

Rotary Club of Arlington



Hubcap

The Official Weekly Publication of the Rotary Club of Arlington

January 9, 2020

In this edition: [Rotary Blood Drive](#) this week, talented Rotarians, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Ware



I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY CHANUKAH AND NEW YEAR'S DAY.

This week, we get to hear from one of our own when Chris McMurrough gives our program. Chris is a Distinguished Senior Lecturer and Director of the Senior Design Program in the Department of Computer Science & Engineering at UTA. He is also Co-Founder of Cloud 9 Perception, an industrial robotics & computer vision startup company in downtown Arlington. He is a member of several community organizations, such as the Arlington Tomorrow Foundation Citizen's Advisory Board, Rotary Club of Arlington, and Young Men for Arlington. Chris is one of the faces of our future as a club and city. Don't miss this one.

See you on Thursday to kick off the second half of our Rotary Year!

Tom Ware

President 2019-2020

[P.S. Carter Bloodcare inventories are critically low. Please consider giving blood this week in the Rotary Blood Drive.](#)

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Chris McMurrough

"Software That Sees: How Perceptual Computing Will Change Lives for People With Disabilities"

&

[Blood Drive](#)



COMING SOON

Jan. 16 Dr. Adrian Parr Design and Public Interest

Jan. 23 "Save Our Soldiers"

It Happened Last Meeting ...
By Carey F. Walker

THE WEEKLY MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:05 PM BY PRESIDENT TOM WARE. Walter Viriden offered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. We all sang "God Bless America". Peter Scott welcomed the guests and Jim Quick was our lone visiting Rotarian.

Announcements were made beginning with Kay King informing us that we will be having a blood drive on

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BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
January 1 – January 11

January 2 Joe Way

January 3 Rachel Wright

January 7 Fred Bondurant, Jr.

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!)

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January 9, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. in the Banquet Room at FUMC-Arlington.

Diane Patrick thanked Mojoy Haddad for hosting our annual Christmas party at his home. Diane also recognized Pat Connor for her tremendous help on making the party a huge success.

Kurt Bartley introduced our newest member, Josh Desse. Josh was presented his red badge and his Rotary pin. His sponsor is Dave Davis and his mentor is Hal Thurow. Please make sure to welcome Josh and make him feel at home in our club.

Sally Hopper made a Paul Harris Fellow presentation to Kay King. It is Kay's fourth Paul Harris Fellow award. Congratulations to Kay on her service to our club and to the Rotary Foundation.

Hugh Ross and Don Mebus led us in singing "Jingle Bells". Don played the guitar while Hugh directed the club in song.

Susie McAlister announced Rotarians with birthdays. Charles Brady and Sheila Nagy on December 18; Kay King on December 19; Melody Fowler on December 20; Bob Griffin on December 24; Victoria Farrar-Myers on December 26; and Marc Prda on December 30. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries were Steve Kunkel, 27 years and Kay King, 19 years.

Sally Hopper announced that Kay King, Bob Griffin and Scott Hendricks made donations to the Rotary Foundation in honor of their birthdays.

Susie McAlister announced the program for this week. The program was "The Esteban Blanco Singers, A Rotary Christmas Show". Esteban is owner of Blanco I. T. Consulting and has almost two decades of experience in information technology. Esteban is also a professional vocalist with a passion for travel. His love of music led to

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**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE A LIFE!**

Blood Drive

January 9,
11:00 to 3:00

Banquet Room



Congratulations

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

Eric Tucker **8 Years** **January 1, 2012**

Georgie Zang **1 Year** **January 3, 2019**

Alex Mwakikoti **4 Years** **January 7, 2016**



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Newest member, Josh Desse is welcomed by sponsor Dave Davis, mentor Hal Thurow, and Membership Director, Kurt Barkley. Photo by Clete McAlister



Update from Paris by Sam Reich

[Click Here for the Latest from Sam](#)



The December 19 meeting was the unofficial Kay King Day as we celebrated her birthday, Rotary years, and her blood drive announcement.

Photo by Clete McAlister

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Esteban migrating to the United States in 1997 when he was invited to join the Celebrant Singers. Esteban has toured extensively with the musical group, performing in 49 states and 24 countries. Esteban credits this experience with awakening an even greater compassion for those in need and a deep appreciation for the blessings in his life.

Esteban began the presentation by reading from the gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 1-7. Walter Virden followed this reading with the singing of "Angels We have Heard on High". This song was written by James Chadwick in 1862. Walter followed this song by continuing to read from the gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 8-14. Vera McKissic then sang "Be Born in Me". This song was written by Bernie Herms and Nichole Nordeman and released in 2012. Vera also read from the gospel of Luke, Chapter 2, verses 15-20. Esteban performed the last song of the day. He sang "O Holy Night". This song was written by Placide Cappeau and Adolphe Adam in 1847.

Tom reminded us of the blood drive on January 9, 2020 in the Banquet Room, that the program for January 9 is Chris McMurrough on Perceptual Engineering and January 16 the program is Dr. Adrian Parr on Design and Public Interest.

A book was donated to Webb Elementary school to honor Walter Virden, Vera McKissic and Esteban Blanco.

Tom provided the following quote from Bob Hope: "My idea of Christmas, whether old fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others."

Kris Landrith provided us with the last laugh.

