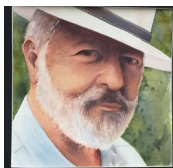




In this edition: Mayor Williams, Rotary Milestones, and more...

Tom's Thoughts

By Tom Ware



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED (BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULDN'T), WE HAVE AN AMAZING CLUB! Sally Hopper announced last week that we are way off our club goal for donations to Polio Plus and passed three hats around the meeting. You responded to the tune of just over \$900 per hat! If you didn't make the meeting and want to give, you can go to our club website (www.arlingtonrotary.com), log in and click the "Remit Payment for Special Events" link on the right side of the page to make your donation using the Bob Cooke Birthday Fund box. Or bring it to Sally Hopper at any meeting!

And because we have such a great club, bring a new member! See you Thursday to learn about the National Medal of Honor Museum from Marc Wolf, Vice President

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President Tom and Dr. Bonnie Harris with the beautiful kids of Webb at Read with Rotary.

THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

Marc Wolf

"National Medal of Honor Museum"

COMING SOON

March 19

[Congressman
Ron Wright](#)

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Levitt Pavillion

It Happened Last Thursday By Jori Lindsay

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT TOM WARE WHO WELCOMED EVERYONE. Tim Maloney led us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathleen Smith wonderfully led us on the piano in singing God Bless America. Sally Hopper welcomed many visiting Rotarians and Guests to the meeting.

Announcements:

Sally Hopper did a "passing of the green hat for polio" seeking additional donations for the Rotary Foundation. An amount of \$1800 is needed to meet our goal for the Polio+ fund. Cash and checks payable to the Rotary Foundation are accepted to bring this amount to the Foundation Chair. Joy Bates recognized the members who donated their time to "Reading with Rotary" at Webb Elementary. Rotary volunteers greeted students and put a Rotary sticker inside

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of Development. As head of development, he is responsible for a \$200M capital campaign to build a monument in Washington, D.C. and a museum in Arlington, TX. Don't forget that week after next is Congressman Ron Wright! See you there!

Tom Ware

President, 2019-20



BIRTHDAYS

Bob Cooke Birthday Fund
March 8—March 14

- March 9** Jason Rand
- March 10** Blake Kretz
- March 11** Tanis Garrett
- March 12** Tim Moloney

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.)

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the books the students' chose from the Scholastic Book Fair. A reminder the Club Golf Tournament is June 12. Stay tuned about the location because it may be moved from Tierre Verde to the Rangers golf course. Lou Ann O'Donnell said there are still tickets available for the Renegades football game on Sunday, March 29, if you are wanting to join in the fellowship and fun.

Prayers are needed for Tom Wightman who is back in the hospital for ongoing health issues.

Don Mebus updated members on the grants for Honduras and said the Rotary Headquarter's has not made a decision, yet. Our club's proposal includes working in partnership with UTA. Two Cinderella Ball Candidates, Ellie Hall, the daughter of Brett and Tina Hall, and Mary Nell Craven spoke to the club about their school achievements and service to the Girls and Boys Club.

Kurt Bartley presented Derek Carter a new member inductee with his badge, the Rotarian pin and certificate. His sponsor is Randy Hendricks and his mentor is Bryan Roberts.

Sally Hopper presented two Paul Harris Fellow awards to Heather Kipker and Ben Daskocil PH+5. Congratulations extended to them both.

Susie McAlister presented a Blue Badge to Lou Ann O'Donnell for successfully advancing and completing all requirements. Susie also announced the March 4, birthday of Earl Harcrow. Celebrating anniversaries this month are 10 members: Brian Anderson 16, Jake Fain 2, Peter Scott 37, Tommy Thompson 2, Tom Ware 9, Craig Bishop 10, Al Clark 27, Coy Garrett 10, Clete McAlister 11, Susie McAlister 11 years.

Susie McAlister introduced our guest speaker Mayor Jeff Williams. Mayor Williams has lived in Arlington for 30 years. He is the president of Graham Associates, Inc., an award-winning engineering and planning firm. He has been involved in several Arlington projects which include: AT&T Stadium, I-30 Three Bridges project, Globe Life

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Mayor Williams with his Rotary sponsor Calvin McKaig

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Park, River Legacy Living Science Center, the Parks Mall, Viridian, and the Richard Greene Linear Park.

