

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Club of Arlington

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**In this edition:** [Zoom Link](#), NMOH Museum director, holiday cheer, and more...

### Kurt's Korner

By Kurt Bartley



It is definitely a new calendar year we have begun while we are marking the halfway point for the current Rotary year July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. At this point it is appropriate to reflect on our theme, "Serve to Change Lives."

Here are several Rotary activities to reflect on 'serving' this past six months: Fish Creek Trail Cleanup, Webb Elementary – scholarships, a thesaurus for each 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grader – backpacks for Camp, Pints for Polio, Salvation Army Angel Tree, and Salvation Army Bell Ringing. In addition, a number of us have 'served' the community through our churches and other civic organizations. All of this together aligns with our theme. Take a moment to reflect on your own involvement this past six months and how you want to be involved in the coming six months. Just pay attention to the opportunities forthcoming!

In closing this week, I wish you and your families a Happy New Year along with blessings of peace and goodwill.

Serve to change lives,

*Kurt,*

**President, 2021-22**

EACH ONE  
BRING ONE



### THIS WEEK AT ROTARY

**Lauren King**

**Executive Director, Tarrant County  
Homeless Coalition**

### IT HAPPENED LAST MEETING

**BY CAREY F. WALKER**

President Kurt Bartley called our weekly meeting held December 16, 2021 to order at 12:10 p.m. Walter Virden offered the invocation and led the club in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone sang a beautiful rendition of "God Bless America" with Kathleen Smith on piano. Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced by the greeter, Joe Carpenter.

Sally Hopper announced Rotarians with birthdays. Ajay Sobti, Charles Brady, Sheila Nagy, Kay King, Melody Fowler, Bob Griffin, Victoria Farrar-Myers and Mark Prda were the Rotarians celebrating birthdays this week. Rotarians celebrating anniversaries are Jennifer Cathcart, Don Mebus, Steve Kunkel and Victoria Farrar-Myers.

Jeff Williams introduced the speaker and the program for the day: Chris Cassidy, President and CEO of the National Medal of Honor Museum. Mr. Cassidy is a retired U.S. Navy SEAL and former Chief Astronaut for NASA. He is also a decorated

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## The Hubcap — January 6, 2022



**Rotary carolers, PRID Don, Past President Walter, and Club Director, Vera add a happy note to the last meeting of the year.**

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combat veteran who graduated from the United States Naval Academy and earned a master's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During his military career, Mr. Cassidy served two tours in Afghanistan, receiving the Bronze Star with a combat "V" and a second Bronze Star for combat leadership service in Afghanistan. As an astronaut he completed three missions to space and ten spacewalks, accumulating 377 days in space, the fifth most in American history. Mr. Cassidy was the 500<sup>th</sup> man in space and is featured in the Disney movie "Among the Stars". Mr. Cassidy and his wife, Peggy, have five children including one that is currently enrolled at the United States Naval Academy.

Mr. Cassidy will lead the National Medal of Honor Foundation's project to build the National Medal of Honor Museum and Medal of Honor Leadership Institute in Arlington, Texas, and the National Medal of Honor Monument in Washington, D.C. The project is to preserve and commemorate the stories of the 3,528 courageous individuals who have earned the Medal of Honor. Today, just 68 medal recipients are alive. Members of the Army have received 2,458 medals; 749 medals have been awarded to members of the Navy; 300 medals have been awarded to members of the Marines; 19 medals have been awarded to members of the Air Force; and one medal has been awarded to a member of the Coast Guard. According to Mr. Cassidy, one female has been awarded the Medal of Honor and this was during the Civil War. This recipient's name is Mary Walker.

The Medal of Honor was established in December 1861. It is our nation's highest military decoration for valor. The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President, in the name of Congress, and is the only military decoration worn around the neck. Its recipients, our most gallant heroes, are the only individuals whom the President and military of all ranks salute as a matter of custom.

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### BIRTHDAYS



**Bob Cooke Birthday Fund**  
January 1 – January 8

**Joe Way**

**January 2**

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.)

### CONGRATULATIONS!



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

<b>Paul Strong</b>	<b>37 Years</b>	<b>Jan. 1, 1985</b>
<b>Georgie Zang</b>	<b>3 Years</b>	<b>Jan. 3, 2019</b>
<b>LeeAnne Lawson</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Jan. 7, 2021</b>
<b>Emmett Rodriquez</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>Jan. 7, 2021</b>

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**Former Navy officers, NMOH Museum Director Chris Cassidy and our own Joe Way.**

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Mr. Cassidy exhibited to the club a rendering of the Medal of Honor Museum, construction of which will begin soon, and said that the five pillars that will support it represent our five armed services and the five characteristics the medal recognizes: courage, commitment, sacrifice, integrity and patriotism. The emphasis underlying these pillars is character.

The Foundation is a non-profit organization and has to date raised \$138.5 million. The total cost of the projects is \$202 million dollars.

Groundbreaking for the museum is scheduled for March 24 and 25, 2022. The Foundation is in the process of seeking donations from both individuals and corporate sponsors. If you wish to donate, please visit [mohmuseum.org](http://mohmuseum.org) and click on the "Donate Now" link. The museum is scheduled to open in 2024.

The museum will feature a Hall of Honor and a 200-person theater. Eighteen people will staff the museum and will host field trips and educational seminars. There will be an admission fee to enter the museum in order to raise revenue for the continued operation of the museum.

The club donated a book to Webb Elementary School to honor our speaker. Club President-Elect Victoria Farrar-Myers informed us that our next program will be in January.

Vera McKissic informed us that the Cornerstone Church was distributing 250 food boxes this weekend. Joy Bates let us know that the sixth-grade students from Webb Elementary School attended Camp Thurman last week and a good time was had by all. Kay King announced that our next blood drive will be held on January 27, 2022.

The quote for this week: "Christmas isn't a season. It's a feeling". – Edna Ferber.

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



**Webb School Director, Joy Bates, reports on all the fun had by the kids at Camp Thurman.**



**Joe Carpenter works on his Blue Badge by serving as greeter.**



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"Sister Act"	Thurs. Mar.10, 6 pm	Theatre Arlington
Installation Banquet	June 16, 2022 6 pm	Home Plate Restaurant Texas Rangers Golf Clubhouse

**RECORDING OF THE LAST MEETING**  
(Available for a limited time)

**[CLICK HERE](#)**

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ROTARY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY  
**MLK Day of Service:**  
***Fish Creek Cleanup***

**JANUARY 29, 2022**

**8:00 AM-1:00 PM**

[Sign Up to work with your friends](#)



"Make no little plans;  
they have no magic to  
stir men`s blood and  
probably themselves  
will not be realized. Make  
big plans; aim high in  
hope and work..."



**Daniel Burnham**



**Rotary**

Club of  
Arlington ...and



**Carter BloodCare**  
**Blood Drive**



**Thursday, January 27, 2022 at FUMC in the  
Banquet Room 11:00AM to 3:00PM**

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