Tom thanked the special guests and everyone else for coming. He then led us in the Four Way Test and we were adjourned. 🌟

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



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CLUB OFFICERS

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

2019—2020 Club Directors

Membership	Kurt Bartley
Social Activities	Diane Patrick
Webb School	Joy Bates
Community Service	Victoria Farrar-Myers
Vocational Service	Brian Roberts
International Service	Scott Hendricks
Public Relations	April Pettitt
Scholarships	Tom Wightman
Youth Service	Gloria Pena
Fund Development	Dixon Holman
Rotary Foundation	Sally Hopper
Assistant Secretary	Mia Russo
Advisor	Val Gibson
Advisor	Derrick Kinney

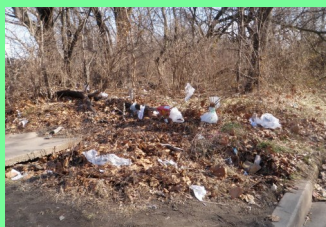
Our inspiring Christmas singers gave wonderful performances.



“No man ever steps into the same river twice, for it is not the same river and he is not the same man.”

—Heraclitus

FISH CREEK CLEANUP CHALLENGE



Saturday, January 25,
2020
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

300 Cravens Park
[Contact Nancy Blinn](#)



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Subject: Updates from Paris

Hello Dr. Farrar-Myers,

How are you? I have been having a great time so far at Sciences Po learning about...so much! Politics, economics, statistics, human rights, demography, research, law, development - the list goes on!

The school has been excellent so far, and I'm very impressed with the quality and experience of the professors. For one of my classes - Promoting Human Rights - the professor commutes in from New York because his day job is Senior Director of Law and Policy at Amnesty International. He is a very busy man (and originally from Zimbabwe, which is such a great perspective to learn from). At the same time, he gave me a full page of detailed feedback on my proposal for the final essay and ensured the class that he wanted to help us write something that could be developed beyond the class and help us with our careers or research.

For another class - Socio-Economic Rights and Development - my professor gave us the option to propose a group workshop instead of taking a final exam. My group was chosen! So we designed and facilitated a workshop on extractive industries and indigenous rights. It was amazing to put what we were learning into context. We made it very interactive and taught the class of 50 students for a full 2 hour lecture.

Right now, I am working on a project about rural to urban migration in Mongolia due to climate change with classmates/friends from Kazakhstan, China, France, and Taiwan, while I have made other friends from Finland, Panama, India, Germany, Egypt, and many many other places. My friend from The Gambia has invited me to visit him and his family there, so I will be hosted by them in January for a couple of weeks! He is an activist, and his brother leads a political party in the country, so I am sure I will gain interesting perspectives on Gambian culture and politics while staying with them.

With 9 classes, the school can be very tough, but I am working hard, and it has been incredibly enriching so far. I am also on the university's competition soccer team, and the coach doesn't speak any English! It is a great group, and we have won all of our games so far. Later today, I am going with a big group of students to the Louvre to see a special exhibition on the work of Leonardo Da Vinci, for which we had to book months in advance. It is fantastic to be with such motivated peers.

I have been involved with the St. Cloud Rotary club too, attending meetings and volunteering with them for a food bank a couple of weeks ago. I will join them for a dinner next week. I have had to give speeches at the club completely in French, so my language ability has been improving too! I am so grateful to have this opportunity and to be immersed in the French language and culture. I've also been eating too much cheese and bread; they just bake so well here! Please give the rest of the Arlington Rotary my best wishes and happy holidays! Thank you so much.

It would be lovely if you could somehow share these updates with the rest of the Arlington Rotary.

I hope you are doing well and would love to set up a Skype call soon! My ID is SDReichSkype. Are there days/times that work better for you? Thanks so much! It will be wonderful to catch up.

Merci,
Sam Reich



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Valerie, Tom, and Clete,

PLEASE get the word out to our club members and the other club presidents and members in our area that Carter BloodCare is having a CRITICAL SHORTAGE!

The Rotary Club of Arlington is having a blood drive this Thursday, January 9, 2020 at First United Methodist Church in Arlington from 11:00-3:00. The other clubs can get credit for their own club and can make up a club meeting from 12:00-1:00. Bring others!

January historically has been an extremely low month for blood supplies. December has the most elective surgeries and people are on vacation. By January the blood supplies are depleted.

Thank you!
Kay King
817-307-9599

From: Swindell, Rebecca <rswindell@carterbloodcare.org>
To: 'Kay King' <kayking4015@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020, 09:32:43 AM CST
Subject: Blood drive Thursday along with current inventory levels

Good Morning Kay,

Please continue to get the word out about your upcoming blood drive this Thursday. Carter BloodCare is experiencing an **extreme BLOOD EMERGENCY**. Below, I am sharing the blood inventory from this morning. That inventory has likely been depleted as I write this email to you.

It is not too late to impact the safety and security of the blood supply for the patients in our community. I have listed some last minute tips below:

- ◆ Please contact appointments to make sure that they honor their appointment to donate blood.
- ◆ Encourage walk-ins as I know you always do. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.
- ◆ I have attached a list of donors for your help in recruiting.
- ◆ If you use social media, please post messages to other rotary groups asking them to come and donate

Thursday.

Looking forward to a successful drive as always. Thank you in advance for all that you do.

Becky Swindell
Consultant

Carter BloodCare



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