Mayor Williams has received the State of Texas Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement Award. His approach to leadership is inclusive, and built on a foundation of finding consensus. He has held many volunteer and leadership roles in the community which include: the Chamber of Commerce, YMCA, PTA, Salvation Army, Mission Arlington, and River Legacy Foundation. His community service gained him the Vandergriff Community Leadership Award. Mayor Williams and his wife Karen are active members at First Baptist Church where he has served in numerous roles.

Mayor Williams began his presentation by saying people in Arlington are pulling together to make Arlington a better place! He describes our city as intentionally putting “hands in together.” He addressed the most asked question about Arlington’s preparedness for the Coronavirus. He said the Office of EMR preparedness are ready and the City is taking the necessary steps to handle any cases. The City {Arlington} Office of EMR Preparedness is talking to the CDC everyday.

The mayor proudly announced that Arlington is highlighted in the Texas Monthly magazine. Everyone check it out!

Our mayor spoke about the growth of downtown Arlington and projects making the downtown area very active and appealing to the young and established residents. Among projects noted were the New Library fully renovated with a more kid-friendly approach but amenable to businesses who want to use the new meeting room facilities. Added to the Levitt Pavillion venue will be restrooms and a suite on the top of the stage. Free music is coming to the Levitt on weekends. Mission Arlington continues to serve the needs of our homeless and less economically stable without taxing the citizens of Arlington unlike other Texas cities spending millions a year. This is thankfully attributed to the citizens and service clubs in Arlington!

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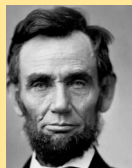
Congratulations

Rotarians celebrating their club anniversary of “Service Above Self.”

Paul Burnet	19 Years	March 8, 2001
Mary Jean Moloney	32 Years	March 10, 1988
Dan Blumberg	33 Years	March 13, 1986



DG Peter, Esteban, PE Susie, and PN Kurt at President Elect Training Seminar (PETS). Esteban did an amazing job managing audio/visual and as announcer.



“Any nation that does not honor its heroes will not long endure.”

- Abraham Lincoln



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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

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The development of Main 7 Urban Villas is a new residential alternative that is a copycat to the building in Highland Park. Front Street is being revitalized and called Urban Union providing new choices for restaurants and fun places to find entertainment.

UTA, the Mayor reported, is advancing toward a Tier 1 status and has graduated more than 200 Doctorate degrees. It is the largest UT satellite branch in the state. UTA is no longer referred to as a commuter school as described in the 80's. Its research expenditures have increased upwards to \$85 million.

Future developments to enhance east Arlington are a state of the art S.E. Arlington Recreation Center along with an East Library. The Hugh Smith Recreation Center is still open and considered in the library development plans. A most exciting leading-edge transportation service is coming to Arlington. It is called Via Rideshare which is regarded as the most innovative transportation system in America a prelude to the beginning of a transportation revolution. Mayor Williams briefly described it works like UBER or LYFT to give rides along a set service route. The cost would be \$3 each way or a user card is \$15. We are to stay tune for more details.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

Cardboard Boat Regatta Benefiting River Legacy

**5 TO 7 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO
BUILD A CARDBOARD BOAT**
DESIGNED BY CHRIS MCMURROUGH

The work group will meet 3 times before April 18.

Contact Victoria Farrar-Myers

As Soon As Possible

In 2023, Arlington will be getting an impressive 900 room hotel /convention center. It will bring to our great City more tourism dollars for our local businesses and services. In addition, the Arlington Six Flags has been selected to house the CEO and executive employees of all the nations Six Flags.

Proudly Mayor Williams informed that Arlington has the LOWEST tax rate among all the surrounding cities in the area. He said the key is JOBS + TOURISM = LOWER TAXES/QUALITY CITY SERVICES.

In closing, he shared that Arlington has been selected to house the National Medal of Honor Museum to be developed and opened in 2024. He said the basis of this decision was the heart of the citizens and that Arlington is a true CAN-DO city. He stressed that we must continue to hold hands and get things done together!

President Tom presented the Mayor with the book "A Perfect Day" to be autographed and presented to Webb Elementary. *(Edited to fit space available.)*



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