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In this edition: Milestones for Bob, Ajay, Mojy and Sarah, proposed member, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

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By Tom Ware

LIKE TO THINK OF OUR CLUB AS A FAMILY, UNITED IN DOING GREAT THINGS FOR OUR CITY AND WORLD - AND FOR ONE ANOTHER. And I think we need to do more to celebrate the good and help during the bad. You know, the "little" things that really aren't so little. Awards and promotions, volunteerism outside of Rotary projects and unique family celebrations should be shared with other members. And we should all know when a member needs our help, thoughts and prayers. There will be times when we can share some details and times when it's not appropriate (but even then, we can offer support). This is one of the things I wanted to do better during my term but haven't emphasized it enough. Please let me know when you or another member needs our thoughts and prayers or want to celebrate a life event. While we are gathering for announcements or during closing remarks, I will gladly pass this information along.

Tom Ware, Rotary Club of Arlington President, 2019-2020

NEXT CLUB BOARD MEETING

Friday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. Worthington Bank Conference Room

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY Jeff Moseley

"Texas Association of Business"

COMING SOON

Arlington High	4 Way Speech
Students	Contest
Mayor Jeff Williams	"It's a Great Day in Arlington"
	Students

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

HE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARLINGTON WAS CALLED TO ORDER FEBRUARY 13, 2020 BY PRESIDENT TOM WARE. A beautiful prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and God Bless America were led by Lynn Stavinoha. Visiting Rotarians Mark Gist from Arlington Sunrise, David Hurt, Kay Crouch, Keenan Childs from Arlington West clubs were introduced and warmly greeted. A multitude of guests were also introduced and welcomed.

Announcements:

Donna Mack and her Service Dog Wella have been appointed to Mayor's William's committee for people with disabilities. On February 28 there will be an open meeting at 12 noon on the third floor of City Hall in the City Council (Continued on page 2)



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Jean Sung delivers a very interesting and informative presentation on HOPE Tutoring.



Congratulations

Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of "Service Above Self"

Bob Griffin	57 Years	Feb. 16, 1963
Mojy Haddad	25 Years	Feb. 16 <i>,</i> 1995
Sarah Knotts	25 Years	Feb. 16, 1995
Ajay Sobti	27 Years	Feb. 18, 1993
Grace Whetstone	2 Year	Feb. 22, 2018



Audacity performs a seletion of love songs at the reception for the Pre-Valentines Day social.

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Meeting Room. The committee is soliciting suggestions, concerns, needs and input regarding park planning for the City of Arlington. Donna reminded us that one half of the population age 65 and older has some form of disability; therefore this is an opportunity for everyone to get in on the ground floor of planning for the future.

Victoria Farrar-Myers, our Community Service Outreach Director reminded us that our project this month is "maternal and child health." We are still collecting personal hygiene items which will be distributed by "Arlington Charities." If you failed to bring your items to the meeting, monetary donations will be gladly accepted and someone else will do the shopping for you. Thank you for being a part of this special project.

Keenen Childs from Arlington West Rotary Club (who by the way has been elected to be the Assistant District Governor for 2020-2021) announced that there will be a "Clay Shoot" fundraiser March 20, 2020. The cost is \$25 per person or \$500 for a team of shooters. There will also be a raffle for a high-power Ruger Rifle with a scope. The gun is a collector's item. He said that even if you do not want to keep rifle, you still win because the club will buy it back from you and use it for next year's raffle. Details regarding the event is on their Website and Facebook page.

We enjoyed singing "This Land is Your Land" followed by "Happy Birthday" to those with birthdays this week as Kathleen Smith accompanied on the piano. Congratulations were then given to those with club anniversaries.

President Elect Susie McAlister gave a glowing introduction for our speaker, Jean Sung the Executive Director of HOPE Tutoring. HOPE Tutoring, a nonprofit organization here in Arlington, had its birth 23 years ago when a group of concerned citizens saw a need for after school help with homework, reading and safety for the children in East Arlington. HOPE stands for Helping Our Pupils Excel. The first location was at Aldersgate United Methodist Church two days a week which has blossomed now to 5 sites, 5 days a week. The program is free to the participants of which 80% are from low income families, *(Continued on page 3)*



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"We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



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single mother parents, or bilingual homes. The priority of HOPE is to help children in grades 3 through 8 who have low grades, poor reading skills, language barriers and are struggling academically.

Mrs. Sung passionately presented sad but staggering statistics about East Arlington, the part of our city that has not experienced revitalization efforts that other parts of Arlington have. HOPE Tutoring covers 10 zip codes, most of them are east of Cooper Street, south of Division Street, and west of Highway 360 in Arlington's older neighborhoods with aging and distressed homes. Ninetyone thousand residents live in this part of the city which has the greatest poverty rate, greatest crime rate, and the lowest academic performance in AISD. Almost 100% of these students qualify for "free lunch" programs and 80% are at high risk of dropping out of high school. This translates to >3000 kids that do not receive adequate skills to go to college! These staggering statistics will ultimately seep into the degration of other parts of our shiny "star" city. Mrs. Sung challenged us as citizens, as Rotarians and as leaders to make changes to improve this inequality. She went on to tell us that national research, as well as HOPE Tutoring's own successes, has shown that all it takes is 25 hours of tutoring to bring a child up to their academic level.

She put out a plea for more tutors because there is a desperate shortage. A volunteer meets their student once a week for an hour. Is that too much to ask? The icing on the cake for the students (in addition to the academic help) is the role-modeling they get from the adults that *(Continued on page 4)*

PROPOSED MEMBER Derek Carter

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Real Estate—Commercial Brokerage (Active)

Sponsor: Randy Hendricks Mentor: Bryan Roberts



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Vocational Service	Bryan Roberts
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Youth Service	Gloria Pena
Fund Development	Dixon Holman
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Advisor	Derrick Kinney

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volunteer. It has been shown that kids with positive role models have a higher probability of being successful adults. The core values of honesty, integrity, confidence, hard work, leadership and positive self esteem are unspoken but critically important benefits for the children in the program.

What can we do? "Put your money where your mouth is." "Show that you care." "Volunteer!" "Jump at any opportunity to attend an East Arlington Schools' events, concerts, career day or honor ceremony." "Read, read, read to kids." "Financial support." "Volunteer to teach at HOPE's summer camp (in cooperation with UTA) for 7'th to 9'th graders; goal is academic achievement and leadership." "Support HOPE Tutoring's Fundraiser on March 28, 2020." HOPE Tutoring makes a difference! A book was donated to the Webb Elementary School Library in Jean Sung's honor as she placed her signature on the inside cover of the book.

Kris Landrith gave the Last laugh. We were then dismissed with the ringing of the bell by President Tom Ware after reciting the Four Way Test.



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund February 16– February 22

- February 16 Andrew Piel
- February 20 Grace Whetstone
- February 22 Georgie Zang

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!)



Get Well Tom Wightman

Tom would love to have visitors in the <u>afternoon</u>. His therapy is in the mornings

and Dot has lunch with him.

Texas Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 208 425 Alabama Ave (off W. Peter Smith) Fort Worth, TX 76014

Get well cards can be sent to him at his home: Tom Wightman 1101 San Juan Ct Arlington, TX 76012



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