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In this edition: New member profile, Hugh's huge Rotary Anniversary, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Ware



RLINGTON, TX 02-02-2020 – IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY AS I AWAKE and write this. Deja vu like in the movie. If something important is worth saying; it's worth saying twice so this is "Invite a quality member II". We had huge participation in our surprise guest meeting last week, received an application for membership, and expect the same this week. Bring someone!

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, Jean Sung will discuss HOPE Tutoring. 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



It Happened Last Thursday ... By Sally Hopper

RESIDENT TOM WARE CALLED OUR MEETING TO ORDER at 12:11 PM. at the Great Hall of First Methodist Church. Valerie Landry led the prayer, pledge, and "God Bless America." A large number of guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced by Jake Fain. Diane Patrick noted that six spots are still available for our Valentine Dinner at Restaurant 506. Even if you cannot join us for dinner *(Continued on page 2)*



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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!

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President, 2019-20

Rota	ngratulations rians celebrating their club rsary of "Service Above Self"
Hugh Ross	59 Years Feb. 2, 1961
Fred Weekley	4 Years Feb. 4, 2016
Randy Hendricks	1 Year Feb. 7, 2019
Steve Kleiber	1 Year Feb. 7, 2019



Chad Bates conducts a great interview of Renegades Coach Bob Stoops!

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you are still invited to come for cocktails from 5:30-6:30. Maggie Campbell announced that she had tickets available to the Saturday, 2:00 Mav's game. Please see her to get the tickets. None of the birthday kids were on hand to celebrate but Hal Thurow was available to celebrate 37 years of Rotary membership! Congratulations Hal!

The recent passing of Fred Bondurant was recognized. Fred's son Barry was on hand to receive Fred's badge which had the #2 on it, but actually at the time of his death he was actually our longest serving member. Barry thanked the club for the many cards and flowers sent in honor of his father and said how very much Fred loved this Club and considered us his second family.

Susie McAlister introduced Grady Raskin who was officially named president of the Dallas XFL franchise in June before the team even had a name! He said their club will begin play Feb. 9 against the St. Louis Battle Hawks. His main responsibilities are business operations, fan management, and community relations. Susie also introduced Bob Stoops, former OU head coach. He is currently serving as Head Coach and General Manager of the Dallas Renegades. He says working with this team is like working with 5th year seniors who actually know what they are doing! Stoops actually left the field with guys still practicing today to be with us. He noted they will be well coached and have fast paced football. There will be national broadcasts on ESPN and Fox on Saturdays and Sundays but he encouraged us to come watch in person! Chad Bates led him in a discussion. Chad asked how they

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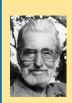
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Terrific attendance for Renegades Coach Stoops. Let's do it again this week.

- Photo by Clete McAlister



"Oh, the places you'll go! There is fun to be done! There are points to be scored. There are games to be won."

- Theodor Geisel



Renegades President, Grady Raskin, tells Rotarians about the great ticket opportunities for the season.

Photo by Clete McAlister

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planned to be successful in the XFL? Stoops said there have been numerous rule changes to make the game move faster and with more excitement. One in particular is a new Overtime Rule that allows the best of 5 plays from 5-yard line with 5 plays each. Landry Jones will be his main guarterback once his knee is fully rehabbed. The rehab is going well but they aren't sure at this time if he'll start the first game or more likely start in the second game. The Air Raid, made famous by Coach Mike Leach, will be their style of offense. Defenses will change with each opponent. Approximately 75-80% of the players have previous NFL experience. All were chosen in an October draft. Fifty-two players can practice but only 45 players can suit up for each game. There are 8 teams, 4 each in the East Division and West Division. They will play a ten game season and then go to playoffs and a championship game. They will play each West Division team 2 times and each East Division team one time making the ten gameseason. The play will be on a regular field exactly like the Cowboys use. Concussion protocols are in place and team doctors and trainers are available. The health of the players is paramount. Scott Hendricks informed Coach Stoops that he was a Texas grad and the father of an OU grad and that he wanted to congratulate the coach on finally getting a significant coaching job! It was also noted that they don't have cheerleaders yet. Maybe next year! The team is having an OPEN House from 10-2 at Globe Life Park this Sat, Feb. 1. From 12-1 you can meet the players and coaches and get autographs.

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Coach Bob Stoops

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Chris Landrith gave the Last Laugh and it was a good one! We all actually laughed! President Tom noted that next week's program is Rob Matwick of the Texas Rangers and the following week we will have both the police and fire chiefs for our program. Please keep Dr. Tom Wightman in your thoughts and prayers. He is back in the hospital and had back surgery today. After the Four Way test and a ringing of the Rotary Bell we were dismissed until next week. If you missed this one, you missed a good one! Please join us in the weeks ahead for more great days at Rotary!

Meet new member Jori Lindsay Sponsored by Jill Regina



My family and I have been residents of Arlington for 25 years. Gary, my husband, has stayed the course with me for 35 years. We have three boys Logan, Riley and Josh; and not to leave out our pot belly pig Bella.

Our twins are living independently in College Station and Lubbock attending A&M and Texas Tech. Although an alum of Texas Tech we admittedly admire the A&M traditions and camaraderie. Our youngest is an 8th grader at Boles JH. He keeps us busy with his variety of sporting events.

Professionally, I spent the majority of my work life at State Farm in the claims management arena. After 20 years, I opted the early retirement option and took a break to raise our midlife blessing, Josh. My second act is as a realtor with eXp, a busy little team. I especially enjoy working and serving first-time homeowners who are so excited and lightup when they find their first home.

I spend my extra time exercising at Orange Theory and serving on various church committees. I love being a spectator mom and college parent. The opportunity to serve this club and community is a welcomed chance to contribute to a bigger cause and make new lifelong friends along the way. A special thank you to my sweet friend Jill Regina for introducing me to this new adventure.



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