary Club of Arlington will become an Ambassador of Kindness.

Thank you for your donations over the past years. They are doing good work in our community and around the world.

Tom Ware

President, 2019-2020

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your photo is displayed, your email address is correct, and that you have written a brief one paragraph "Classification Biography." This listing is an important way for others to connect with you and find out more about your specialization, skills and services. The listing is not only out of date, it is incomplete! Please notify Joan Church, Secretary, Mia Russo, Assistant Secretary, Kurt Bartley, Membership Services or April Pettit, Public Relations for assistance and updates to your profile.

Maggie Campbell, President and CEO of Downtown Arlington Management Corporation, invited everyone to "Arlington on Tap" at Legal Draft this Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM for the latest of Arlington's new monthly speaker series. She also invited everyone to visit Downtown Arlington's new website: DowntownArlington.org. Click on "News" in the upper right-hand corner of the Home Page and scroll down to "Downtown History." The city of Arlington has an interesting and colorful history that should be celebrated and shared. Maggie asked that anyone with old or historical photos related to Arlington's past please email them to her to be included on the website.

Joy Way gave an update on our dear Rotarian friend, Fred Bondurant, whose health has been failing over the past several months. He is now at home with his family receiving hospice care. The family said he was too weak to have visitors; but prayers and cards are always welcome.

Nancy Blinn reminded us of the "Fish Creek Clean Up Challenge" that is Saturday January 25 from 9 AM until 2 PM. Our club participates in this annual family friendly event to help keep Arlington clean. Put on your work clothes, muck boots and leather gloves and we will see you at 300 Cravens Park Drive in Arlington early that Saturday morning.

Victoria Farrar-Myers reminded us that during the month of January we are collecting items for our armed service men and women. We are collecting non-perishable food items such as protein bars, cereal bars, nuts, dried microwave meals or any other nutritional snack.

Don Mebus called our attention to the devastating fires in Australia. He spoke to Rotary President Ian Riseley who

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Congratulations

Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of "Service Above Self."

John Dancer 7 Years January 17, 2013

Dick Moise 2 Years January 18, 2018



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Nancy Blinn urges our Rotarian to sign up for the Fish Creek Cleanup Challenge on Saturday, January 25.
Photo by Clete McAlister



Member, Dr. Christopher McMurrough, gave a fascinating program on Perceptual Engineering.



These are the items to buy and bring to next week's program: Support Our Soldiers.
Photo by Clete McAlister

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described the air quality as poor due to the smoke. He and his family are currently safe but have accepted the reality that he may lose his home to fire. Summer has just begun in Australia with low humidity and ambient temperatures above 100 degrees F. You have an opportunity to make a financial contribution to help those in need (see Clete's e-mail). If you donate directly to Australia, there are a few details you need to be aware of: the exchange rate variance (100:69); IRS rules may not consider your contribution a charitable donation; and your credit card company may place a fraud alert on your card if you do not notify them first.

Sheila Nagy invited everyone to "donuts and coffee" Monday morning from 10 to 11:30 AM at the corner of Abrams and Thornton to watch the demolition and the fall of the building at Cooper and Main Streets! Out with the old, in with the new!

Walter Virdin led the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," a song written in 1788 by Robert Burns. The song is a traditional Scottish folk song and continues to be a favorite tune today. It is typically sung to bid farewell to the end of the year; but is also commonly sung at graduations and at the close of Boy Scout jamborees.

We congratulated several Rotarians for their various numbers of years of service (listed elsewhere in your Hubcap) and sang "Happy Birthday" Rotarians with birthdays during the week.

Rotarian Christopher D. McMurrough Ph.D. presented the day's program. Chris is a professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Texas at Arlington. Last year he received the honor of becoming a Distinguished Senior Lecturer. He speaks at different robotics clubs, career days and computer science events as well as leading/coaching STEM educational events throughout the metroplex.

Chris became interested in perceptual computing when his mother-in-law was hospitalized with ALS. During the end stages of her disease she had no effective way of communicating her needs to her family or to health care professionals. Perceptual computing is the ability of a computer to recognize what is going on around it. It uses

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| President | Tom Ware |
| President-elect | Susie McAlister |
| Past President | Mary Tom Curnutt |
| Secretary | Joan Church |
| Treasurer | James McCroskey |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Steve Brooks |

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| Vocational Service | Brian Roberts |
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| Rotary Foundation | Sally Hopper |
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| Advisor | Derrick Kinney |

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sensing hardware such as lasers, cameras and 3D scanners to perceive data/information. Dr. McMurrough's invention uses "eye tracking" and "head position" in relation to the pupil of the eye to tell what a person is looking at. In this way the computer can recognize human motion and behavior. After Chris and others recorded thousands of hours of videos of the human eye they analyzed, charted, measured, categorized and digitalized these records and developed an algorithm to allow a person who can not speak to communicate through the computer with a special pair of head-gear-glasses. Dr. McMurrough jokingly reviewed the complex mathematics and physics involved in the computer programming process but felt that no one in the audience would understand it anyway, so he skipped that part of the presentation. He continues to work on assistive robotic platforms, non-tactile wheelchair controls, and brain-computer interface research. Dr. McMurrough's primary goal is to develop robotic computers to help humans in need. Through outreach he hopes to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

The club donated a book to the Webb Elementary School Library in Christopher D. McMurrough's honor. We were dismissed after reciting the Four-Way Test and the ringing of the bell. 🕒

NEXT CLUB BOARD MEETING
Friday, January 17, 11:30 a.m.
Worthington Bank Conference Room



"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

FISH CREEK CLEANUP CHALLENGE



Saturday, January 25,

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

300 Cravens Park
Contact Nancy
Blinn

PROPOSED MEMBER

Jori Lindsay

Real Estate — Residential Agency (Active)

Sponsor: Jill Regina

Mentor: Mia Russo



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