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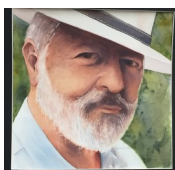
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In this edition: Fish Creek Cleanup, new member Jori Lindsay, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Ware



NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO THINK ABOUT GIVING YOUR FRIENDS THE GIFT OF ROTARY! Do you know someone active in our community that would make a great quality member for the Rotary Club of Arlington? Someone who could benefit from the networking and comradery in our club? Someone who, if given the opportunity, would excel as a member and make our club even better than it is? Then February will be a great month to bring them to our meetings!

We kick off the month on February 6th with Rob Matwick, Executive Vice President, Business Operations of the Texas Rangers. He will fill us in on the new ballyard and answer your questions on how they will be getting the World Series back to Arlington. For the next week's meeting, Bryan Roberts brings in Arlington's Police Chief Will Johnson and Fire Chief Don Crowson for a discussion on their departments. The third meeting of February brings us Jeff Moseley, Chief Executive Officer of the Texas Association of Business, the largest business association in Texas, representing over 2, 800 businesses, from major corporations to small start-ups.

That makes for quite a lineup of speakers! Don't let your friends and business acquaintances miss out. Membership app's for them will be available!

Tom Ware

President, 2019-20

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY Bob Stoops, Coach and GM "Dallas Renegades"

COMING SOON

Feb. 6 Rob Matwick **TEXAS RANGERS**

Feb. 13 Chief Don Crowson Panel Discussion
Chief Will Johnson

It Happened Last Thursday ... By Heather Kipker

The Rotary Club of Arlington meeting held on January 23rd was called to order by President, Tom Ware. Fred Weekly opened the meeting up with prayer, reciting of the "Pledge of Allegiance" and in singing to "God Bless America." Steve Klieber along with acting as our greeter also gave a warm welcome to our guests; we had no visiting Rotarians. Among our guests was Jill Regina's guest, Jori Lindsay whom was also inducted as a new member!

There are a lot of Rotarians out doing great things; it was evident by the several announcements made by our Rotarians. Sara Knotts invited everyone out to celebrate the evening before Valentine's day event on February 13th at Restaurant 506 at The Sanford House; new chef David (Kris Landrith's son-in-law) will be preparing the meal. Donna Mack Anderson represented the Mayor's

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Look who's cleaning up Cravens Park!

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Committee on People with Disabilities; inviting everyone out to the meeting on Friday the 31st at noon held in the Council Briefing Room at City Hall. Grace Whetstone of Miracle League asked that Rotarians spread the word for participation in the Miracle League baseball league for individuals with disabilities. Each spring/fall season Miracle League hosts up to 300 kids with disabilities. Arlington Chamber CEO, Michael Jacobson invited everyone out to The Mayor's Breakfast on February 11th at 6:15 a.m., it will be held at the Arlington Convention Center. Nancy Blinn announced the Fish Creek Cleanup.

District Governor, Peter Scott gave a beautiful tribute to the late Fred Bondurant who became a Rotarian in June of 1950. Peter defined Fred as the epitome of a Rotarian, boots on the ground, ready to work, giving and selfless. Fred lived out the 4-Way Test and it was shown through example. In honor of Fred, Peter donated to the Arlington Rotary Foundation, where Fred had requested that memorials be made out to.

Kurt Bartley alongside sponsor, Jill Regina and mentor Mia Russo held a new member induction for Jori Lindsey. Welcome to Our Club, Jori!

Valerie Landry asked Rotarians to rise and join in the singing of "You're a Grand Old Flag," song choice was in honor of Fred Bondurant and our program "Support Our Soldiers," by Teresa Nelson.

Joan Church presented two members with their blue badges; Eric Tucker & Chris Hayes, good job!

Susie McAlister recognized our Rotarians with birthdays this week; Diane Patrick & Stuart Thomas. We also recognized Victoria Farrar-Myers and her five years of service.

Susie McAlister presented the program for the day, "Support Our Soldiers," (SOS) by Teresa Nelson. Teresa was inspired to support our soldiers after years of watching her father who was an Army 101st Airborne soldier.

Teresa was introduced to the idea of sending "boxes" to soldiers overseas after a customer of hers at her gift business came into her shop and was shipping a box to a soldier. Teresa then prayed to God asking that when she

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund

January 26 – February 1

January 31 Belinda Gist

February 1 Mia Russo

Our club has a tradition of writing birthday checks to the **Rotary Foundation** in the amount of the number years they are celebrating (or rounding it up a little higher if they chose). The gift sent to the **Rotary Foundation** goes into a pool that eventually funds our club grants and also earns you points toward your next Paul Harris pin. (Please note this is the **Rotary Foundation** not the Arlington Rotary Foundation. Thanks!)



Congratulations

Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of "Service Above Self"

Norman Douglas 37 Years Feb. 1, 1983

Hal Thurow 37 Years Feb. 1, 1983



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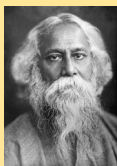
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Teresa Nelson delivers a wonderfully interesting program about her charity, Support Our Soldiers.

— Photo by Clete McAlister



"I slept and dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke and saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy"

— Rabindranath Tagore



Jori Lindsay is welcomed as our newest member by President Nominee, Kurt, with mentor Mia Russo, and President Tom.

— Photo by Clete McAlister

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leaves this earth to have left something behind that matters. Teresa's prayers were answered in 2011 when Teresa adopted her first soldier, Tim who was stationed in El Paso, serving in Kuwait.

Support our Soldiers is volunteer based and has five board members; it's primary mission is to serve soldiers that do not have family support or are serving in remote units. SOS also does not want a single soldier to go without anything for one minute.

Teresa said about every decade the specific needs of a soldier change, today a major need for soldiers is bedding. Soldiers are provided a sleeping bag only and while Teresa recognizes that she cannot change the military, how they function or their policies, she can change the life of the soldier by providing items that meet basic needs. Through years of service, communication and the making of tons of custom boxes the SOS has discovered that medic units overseas appreciate swim goggles; they fit tight to the face and protect eyes in heavy sand storms. Providing items such as swim goggles is what sets SOS apart, they are custom boxes to that particular unit/person and no two boxes are ever the same.

How does Support Our Soldiers stand apart from other organizations? SOS does not just send one box out to a soldier, once SOS takes on a soldier they stay with that soldier through the duration of their tour. And once a soldier returns home SOS stays with them for six months to assist in their transition back home.

Teresa works from 10 pm to 2 am seven days a week communicating with the military, different units and different branches. The night prior to our Rotary meeting Teresa had stayed up and was involved in nineteen different conversations with soldiers. Theresa acknowledged that since SOS began in 2011 thirty-six known soldiers have been saved from committing suicide, by simply having a phone conversation, showing concern, support and care. One other form of encouragement our soldiers appreciate are letters from home.

Support Our Soldiers is not slowing down they continue to look for other ways to support our soldiers. They have recently developed a K-9 unit and SHE-RO division to

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Rotary Foundation	Sally Hopper
Assistant Secretary	Mia Russo
Advisor	Val Gibson
Advisor	Derrick Kinney

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support military dogs and our women serving. SOS is also working with different hotels, restaurants and entertainment venues in hopes to provide a soldier with a great weekend when they are home for their R&R. SOS is currently in talks right now here in our backyard at Texas LIVE! To help support SOS and their efforts please like them on Facebook and share <https://www.facebook.com/supportoursoldier/>

In closing, Tom announced that next week's program will be led by Jean Sung of HOPE tutoring. Tom led Rotarians in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🌟



All-star Rotarians (and past Junior League presidents) April and Sally do the heavy lifting of cleaning Fish Creek.
— Photo by Holly Hattendorf



Eric Tucker and Chris Hays are presented their Blue Badges by Secretary Joan and President Tom.



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